

BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2011

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Mark Bogar, State Chairman, opened the meeting at 8:15am. Mark thanked the Treasure Valley BCH chapter for organizing the University of Idaho Video Teleconferencing sites for the chapters throughout the state for the BOD meeting. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call. All chapters were present except Boise and Selkirk Valley. The minutes from the March 2011 BCHI BOD meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Ryan, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Val Johnson to reimburse Robbin Schindele for his expenses for attending a Stock Access and Use Meeting in Yellowstone National Park in April 2011. Seconded by Connie Bowcutt. The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report by Robbin Schindele. Seconded by Kathy Kerley. Motion carried.

Robbin Schindele was congratulated by Mark Bogar and BCHI for receiving the BCHA Double Diamond Award for the "What the Horse Sees" bike and hiker posters. Karen Kimball presented how the Panhandle BCH chapter has utilized the posters on trailheads in their local area. Local bicyclist groups have built kiosks at some of the trailheads. The PBCH chapter placed the posters on some of these trail kiosks. Karen presented a photo of one of the kiosks/ posters display.

National Director's Reports: Rod Parks reported at the April National Director's meeting in Butte, MT. BCHA discussed appointing an Executive Director. Val Johnson's National Director's meeting report is printed in the current Broomtales newsletter. The 2012 National Director's meeting will be held in Eugene, Oregon. BCHA is establishing a library of references and documents to be available on their website. New BCHA officers were elected. BCHA elected Mike McGlenn from Washington State as Chairman.

Broomtales Report: Marilyn Rousher reported she received articles from only four chapters for the last issue. She asked the chapters to send her articles of their summer work projects to be published in the November Broomtales issue. The deadline for the next issue is October 15. Ken Nungesser and Beth Wykle suggested for each chapter to elect or appoint a member to submit their chapter articles for the Broomtales newsletter.

Owyhee Initiative: Phil Ryan reported the BLM has purchased 320 acres south of Grandview to be designated as the new trailhead. BLM has a fencing project for BCHI at Nickel Creek. The Selway Bitterroot Foundation has established a working relationship with the southwestern chapters of BCHI to work as packers for their packing projects. There is a packing project at the Marble Creek Trail July/August 2011.

Horse Expo: Treasure Valley reported the Heartland chapter will be joining the Squaw Butte, Treasure Valley and Boise BCH chapters next year at their Horse Expo booth.

Trail Classification Standards Update: Rod Parks will send the TCS chapter contacts a TCS cheat sheet developed by Dennis Dailey. Rod discussed with the BOD the importance of each chapter to review the TCS to help preserve our access to trails to accommodate pack and saddle stock. Each trail has a TMO reference sheet (design parameters of the trail). Trails can have only one designed use, but can have multiple managed uses. If the trail is designed for pack and saddle, it is encouraged for the trail to be listed as managed for pack and saddle. If a trail is designed for pack and saddle stock and it is not listed as pack and saddle stock: be proactive, discuss and encourage your local USFS office to add and/or change “managed for use” for pack and saddle stock for the trail classification designation. The change must be listed on the USFS TMO documents. Request the USFS to send your chapter TCS contact person a copy of the TMO changes.

<u>BCHI Chapter</u>	<u>Chapter TCS Contact</u>	<u>Idaho National Forest</u>
Boise	Bill Murphy	Boise
Cache Peak	Pike Genzmer	Sawtooth
Eagle Rock	Connie Bowcutt /Phoebe Pelot	Caribou/Targee
Heartland	Al Becker	Payette
High Desert	Kathy Kerley	Sawtooth
North Central	Steve Didier	Clearwater/ Nez Perce
North Idaho		Kanisku
Panhandle	George Miller/Debbie Samovar	St Joe /CDA
Priest River	Dale Schrempp	Kanisku
Salmon River	Val Johnson	Challis/Salmon
Sawtooth	Jo Heiss	Sawtooth
Selkirk Valley	Merle Olsen	Kanisku
Squaw Butte	Robbin Schindele	Boise
Treasure Valley	Keith Lambrecht	Boise
Twin Rivers	Rod Parks	Clearwater/ Nez Perce

Chapter Reports

Boise: Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park, April 2011, repair and upgrade existing stock corrals, added 150 ft water line and frost free hydrant. 14 people worked on the project. 39.5 hours of unskilled labor, 10.5 hours of skilled labor with chainsaws, 3.5 hours of skilled labor operating backhoe, 520 miles were driven. Warm Springs Guard Station, Lowman, May 2011, annual spring maintenance, 6 people worked on this project, 24 hours of unskilled labor, 730 miles were driven. Saddle Up for St. Jude’s Charity Poker Ride, Idaho City, June 2011, charity benefit for St. Jude’s involving all three local BCH chapters and the horse community. 30 people worked on this project, 200 hours of unskilled labor, 1000 miles were driven, 20 hours of stock use. Horse Expo, April 2011, promoting Back Country Horsemen with the horse community, 20 hours of education. Board of Directors Meeting, March 2011, hosting the board of directors meeting and providing luncheon, 24 hours unskilled labor. Sportsman Show, March 2011, promoting Back Country Horsemen with the outdoor recreation community, 24 hours of education.

Cache Peak: Lorraine Genzmer reported the chapter has not been able to do anything but have meetings until now. Snow is still up in the area, the FS had contemplated rebuilding or rerouting a trail at Lake Independence and Castle Rock & City of Rocks are still working on their EPA program before we can do much up there. Both entities are to contact us whenever they are ready. Summer ride at the Cottonwood area.

Eagle Rock: Phebe Pelot reported the chapter hosted a Spring Fling Horse Tune Up at Connie and Mike Bowcutt's residence in June. They have had several meeting with the FS regarding TCS. The chapter packed out the bridge from the Palisades Bridge. Other summer and fall trail work projects include Tie Canyon, Lander Cutoff, Water Canyon and Indian Creek. In September, the chapter will be hosting the Harriman State Park Fall Ride at Island Park.

Heartland: Gretel Kleint reported the chapter has been working with the Payette Ranger District on trail classifications. The chapter will be hosting a Mountain Trail Challenge in July. In August, the Council Mountain Trail Maintenance project is planned to work on the chapter's adopted trail.

High Desert: Kathy Kerley reported in January- Chili Feed and Auction in Jerome. We had 60 in attendance. April - Poker Ride at Niagra Springs Wildlife Management Area. We had 23 participants in the ride and had a potluck afterwards. We took in \$371 and netted \$279. May 14 - we had a day ride at Cottonwood Canyon. We had a bad wind which should have blown in a huge storm. However not one drop of rain. June - we had a work project scheduled to build new horse corrals at Porcupine Springs between the materials not arriving in time and the snow cover there we had to cancel and have not been able to come up with a time to reschedule.

North Central: Beth Wykle reported the chapter conducted CPR and first aid classes for their members during their winter meetings. We are still working on our trail classification task with the FS. Weed spraying is their main fundraiser and this year they have permission to perform weed spraying in the wilderness areas.

North Idaho: Debbie Gullo reported the chapter started the year slow, probably like most of the other chapters, due to the rain. We've had guest speakers at our meeting throughout the year so far. On June 4th 5 members cleaned up the debris and trash at the Wylie Knob trail head. A few of our members went to speak to kids at the local elementary school during National Bike week. They discussed how to approach horses when riding a bike. We're hoping it makes a difference with this generation as far as horsemen and bikers relationships go. We had our annual Coggins, shots and health certificates day at a member's ranch, followed by a potluck. We'll also be helping a local ranch with their competitive trail ride and some of the members will be clearing various trails on their own, as they did last year

Panhandle: Marilyn Rousher reported on March 19th the chapter had their Chainsaw Maintenance Clinic at Bob and Linda Funk's place. April 9th, Bob Williams organized and trail bossed our annual Tune-up Clinic. It was held at Red Top Stables in Post Falls and 49 horses were vaccinated and others had their teeth floated. May 7 & 8th Jerry and Diane Shriner trail bossed the Remount Ride in Montana and had 20 people in attendance. May 27th a group, organized by Karen Kimball installed a horse gate to keep motorcycles off of Canfield Mountain's hiking and riding trail. The group also posted signs so that persons riding bicycles would understand how to safely approach a horse on the trail. June 2nd, Karen and Jim Kimball trail bossed the spraying of weeds at Marie Creek. June 4th, for National Trails Day, PBCH installed two hitching rails at English Point. Karen Kimball acted as trail boss. June 11th was the Marie Creek Trail Clearing. Les Erikson handled the trail boss job. June 18th, Marilyn Rousher and Angela Parsons Trail Bossed the Marie Creek Fun Ride. 16 people were in attendance and the ride had rain, mud and lots of water crossings.

Panhandle: June 19th, a group from PBCH, individuals from the Nordic Ski Club and a local bike club joined together to clear the 4th of July Pass Trails. June 25th, Joni Lueck organized and bossed the 4th of July Pass membership drive/fun ride. It was a very well organized event with homemade cookies being passed out at the half way point of the five mile loop ride, the ten milers received cookies as well. The food was fantastic, approximately 30 riders attended. Three new members signed up, three members that signed up a week before were also in attendance. New members received a free lunch.

Current general meetings are enjoying the videos "Road to the Horse" after all the business has been taken care of. Sept 10th, at Farragut State Park, McKinlay and Peters Equine Hospital is sponsoring a fund raiser that will benefit PBCH. McKinlay and Peters Equine Hospital has done this kind of fund raising for other horse groups over the past three years. The day's events will include a Trail Obstacle Course, LNT Packing Clinic, De-spooking Clinic, and Trail Ride, Horse first Aid, Trailer/break Inspection, Horse Pucky Bingo, Silent Auction, Mounted Shooting Demo and lunch.

Priest River: Terry Steiner reported several of the members participated in teaching educational skills to the Boy Scouts helping them earn their Horsemanship badge. Chapter members completed Chainsaw Certification and Defensive Horsemanship classes in the spring.

Jack Lamb and Julie Copley held their annual Dutch oven gathering and trail ride at the Highland Flats Snowmobile Park in late April and many chapter members attended for both the ride and the dinner. As usual the potluck was great. We were stopped by snow after only one hour up the hill, but got to see two big moose. The abbreviated ride just got us back to the food more quickly. The Forest Service postponed the big Memorial Day work party because of the equine herpes virus scare. The new dates for projects are July 16/17 PeeWee Creek trailhead improvements: information kiosk, gate, build an accessible handicap mounting ramp, and install 3 manure bins.

In August the chapter will be working on improvements at the Chipmunk Rapids Trailhead near Priest Lake: information kiosk, highline poles, build an accessible handicap mounting ramp, and install manure bins. Both of these projects were RAC funded. Packing plans are in the works for materials to repair some of the Lakeshore Trail.

Even with the herpes virus scare we held our Poker Ride on June 11. We only had 26 riders this year and fifty+ dinners served, but still figured the event to be success morale wise if not financially. Terry Steiner and Bonnie Shields did their LNT booth at the Priest Lake Sportsmen's Club "Kids' Fishing Day" that same weekend.

Bud Bailey ramrodded a spectacular trailhead project up Trail Creek out of Naples, Idaho. Almost everything for the project was donated. With the time of the professional welders and all of the steel for the high lines, hitching post and four stall horse corrals, plus timbers and crushed gravel for three tent pads we figure well over \$10,000.00 was put into the project. The Forest Service did install a super vault toilet on site. Get up there if you get the chance. The trailhead has opened much of the west-central Cabinet Mountain trail system to better access. We also have some social rides planned and are looking forward to a weekend at Squaw Valley August 13/14.

Salmon River: Val Johnson reported the January meeting/potluck was highlighted by election of officers, payment of dues, and information re: a new vendor with local and Missoula MT ties for Life Flight Insurance. A committee was selected to work on the Trail Classification process in our assigned BIG area, and hopes were proffered that we could get some money-making work projects this year. February's meeting on Valentine's Day was festive and fun. An upcoming Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was discussed. We'll be hauling/packing water for the County Weed Superintendent in July---much cheaper than using a helicopter to get to road fewer areas. In March our Chapter was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the USFS "for work above and beyond" by Middle Fork Ranger Chris Grove. This involved rebuilding the historic Loon Greek Guard Station corral and packing out 28 mule loads of cut-up pieces of abandoned culvert. The Work and Ride and Event Schedule was presented----a busy summer coming up!

In April we presented our annual Packing Demonstration at the Fairgrounds as a precursor to the annual Mule Sale. We had our annual Easter Ride with 30 folks riding and 25 others joining for breakfast, fellowship, music and an Easter service. We enjoyed the great article in Broomtales about our members, Chris and Cindy Walker, who will be going to the Nine-Mile LNT Training session in May. May brought us together for a Kentucky Derby party, hats and all, at a member's home. We are working on some programs with the folks at the Sacajawea Center for their Heritage Days August 20th in exchange for a meeting place in the winter. Topics are: (1) Navigating the Rivers and Rockies (No GPS in those Days). (2) Lewis and Clark and the Shoshone Horses. (3) Paddles, Packsaddles and a Lot of Rawhide. And (4) Mysteries of Knots & Hitches---Tie Your Own Diamond. John Burns is the dedicated individual behind this. Then we'll have two more field trips or presentations to put together.

June's meeting brought Lost River Ranger (Mackay) Diane Weaver to our meeting, asking for suggestions on developing an equine facility at the Star Hope Campground in the Copper Mountain area off the Trail Creek Road. We also got information on a pack-out project for non burnable materials from the damaged Little Soldier Lookout. We had 17 folks gather 11 bags of trash on our semi-annual highway cleanup. We had an enthusiastic report from Cindy and Chris Walker's LNT Training---they are gung-ho to share their knowledge with members and local groups. The planned Memorial Day work project in the Wagonhammer Complex was weather-shortened. A ride up the Pahsimeroi was cancelled due to lingering snow and road washouts. A few folks took a ride up Perreau Creek; another group helped the USFS place cairns and markers on a trail near the Williams Creek Summit.

Squaw Butte: Robbin Schindele reported in January the chapter created a new Internet based system for registering to attend events and activities and recording, mileage and volunteer hours. Arena Night Ride- various horse education activities by our Education Team, Charles and Lorraine Chick. February-Arena Night Ride- various horse education activities by our Education Team, Charles and Lorraine Chick. Celebration Park Fun Ride in the World Center for Birds of Prey Area on the Snake River. March-Arena Night Ride- various horse education activities by our Education Team, Charles and Lorraine Chick. Set up BCHI booth at the Idaho Sportsman Show, in Boise. The booth was manned during the 3-day show by members of the Squaw Butte, Boise and Treasure Valley chapters of BCHI. Emmett Horse Park Fun Ride, the Emmett Horse Park is an area of land east of Emmett set aside by the owners for equine activities.

Squaw Butte: April-Set up BCHI booth at the Idaho Horse Expo in Nampa. The booth was manned during the 3-day show by members of the Squaw Butte, Boise and Treasure Valley chapters of BCHI. Little Butte Fun Ride, Emmett, followed by another excellent potluck.

May-BLM Owyhee Work Project-RESCHEDULED. AQHA/BCHI co-sponsored fun ride, at the Wilson Creek Trailhead, no AQHA riders showed up but 2 groups of BCHI riders had a good ride and great lunch. Adopt a Highway Spring cleanup. Our 2 miles was trash less, for a while. USFS Sawyer Certification Class, Emmett Ranger District offices, Emmett, ID. BLM Owyhee Work Project-Cancelled. Annual SBBCH Yard Sale, Emmett, ID the chapter netted about \$2,800.00. June- SBBCH sponsored First Aid/CPR Certification class taught by chapter member, Dan Murphy, a certified instructor. Warm Spring Guard Station, Lowman District Boise National Forest, our National Trails Day event. Worked a new section of trail. Peace Creek Trail work project, on the Middle Fork of the Payette River, canceled due to snow. July- Crooked River trail Project, Idaho City District, and Boise National Forest.

Treasure Valley: Ken Nungesser reported TVBCH will pack in supplies and tools to the 44 Creek Cabin on July 20th for a project to restore the bottom logs of the historic 44 Creek Cabin. The USFS is bringing in log replacement specialists from Montana to do the log work. During the week the cabin log work is being performed, chapter members will be clearing 44 Creek trail. At the end of the project the chapter members will pack the tools and supplies back to trailhead. Celebration Pack Tire Pack-Out. National Trails Day—On a beautifully cool, Saturday, June 4, sixteen TVBCH members and three friends saddled their horses and pack animals and headed down Celebration Park trails to gather tires, which had been rolled off the cliffs above the Halverson Lakes, littering the area. Packing out the tires was the project chosen by the Treasure Valley Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen for National Trails Day 2011—the 19th annual celebration of American’s magnificent trail system— put on by the American Hiking Society. That morning, a few members of the group left early to gather the tires, after which the rest of the group arrived to pack out the tires. Some members handled stock while others packed tires onto animals.

When the last riders came in, Ashley Talbert, employee of Les Schwab Tire in Nampa, met them in the parking area with his truck. Members Ken and Linda Nungesser also joined the group at this time. Ashley was there to haul the tires away, Linda had come to take photos of the occasion, and Ken recorded information for the project report. Shortly after the photo shoot, members gathered for lunch and conversation. It was a very successful project: 24 tires were safely packed out, and Les Schwab Tire of Nampa hauled and disposed of the tires for free. “Thanks” goes out to Corey Miner, manager of Les Schwab on 12th Avenue Road in Nampa for disposing of the tires and to the many TVBCH members and their friends, who participated to make it a successful project. Poker Ride at Wilson Creek, May 10th, Thanks to Patty Pennington, Alice Millington, Jim Fox and Bonnie Fox for organizing the Poker Ride at Wilson Creek on May 10th... Alice and John Millington cut cards at the stations. A dozen riders and guests turned out for the Poker Ride, a runaway, and the cattle drive. Thanks to those who donated prizes. Wilson Creek Fun Ride, April 23rd, Approximately 10 members participated in a fun ride at Wilson Creek.

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge in the Nampa- Caldwell area. There are plans to close a five mile trail to completely exclude horseback riding. Rod Parks suggested viewing the BCHA website to view a Public Lands Workshop program developed by Dennis Dailey that can be presented at a BCH chapter meeting. Rod Parks made a motion for the BCHI Chairman to draft and send a letter addressing the concerns of the elimination of stock use in the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge with the assistance of Keith Lambrecht from TVBCH. Seconded by Phil Ryan. Motion carried.

Twin Rivers: Rod Parks reported this spring was full of rain, snow and cancelled projects. The Don Uhlman Memorial Shelter at Hellsgate Park in Lewiston is completed. A plaque is installed and a picnic table is at the shelter. We have offered \$300.00 to help with printing costs of a trail map for the trails that will be open to ride stock on at Hellsgate Park. The trails at Hellsgate Park are a work in progress with monthly meeting still going on. TRBCH hosted a basic First Aid/ CPR class March 9th. Eighteen members attended the 3.5 hour class. April was the Inland Northwest Outdoor Show at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds. Our chapter was co-sponsor of this event with the Lewiston-Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. We set up a camp display and info booth, help a hands on packing clinic, sponsored two trainers working with horses in round pens and put on a Dutch Oven Competition. This will be our last year for the Outdoor Show as a sponsor. Multiple work projects have been at Black's Ranch, the location of our Kid's Kamp for 2011. Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife has been very co-operative with improvements to the house and grounds for a nice facility to host the camp. We purchased 20 panels with proceeds from this year's Outdoor Show and are looking into buying or getting 30 more donated. The trail was cleared for our Poker Ride and then we decided to cancel the Poker Ride over concerns of liability from the risk of the EHV-1 virus. Next our National Trails Day project was cancelled due to snow still over the trail.

We completed our grant from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife on Asotin Creek drainage. There is now a non-motorized access gate at Sourdough Canyon, a fire ring, hitch rail, non-motorized access gate and one set of highline poles at Sheep Gulch Trailhead, and a hitch rail & fire ring at Asotin Creek Trailhead. We also built 1000' of new fence to restrict access by motorized vehicles and removed a mile of old fence that was in disrepair and a hazard to stock and wildlife. Two members cut out the trail to our Adopt a Cabin in the Craig Mountain WMA for Idaho Fish & Game. Over 100 trees across the trail in five miles. We are still working on our trail classification task with the FS.

BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic Update: Robbin Schindele reported the Squaw Butte 2011 BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic, August 14-21, 2011 at the Grandjean Trailhead, Sawtooth Wilderness has been cancelled due to a low number of registrations of attendees.

Ways and Means Report: Karen Kimball discussed the 2012 calendars are now available for the chapters to sell and will be delivered to the chapters in the next few weeks. Karen, Mark Bogar and Debbie Samovar carefully proofread the calendars for typographical errors. Robbin Schindele will write an article for the Broomtales newspaper regarding camera settings for taking photos with suggested proper resolution settings for submitting photos for the BCHI calendar. Mark reviewed with the chapters at this meeting the number of 2012 calendars that each chapter made a commitment to sell at the March 2011 BOD meeting as the BCHI state fundraiser. Any unsold calendars cannot be returned to the state.

Ways and Means Report: The calendars belong to the chapters and the chapters cannot give them back to the state. The number of calendars that each chapter made a commitment to are to be paid for in full by each chapter, \$20.00 per calendar at the March 2012 meeting. Mark discussed that Selkirk Valley BCH has requested to reduce their commitment from 85 to 35 calendars.

Discussion regarding if chapters can make a request to decrease the number of calendars for their chapter after they have stated the number they made a commitment at the March 2011 BOD meeting. Mark Bogar called for a vote. Val Johnson made a motion that Selkirk Valley BCH may reduce their commitment of 2012 BCHI calendars from 85 to 35. Motion seconded by Connie Bowcutt. Motion passed.

Cache Peak	75	Priest River	90
Eagle Rock	40	Salmon	75
Heartland	75	Sawtooth	20
High Desert	150	Selkirk	35
North Central	250	Squaw Butte	300
North Idaho	10	Treasure Valley	150
Panhandle	200	Twin Rivers	400

VIP Ride: Rod Parks discussed BCHA was inquiring if BCHI will sponsor a VIP ride in the future on a trail regarding specific equine use trail issues in Idaho for USFS and legislators. