

# The Shoshone Rider

February 2024

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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TBA



## From the President, Kandy Christian...

Hello everyone,

We had our annual Forest Service meeting and got our trails lined out for this year. Howard will have more information on them. I hope everyone is ready to get out there and do some hard work, enjoy good food, along with good company on the trails this year.

I can't say enough on how much country that is in our back yard. There is so much to see and enjoy that I don't think I could ride it in my lifetime. Riding with Shoshone Back Country Horseman these past few years have given me the opportunities to ride some of the most beautiful country that I have ever seen. I know I could not have done that on my own. We are blessed to be able to live here and explore these mountains on horseback.

If anyone is interested in the Desensitizing Clinics for this spring, I hope they get with Marty or Cathy to get signed up. Also our annual Packing Clinic is coming up, so get on the list. It is going to be a fun time and a lot of good information being passed along.

Please get out there and enjoy the trails, whether its cleaning them, helping at the trailhead, building the corrals, or just out riding! Go ride one you've never been on!

May God bless our group.

Happy Valentines Day!!!

Kandy

SBCH President



## Secretary's report by Randi Slaughter

### Minutes of Meeting 01/18/2024

After enjoying the potluck dinner and social time, the meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by President Kandy Christian. Randi Slaughter is acting Secretary.

**Guest Speaker:** There was no guest speaker. The person Kandy had asked quit her job and left the state!

**New Members:** No new members were present.

**October Minutes:** Connie Jack moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. MSP

**Treasurer's report:** Mike Blymyer moved to approve the Treasurer's report as written. Howard Sanders seconded. MSP

Linda Putney requested approval to pay the following bills: Kathi Gimmeson, newsletter printing, postage and meeting supplies \$84.75; Howard Sanders, saw sharpening \$212; Barry Reiswig, Silent Auction donation items for the state meeting \$67.66. Total bills to be paid \$364.41. Joe Childers moved that we pay the bills, Jesse Alcala seconded. MSP

### Committee Reports:

**Watch Dog:** Nothing new. Judi Blymyer reported she had seen new fees on campgrounds, put into action as published. Mike Blymyer will check and report. He's received nothing back from his letter.

**Activities:** Von Ringler, nothing to report

**Service:** Howard Sanders reported that the NW Rod Burners will start on panels and hitch rails in the next couple of weeks. The cost share trails meeting with the Forest Service is scheduled for January 26. Howard has not included any trails that required packing in overnight, because they are usually hand work and the last time we did these we only had 4 people. We no longer have more than 3 or 4 loops. He read the list he had prepared to present to the Forest Service. He explained that the Forest Service usually approves his list, which he tries to keep at around 100 miles, but will go over a little if it is chainsaw work. An alternative was proposed to add West Black Water (chainsaw) and Goff Libby (mostly hand work). See how discussion goes with the Forest Service. Howard confirmed that we have no need to recertify sawyers this year.

**Education:** Cathy Ringler, nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** Kathi Gimmeson, nothing to report.

**Social Media:** Randi Slaughter, nothing to report

**Recruitment and Retention:** Connie Jack. There will be 2 new people coming to the next meeting.

### Old Business:

Barry Reiswig reported on the state meeting held November 4 in Casper. A budget was passed. The Dennis Dailey award nominations were: Dick Inberg, Alton Parker, Bill Hackney, Bill Brazelton, Bruce Fauskee, Bob Bessler and Rosemary Carr. The Winners are Dick Inberg and Bill Hackney. A Nominating committee for new state board positions for elections at the Spring meeting was appointed and consists of Barry and Connie Burke of Teton.

Public lands needs to have 1-2 representatives for each chapter and they can attend via Zoom. Howard and Kandy are representing our chapter. The Public Lands meeting is on zoom every month but attendance every quarter is sufficient. The next State Board meeting will be held on February 10 at 9:00 am and will be held over Zoom or Teams. The National Board meeting will be in Casper on March 24th - 27th. Volunteers are needed to run the store. It was voted to order bandanas in bright yellow with the BCH logo in brown so volunteers can be spotted. There will also be hat pins from the fund raiser available for \$10 each.

