

Backcountry Horsemen of California  
San Joaquin Sierra Unit  
Board Meeting Sept 20, 2024

Call to order: 6:30 pm

Flag Salute

Roll Call: President: Jim Laber, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Doug Laber, Karen Daughtrity, Sue Van Sickle, Loni Langdon, Steve Naylor

Absent: Carol Kaminski

Minutes review and approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue, passed unanimously

Correspondence: The treasurer noted a donation was received from Jan and John Mikkelson for Big Meadows.

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Highlining article will be in the next newsletter. Still need a person for this committee.

Membership: At the Memorial ride picked up a few new members from the Tehachapi group. Also, several associate members.

Newsletter: Articles due September 20. Would like to get some ride articles from the members.

Public Lands: Last work party at Badger Flats. Might consider Sample Meadows next year. Will work with the Forest Service on this. Discussion on saw training. First Aid class on Oct 5.

Sunshine Corner: Card sent to the family of Bobby Tanner who passed away in Bishop.

Shaver Lake: Camp to remain open until Oct. 1. Will need some volunteers to help on trail maintenance in the Camp area next year. Ruth will follow up with Jim Dixon on this.

Big Meadows: Camp will close at the end of Sept. Jim will arrange for closing camp.

Jim noted the possibility of getting water from one of the fire units at Hume. The Forest Service doesn't want horses drinking from the creek. Jim suggested moving the water to the host camp site next year.

Will reinforce the need for campers to bring water for their stock. Concern was also expressed for nearby restrooms being locked and the additional use of the camp's restroom. Consensus for Jim to follow up with the Forest Service about this.

**Old Business:**

Events for 2024: Jim reported the Memorial ride was very good – good attendance. Regarding the Gorge, he reported another 3 miles needs to be maintained. Will set Oct. 26 for a work party. No meals will be served by the Unit.

Regarding the Holiday Party – This will be held on Saturday Nov 9 at El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant in Clovis. There will be 3 menu selections. After dinner will be a dessert auction. Doors will open at 5 pm, with dinner at 6 pm. A flyer has been sent out to the members.

Regarding the CMA-MDO Event: The Unit has committed to help with the dinner. Jim will coordinate the meat – tri tip and chicken.

**New Business:**

Election Meeting: Will be held at Loni Langton's on Saturday October 19 at 2 pm. Located at 33390 Antelope Lane, Yokuts Valley (Squaw Valley). Bring your own chair. Dutch oven cobbler and ice cream will be provided. Election of officers for 2025 will be held. If you know of someone who would be interested in being an officer or director, please notify Jim.

2025 Events: Ruth reported a possible obstacle ride near Prather for spring – Rusty Spur. She will check on this.

Jim discussed the desert ride and some of the activities available during the ride.

Next meeting will be November 19, 2024.

Adjourn 7:25 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug.