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**May 2011**

**CALENDAR**

Thur, 19 May	May Business Meeting Bosque Farms Community Center	6:45PM
Sat, 21 May	Training Ride – Chochiti Canyon Rodney is Trail Boss – 859-250-2190	TBD
Aug 26-28, 2011	BCHNM Rendezvous. RE-SCHEDULED! Plan for it now.	

**Rodney's Lost Phone**

Rodney lost his phone! He has a new one, but no contact list. So give him call (859-250-2190), leave message if he doesn't answer, and he can re-build his list.

**May Meeting**

Note the change in start time and location. Several members asked to move the start time back up. So we compromised on 6:45 – at least for May. We're back at the Bosque Farms Community Center for the May meeting.

Jeremy Montoya will be presenting a tutorial on creating rope halters. You'll need to bring a 25 foot long piece of ¼" rope. Climbing rope from REI is a good choice – and they have lots of colors!

**April Training Ride**

Paula was planning on taking a crew for a gentle ride in the Four Hills area near Tijeras Canyon, but the infamous New Mexico winds of April were blowing near hurricane force, so discretion was the better choice. We may still get out there.

**April Work Project**

Becky led six members on our annual "Adopt a Trail" work project in Priest Canyon for the Mountaineer Ranger District. Trivia question – is Bud Light still the preferred beer of choice for your average litter bug?

### **Wilderness First Aid Course**

Donna is working on scheduling wilderness First Aid course through the First Aid/CPR providers at UNM-Valencia Campus. The course can be structured according to our needs. Probably it would be around 4-5hrs at a cost of \$40, not including CPR which could be arranged to be given after this First Aid course. They will need 2 weeks' notice of our requested date and need all monies to be paid up front at time of request. About 5 people have expressed interest. Since Oscar has a much busier schedule than most of us, Donna has asked to submit a date that works for him, and we will attempt to work within Oscar's schedule. Look for follow up info from Donna. Also, let her know of your interest - [dketches5@hotmail.com](mailto:dketches5@hotmail.com) .

### **Forest Service Planning Rule**

There is still time to comment – comments due by 16 May 2011. The Forest Service is in the process of updating their National Planning Rule guidance that was last published in 1982. BCHA and other conservation groups are concerned about the direction of the current draft. You can get more information about the rule and the process at [www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule](http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule) and also submit comments.

### **Rendezvous Re-scheduled**

Don't forget – the Rendezvous has been rescheduled to 26-28 Aug to miss the start of bow hunting season. Our own Roger Leopold will be making a Dutch oven dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday – with a lot of help. Mark your calendar.

### **Country Supply Connection**

BCHA gets a “commission” if you order from Country Supply ([www.horse.com](http://www.horse.com)) through their site. Go to the BCHA home page (<http://www.backcountryhorse.com> ) and link to horse.com (or the other affiliated websites) and raise some funds for the cause.

### **April Business Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 715pm by Rodney with five members in attendance.

TREASURERS' REPORT: \$1880 in account. There was one deposit of \$159.10 and a payment of \$213 to the state BCH. Paula Howe, treasurer

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Priest Canyon ride 4/19 with 6 participants went well.

Newsletter minutes of 3/11 passed.

Volunteer hours report circulated.

March training ride in San Lorenzo canyon was very successful. Socorro BCH joined.

Four Hill ride cancelled due to extreme wind.

Reminder: BCH Rendezvous 8/26 weekend at Resumedera. Roger will make breakfast.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rick/Oscar/Michelle attended the state meeting. Each chapter has been asked to donate an item for a giveaway prize, amounting to around \$50. Michelle has volunteered to sew horse-related pillows (2) for our donation but will need to be reimbursed for materials.

Next ride will be at Cochiti Lake by Dixon apple orchards on 5/21. Rodney ride leader. Call him to coordinate.

Wilderness First Aid course request by Oscar. Donna spoke with the First Aid/CPR providers at UNM-Valencia Campus who will do the course for us. Basically, the course can be structured according to our needs. Probably it would be around 4-5hrs at a cost of \$40, not including CPR which could be arranged to be given after this First Aid course. They will need 2 weeks' notice of our requested date and need all monies to be paid up front at time of request. About 5 people have expressed interest, therefore, since Oscar has asked for this course and since Oscar has a much busier schedule than most of us, I will ask Oscar to submit a date that works for him and we will attempt to work within Oscar's schedule.

Next meeting 5/19 at BF Community Ctr. Bring any BCH equipment for inventory. Also bring a 25ft 1/4inch rope for a rope halter making event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Ketcheson



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