

Redwood Unit Newsletter

March 2018

Mule Whispers From Carole

March 22, 2018

The recent American Donkey and Mule Society magazine/newsletter shows donkeys on the cover all decked out in red raincoats, rain hats and boots! How appropriate. This is published in Texas so they are getting rain too. Not sure where they got those outfits but I suspect it is an artists' creation.

The Trail Challenge event on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds seems to have been a resounding success! Rumor has it the participants think we should do it for two days next year. So we will work on that idea and see what happens. The committee put a lot of time in getting it all set up and the obstacles were a big hit.

A few members are planning to go to the BCHC Rendezvous April 13-15, 2018 at the Paso Robles Event Center, a.k.a. Fairgrounds. Redwood Unit will be well represented and make our presence known! Join us if you can.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Polasek's Half Ass Flat Ranch. Weather depending we might be in the barn. Otherwise we will be in the house. Those wanting to meet chow down first will be at The Ferndale Pizza Company at 5:30ish-6:00 pm.

The first day of Spring has come and gone so theoretically Winter is over! And wet weather and snow are still coming. As I am typing this I am being shaken and rock and rolled! Earthquake! Will have to fine out how big.

Get out and ride while you can.

Carole

PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

March 7, 2018 by Carole Polasek

BCHA

A. BCHA has a new website. Go to www.bcha.org to sign in:. Click on the SIGN IN button. In USER NAME put in your firstnamelastname. The default password is BCHA2016. Click on SIGN IN again and you are taken to your personal website window. Enter your email address and other specific information. You can include a picture of yourself by clicking on the EDIT button. At the top of the page is Account Information, that is where you will find "Headshot Image: click on that and you can find your picture to add. Scroll to the bottom of the page to save.

BCHC

A. From "The Backcountry News" state newsletter: Page 5 under Youth News - some suggestions for kids' activities; Page 9: information on CDL's, CMV', ELD's and other confusing acronyms, in other words do you or don't you need a commercial license to tow your equines; Page 10 - write you congressional representatives about HR 1349 and there is liability insurance now available through Equisure, Inc.

B. Email from BCHC about having our Directors vote for Redwood Unit on whether to help sponsor a summer packing intern with the Center of Excellence in the Inyo National Forest. Vote "yes" with an amount to help or "no" to not help fund this.

CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE

A. List of properties requiring Lands Passes: Elk River, Lake Earl, Mad River Slough, Willow Creek, and others.

FOREST SERVICE

A. Email regarding Six Rivers National Forest seeking comments on the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project (Somes Bar Project). This is in regards to fire management strategies, etc.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

A. Email from a parent looking for information for assistance for a hiker on the PCT this spring. Specifically interested in ranches that offer guided treks along the PCT; work-projects adjacent to a ranch/resort that would rent out horses for part of the stay; any other suggestions regarding accompanying a hiker on horseback.

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2017 Lucky Calendar winners in our area ~

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| Dick Wild ~ Arcata | Lora Pritchard ~ Sebastopol |
| Joseph Miranda ~ Rio Dell | Janet Miller ~ Roseburg |
| Cathy Schultz ~ Fortuna | Marie Bos ~ McKinleyville |
| Morgan Polasek ~ Fortuna | Fran Earp ~ Alderpoint |
| Gail Jenner ~ Hydesville | Jennifer Williams ~ Redding |
| Kyle Killingworth ~Rio Dell | Lynn Joiner ~ Bakersfield |
| Gene Gates ~ Willow Creek | Marie Box ~ McKinleyville |
| Kathleen Wallan ~ Miranda | John White ~ Loleta |
| Brian Pritchard ~ Eureka | Jesse Slade ~ Rio Dell |
| Ron Giacomini ~ McKinleyville | |

We'll let you know when registration
begins!

HALP ASS FLAT RIDE



The registration flyer is coming soon!

Redwood Unit General Membership Meeting

Backcountry Horsemen of California

March 7, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Carole Polasek at 7:02 p.m. Quorum present. Officers and board members attending: Carole Polasek, Darrel Polasek, Maris Hawkins, Susan Combes, Mort Scott, Billie Mohr, Marleen Nylander, Lori White, Dick Wild, David Pritchard, Cindy Giacomini. Absent: Maralyn Renner, Cathy Mathena,.

Flag salute and pledge of allegiance.

Carole Polasek welcomed members and guest Penny Calvo.

Dick Wild moved to approve the February 7, 2018, minutes. Billie Mohr seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence included notice that Dr. Sue the horse chiropractor will be back soon for her summer schedule. Maris Hawkins said she would e-mail the schedule to members. Representative Jared Huffman sent a letter to Carole thanking her for her comments over the past year and listing his objectives for the coming year.

Treasurer Maris Hawkins presented the February, 2018, treasurer's report. It was moved by Billie Mohr, seconded by Jeff Chase and approved to accept the February, 2018 treasurer's report and refer it to the audit committee.

Standing Committees

Public Lands – See Carole Polasek's report elsewhere in newsletter. David Pritchard moved for the Unit to sponsor \$500 to send an intern to the Center for Excellence, a Montana packing school, joining two other units sponsoring along with a \$5,000 grant to pay the tuition. Forest Service hopes to offer employment to the graduate. Participation by Backcountry Horsemen is recognized as excellent public relations. Dick Wild seconded. Motion carried.

Public Liaison – Mort Scott had nothing new. Waiting for weather to break before checking in with Forest Service to see how things are in the Marbles.

Education – Jacque Murphy said she is thinking of putting on a youth event this summer.

Other Committee Reports

~Lori White reported that the February ride was poorly attended but the March ride will be the 18th at the Estuary in Ferndale.

~Cathy Mathena was absent but T-shirts will be for sale at the trail obstacle event .

~Historian Matt Giacomini was absent but is still collecting photos. He is asking for photo books to put these in and it was approved.

~Susan Combes will order five more Save Your Horse rescue books.

~First aid training could be arranged at \$50 per participant so further research is needed to get a more affordable training. Cindy Giacomini is helping with this.

~State Board will be creating a mule mascot with a competition for creating and naming the critter. State will then create a costume. They have found new insurance that will cover overnights and include youth overnights. Cost is approximated at about \$2,000 for all units and State will pay for it. Chip Herzog is looking for ways to increase memberships since we dropped 400 members state-wide last year. The sawyer policy is developed and there is hope to have a certified sawyer in every Unit. Guidelines for youth events, including safety, bathroom procedures and etc., will be on line soon. Next state board meeting is October 12-13 in Santa Nella. Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks have mule-cams. Bikes in the wilderness was addressed and there is still time to write our representatives to make sure the bill doesn't get tacked on as a rider to some otherwise benign legislation. Rendezvous is selling raffle tickets, hoping each Unit will sell \$100. They are one for \$5. Prizes are a campout at Miller Ranch in Parkfield, CA., or a \$500 gift card to Bass Pro Shops.

~We are still looking for additional information on shirts or jackets for Unit members to wear at events.

~Wilderness trail obstacle clinic is good to go, scheduled for March 11. Carole is taking reservations for Saturday night dinner at Ivanhoe.

~Rendezvous is April 13-15 at Paso Robles Events Center. Jacque Murphy moved for the Unit to donate \$150 of merchandise from vendors at the Rendezvous to offset costs of putting on the event. Billie Mohr seconded. Motion carried. Carole and Marleen quickly volunteered to be the shoppers! Make plans to go and support vendors and help out as needed, especially with youth events.

~Unit Safety Committee will meet March 15 to continue with development of safety responses and policies.

~Catered Ride Committee will meet March 21.

~No progress has been made toward renovating the worn out BLM sign at South Jetty. BLM must be consulted to follow their guide lines.

New Business

BCHC officer's training is 10 a.m. March 24 in Red Bluff. We'd have to leave at 6 a.m. Contact Carole.

Announcements

Good of the Order – It is suggested you never kiss your equine on the nose, since there is a report of a donkey so approached removed three teeth from the kisser. David Pritchard showed old maps of the area done by Forest/Fire service. Dale Hay has them now. Dr. Jay Hight is a returning member. Black Horse Tack will donate to the Catered Ride. Darrel knows of four mules that need homes. Dick Wild reported that Dennis Pa and John Sherman have passed away.

~Next meeting is Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Half Ass Flat. Join the group for dinner at Pizza Co. in Ferndale about 5:30 p.m.

~Next board meeting, if necessary, is March 28.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Combes
Secretary

Next membership meeting April 4 @ 7:00pm

Half Ass Flat Ranch

Those that want to meet for dinner –

meet at Pizza Co about 5:30ish



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The BCHC Redwood Unit News welcomes member contributions. Club news, events, calendar dates and items of interest you wish to have submitted in the next issue of the newsletter need to be submitted by the 5th of the month. Send submissions to the following address:

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Hope this reminder will be helpful to our members. We all have way to much to do and even more on our minds. Please renew your membership with BCHC it is very important and helps keep our trails open!

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Membership Renewals:

February

Stephen & Karen Underwood

Susan Combes

David & Renee Griffith

Clyde & Crystal Dalton

February Continued

Jeff Chase

Maris Hawkins

James & Connie Archer

Steve & Joyce Dollar

Brian & Karen Dorman

Kevin & Anna Newman

Ron Wahlund

March

Shaunda Hrynklewicz

Grant & Trish Melvin

Ted Wells

April

Rob Foley

Ken & Karen Langer

Steve & Colette Lyon

Vicki Kurtz

Daniel Delbiaggio

Tina Berns

Natalie Herman

Gary Pierachini

Hector Riojas

Lynn White

Shirley Keyes

Jim & Lori White

Philosophy and Purpose:

Backcountry Horsemen of California has the following goals:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new units of the organization



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MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.

To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.

To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.

To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.

To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.

To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.

To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.

To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.

To assist in the formation and continuation of the local Units to carry out these purposes.

To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources