

PBCHA

October 17, 2026

Meeting started at 6:15 by President, Karen Kimball who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Erin James joined the meeting as a guest to learn more about the association.

Betsy Walker got onto the website and reported that there were no minutes on there since June. Karen had a copy and Stan Smith read them aloud. There were no changes made to the minutes and they stand as written.

Bea gave the Treasurer's report. Stan made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Betsy seconded the motion and all agreed to accept the report.

Karen stated that the Association Board of Directors met right before this meeting to discuss the following:

We have won a \$500 award from the calendar drawing and they discussed how to use that money. One idea was to get a Costco card that could be used for food for chapter events.

Another idea was to buy a chainsaw head for the extended pole or get a new pole with the cutting attachment. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons to the options. Jim Kimball made a motion that the award money be spent on buying the updated cutting equipment. Robert Wuest seconded the motion and a vote was taken. Everyone was in agreement to buy the equipment.

Another topic discussed by the Board was regarding a pack saddle that the chapter has had for a number of years and have not used it. Karen allowed a member, Mike Lambert, to use the saddle and the accompanying wooded pack boxes for training his mules this past summer. Mike would like to buy the saddle. Karen and the board came up with a figure of \$200 (\$150 for the saddle and \$50 each for the boxes). Julie Volpi made a motion that the

Chapter sell the saddle and boxes. Jeff Jussila seconded the motion and a vote was held. All agreed to sell the saddle.

Karen gave updates on the following:

Calendars

We have ordered 75 for this year that should be here soon. ITA (Idaho Trail Association) members assisted the Forest Service by carrying the long beams in to repair the bridge at English Pt. The beams were too long to be taken in by horse.

Marie Creek

Karen went with Anthony Benedetti with the Forest Service and Jim Manning with ITA to assess the possibility of putting a pungent in to provide access over the bog. The Forest will provide a proposal for this

Karen reported that ITA successfully widened the trails. She and Jim have cut some logs to be used to bolster the ground. That will most likely not be done until next Spring.

English Point

The long bridge has been repaired so the trail is open for riding again.

New Chainsaw equipment

Karen reported that the Forest Service is going to be giving us new chaps and hard hats to replace the older ones currently being used. The new equipment will need to be used; the old ones will be returned to them.

Photo Contest for 2028 calendar

Pictures are due by 12/31/26. They must be taken by an Association member and any people in the picture must be Association members. The pictures can be taken from out of Idaho. Please submit pictures to Karen, she will submit to the State.

Chain Saw Class

Anthony is offering chain saw class for new people on Saturday, October 31st. Karen mentioned that the Chapter has a new member that is planning to take the course. Another course will be arranged when those that are currently certified are needing to recertify.

State Board of Director's Convention

The State Board of Director's met in Coeur d'Alene last month and discussed/decided on the following:

- The website needs to be updated with improved security
- Chapter rides that will be open to the public need to be submitted to the state by April 1st.
- New pins were ordered for the Chairmen
- Pictures for the calendars are due by 12/31/26.
- There is a need for sponsors to help offset the cost of the calendars.
- The Boise chapter will be updating the by-laws. Their updates will be presented at the Spring convention.
- The Spring convention will be held in Grangeville. The Fall 2028 convention will be held in Teton.
- There was a discussion regarding the Roadless Bill 2026 which allows the Forest Service to "get rid of" areas that are not accessible. There is a video explaining the bill on the National Association website.(<https://www.bcha.org/>)

There was a group conversation with the guest, Erin James and she was invited to join the association.

Stan Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, Julie seconded it.

Next meeting is November 21st at 6:00 PM.