Barry also read a synopsis of the work done by various chapters. These are available in the minutes from the State meeting. Of particular note is the status of Cloud Peak. They have funding available to improve Elgin Park, well and parking pull through, but they are struggling to get new members. Also it piqued the interest of several members to learn that BLM purchased an easement to facilitate riding to Hole in the Wall. Bill Hackney (Pathfinder) is planning a 20 mile ride there on May 18.

Kandy gave an overview at the State meeting of SBCH's activities, including the fee increase for our area, cost share, trails, miles and hours, and new projects for this year. She also touched on putting in new corrals at Bald Mountain, a bridge over Red Creek, corral repairs, and the Clarks Fork feed bunks.

Barry noted that the Forest Service has 2-way radios that anyone can borrow.

Howard let everyone know that there is now an e-bike incident report form which can be found on the BCH website.

### New Business

Randi Slaughter gave a quick synopsis of the Board meeting held earlier to discuss the by-laws and creating a Policies and Procedures manual. Judi asked if that should be on the website. Kathi indicated that she can do that. Mike Blymyer then noted that by-laws outline the authority of the Board of Directors and committee chairs. The Policies and Procedures would spell out what exactly the directors and committee chairs are responsible for. He noted that the Service committee is probably the most active. We want to spell out some things that we know, that aren't really written down. Mike moved that each committee chair, old and new, work together to create a policy and procedure for each committee, and have it available for membership review by the March 24 meeting. Howard seconded. MSP

## Secretary's report cont.

Howard stated that the welding fees should be increased. The usual professional charge is \$150/hour. He proposed to pay welders, especially those with everything ready to go (certified welders), \$100/hour for time spent actually working. This does not include the volunteer welders who use the equipment we provide. We want to turn out quality work. Von Ringler moved to raise the pay to certified welders to \$100/hour, and to make this part of the Service Policies and Procedures. Jay York seconded. MSP

**Recruiting:** Kandy drafted a flier to help get more members. Cost for this is part of the budget. Linda suggested that we have a new flier every month and print maybe 20 a month. It was noted that the flier needs to be more colorful and with higher contrast to grab attention. Judi suggested we reevaluate after a couple of months to see if we are getting new members with this marketing method.

Cathy asked to keep our meeting in Powell instead of moving between Powell and Cody. There was no formal motion but the majority present expressed approval.

The nominating committee needs a member that is not on the BoD. Wanda Shorb agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

Linda reminded everyone that dues are due.

Cathy noted that the Beast Feast is going to be held at the Fairgrounds on February 10. This is a gathering of people interested in outdoor activities. Cathy will send out an email with all the information. Kathi moved that Cathy represent SBCH at the Beast Feast, Howard seconded. MSP.

**Budget.** Linda presented the operating budget. \$4,410 for payment to the Rod Burners was added to trail work Expense. This is part of the prior year additional Forest Service funding.

Mike moved that we accept the budget as presented and amended. Jay seconded. MSP

**Commissioners tags:** Some designated for Bald Mountain but we still have quite a bit left. Howard noted these funds are for visible and long lasting projects, instead of cleaning up corrals or putting up rails. All uses of these funds have to be approved by the membership.

**Youth and Memorial funds:** Sunlight sports donated \$3000 for youth. David Rael also gave us \$2200, but did not designate that it had to be used for youth. Howard moved that we use the David Rael funds for youth, Mike seconded. MSP

Cathy moved that we spend the youth funds as designated in the budget. Seconded by Joe. MSP

**Memorial for Bill Brazelton in Battlefield Park:** Howard, with input from Mary, suggested something similar to what's at Eagle Creek. Not obtrusive, but noticeable.

**Emails:** The SBCH email goes to Linda, then she runs it past Kandy, except for emails from Howard, regarding trails which go directly out. Cathy asked if it would be better to send directly to Kandy and the response was to send to both if appropriate, but just sending to the SBCH email was fine.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

### *Service by Howard Sanders*

#### **SBCH FEBRUARY 2024 SERVICE REPORT**

We had our annual Cost Share Trails meeting with Shoshone Forest 01/26/24. Here are the trails:

- \* Elk Horn #601, East Painter #627, Windy Mtn #604, Reef Creek #605, Lodge Pole #603, Russell Creek #626,
- \* Crow Creek #751.2A, Kitty Creek #756, Big Creek #761.5 (Aug 28-31), Grace Creek #760.5, Pagoda Creek #785, West Blackwater/Natural #775, Clocktower #784, Mormon Creek #754,
- \* Aspen Creek #654 and Timber Creek/Deer Creek #656.

This means 67.7 miles outside the wilderness, 32.9 miles of wilderness and a total of 100.6 miles. Along with trail cleaning, we have some Trail Head work to do. Kirwin, JoJo, South Fork of the Wood River (remote), Pilot creek, and Little Sunlight – Feed Bunk Repairs.

If we get approval this year, there are 2 corrals to be installed at the Middle Fork of the Wood River Trail Head. If the Medicine Wheel District of the Big Horn Forest gets the pads built, we will have corrals to install at Bald Mountain. As you can see, we have plenty of opportunities for participation and we have several members getting their initial saw training, which can only make our trail work safer.

Howard Sanders  
Service



"Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait." ~ Unknown

**Treasurer's Report**  
by Linda Putney

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
for Period 01/01/2024 – 01/31/2024  
--- For February 2024 Newsletter ---

Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b><u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u></b>					
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 12/31/2023</b>					<b>\$ 12,349.77</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	01/25/23	1775 K. Gimmeson	Newsletter printing, postage, water	-84.75	
Check	01/22/23	1776 H. Sanders	Saw sharpening	-212.00	
Check	01/24/24	1777 B. Reiswig	Reim for silent auction donations, WYBCH	-67.66	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>				<b><u>-364.41</u></b>	
Deposit	01/03/23		Sunlight Sports donation-Yth; 2024 dues	3,040.00	*
Deposit	01/08/23		D. Rael; 6-2024 dues; donation-Youth	2,500.00	*
Deposit	01/22/23		15-2024 Dues; Donation-B. Brazelton	642.00	
Deposit	01/26/23		2024 Dues	40.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>				<b><u>6,222.00</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 01/31/2024</b>					<b><u>\$18,207.36</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.				0.00	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 01/31/2024</b>					<b><u>\$18,207.36</u></b>
* Of this balance, \$7,075.52 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380; B. Brazelton \$62					
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 12/31/2023</b>					<b>\$23,515.56</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	None.			0.00	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	
Interest	January interest income			2.99	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>				<b><u>2.99</u></b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 01/31/2024</b>					<b><u>\$23,518.55</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.				0.00	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 1/31/2024</b>					<b><u>\$23,518.55</u></b>
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 12/31/2023</b>					<b>\$15,378.01</b>
Interest	Interest Income – Annual/Redemption			251.39	
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 01/31/2024</b>					<b><u>\$15,629.40</u></b>

**SBCH**

**2024-2025 Approved Operating Budget**

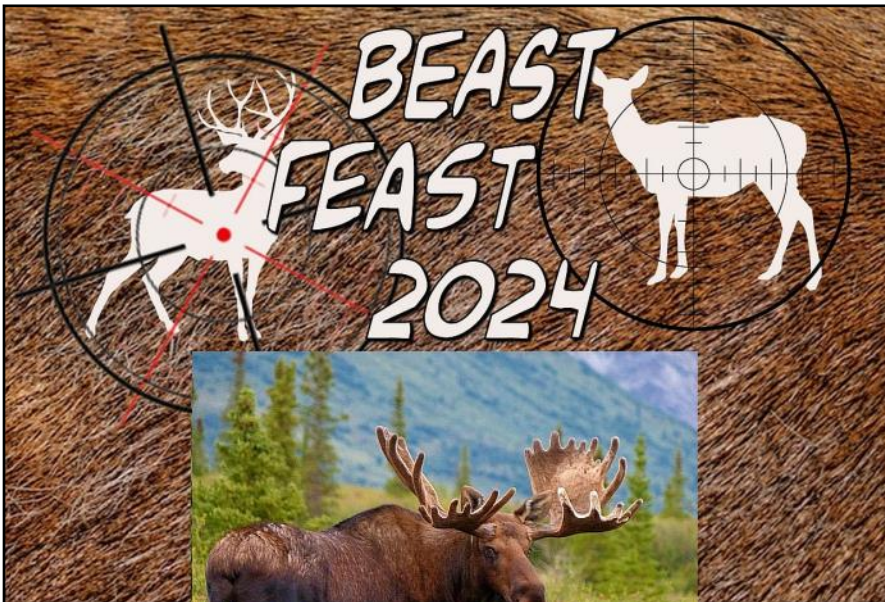
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,830</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Trail work	6,910
Member services	2,317
Education	500
Administration	1,300
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>11,027</u></b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(5,197)</b>
Beginning reserve, 12.31.2023	23,890
<b>Ending reserve</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,693</u></b>

**SBCH**

**2024-2025 Approved Youth Budget**

<b>Available reserve</b>	<b>\$ 4,816</b>
<b>Activities</b>	
Youth and Packing Clinic	1,253
Communication & Skills Youth Clin	710
Kids in the Woods	535
Clark Jubilee Buckle	100
	<b><u>2,598</u></b>
<b>Ending reserve</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,218</u></b>

*"We don't see things the way they are, we see things the way we are." ~ Unknown*



Cathy and Von Ringler will have a booth at the *Beast Feast*, but have graciously offered to represent SBCH there as well. They will be offering SBCH information and brochures to the public.

Stop by and say hi, see what neat things Von and Cathy have, and help promote our organization as you meet and greet other outdoor enthusiasts!



Appetizers  
Dinner  
Scoring Competition  
Quiz Room  
Door Prizes  
Seminars  
Drawings

... AND FOR KIDS  
BB Shoot  
Shooting Gallery  
Archery Shoot  
Fly Tying Competition  
Lazer Tag

Vendors Welcome  
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Fishing  
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Antler Art / Décor  
Outdoor Décor

Where: Park County Fairgrounds  
655 East 5th Street / Powell  
When: Saturday, February 10th  
Time: Doors open 3:00pm  
Meal at 5:30pm  
Cost: Free; but you need to reserve your spot!

**RSVP**

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or email at

[office@gracepointpowell.org](mailto:office@gracepointpowell.org)

Family Friendly, All are welcome



**We Need Cookies!**

If you are able to help provide cookies for the Youth & Packing Clinic, April 6, it would be greatly appreciated!

Please bring them to the March SBCH Meeting!

Cathy Ringler will put them in her freezer until the clinic.

Thank You!

**Education by Cathy Ringler...**



**Gear up for Spring!**

The Annual SBCH Youth Horsemanship & Packing Clinics are Saturday, April 6, 9am-3pm at the Silver Spur Arena, 721 Rd 18 (Hwy 294). If you can help provide cookies or would like to help serve lunch, let Cathy know.



The SBCH Members' Desensitizing Clinics will be held at Ron Ostrom's arena (258 Lane 10, Powell), March 23-24 and April 13-14 (Sat- Sun). Attendance will be limited to 10 riders per clinic, so call Marty Morris @ 307-899-7510 soon to register. A fee of \$25 per participant for a 2 day clinic helps defray heating costs. Please make your payments to Ron.

**Is Your Tack Ready for Spring?**

Now is a good time to bring your tack inside for inspection and a thorough cleaning and oiling. Take things apart for deep cleaning and better inspection. Check your saddle for wear, cracking, thin spots and loose screws. Inspect its fleece, stirrup leathers, cinches and the connecting strap, latigoes, billets, keepers and strings.

Check headstalls, curb straps, reins, breast collars, cruppers and britchen for wear, cracking, thin spots or tears. Bits and hardware should not pinch, have sharp edges or cracks. Saddle pads, blankets and cinches may be worn, frayed and thin and be matted or imbedded with dirt, hair and sweat.

Repair or replace worn or broken tack and make sure everything is in good working order, safe and comfortable for you and your horse. Give everything a good cleaning and dream of spring rides!

## Thank You, Sunlight Sports!

*Your gift better enables us to encourage area youth  
to enjoy our backcountry and equine use!*

Sunlight Sports selected SBCH as one of five area recipients to receive \$3,000 as a 'thank you for helping to make our community a better place and for making the outdoors accessible to young people.'

The Sunlight Sports team has an ongoing commitment to give back at least 2% of their sales each year to non-profit organizations that serve Park County with a mission of helping kids get outside.

SBCH received word in late August of 2023, that we were selected to receive their generous donation which would arrive in late December of 2023.

The other organizations chosen are Dano Youth Camps, Park County Youth Cycling, Cody Archery and Park County Nordic Ski Association.

What wonderful and diverse activities our area has to offer our youth through these hardworking and committed organizations!

*The next time you visit Sunlight Sports, let them know we appreciate their support!*

## Back Country Horsemen of America Education Resources List

Have you ever wondered where you can find more information about BCHA, its values, mission, leadership and officer training, volunteer hours reporting, recruitment & retention ideas, government agency partnership, first aid, trail etiquette, LNT and other educational resources?

BCHA has a wealth of educational information in their [BCH Education Curriculum Matrix](#). After opening the link, viewers can scroll to a huge variety of topics linked to documents and videos. Check it out!

## Remembering Bill Brazelton



SBCH would like to remember and honor Bill with a memorial for him at Battle Park.

We are accepting suggestions for an appropriate type of memorial that would be a remembrance of his life and many years of service.

If you would like to make suggestions or donations to fund the memorial, please contact SBCH at [shoshonebch@gmail.com](mailto:shoshonebch@gmail.com) or send them to: PO Box 465, Powell, WY 82435.

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### Coming Events

**February 15 - SBCH Monthly Meeting** at 6:00 PM at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck dinner @ 6, with the meeting to follow.

**March 21 - SBCH Monthly Meeting** at 6:00 PM at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck dinner @ 6, with the meeting to follow.

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**April 13-14 - SBCH Members' Desensitizing Clinic**, Ron Ostrom Arena, \$25,10 people/clinic.

### Only 35 Raffle Tickets left!

*Don't miss out, contact Bre or buy tickets at the February SBCH Meeting!*

### Dano Youth Camps Fundraiser

Frank Fagan built this handsome coffee table as a fundraiser for Dano Youth Camps. The table is made with old barn wood, has used horseshoes embedded in a resin top and measures 48"L x 24"W x 20"H.

Tickets are \$10.00 each, with 250 tickets to be sold. If you would like to buy or help sell tickets, please contact Frank (254-0012) or Bre Fagan (254-0013).

All proceeds (\$2,500) will go to Dano Youth Camps when all tickets are sold and a winning ticket has been drawn.



### \$ ~ Dues & Don'ts ~ \$

If you haven't already done so, please **Do pay your 2024 Dues** and **Don't let your membership lapse!**  
A friendly reminder from your Treasurer

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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*"To every conversation bring a gift: wisdom, encouragement, insight, empathy."*

*~ Unknown*



**NEXT MEETING:**

**February 15, 2024**

**at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg,  
Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY.**

**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the  
Meeting to follow.**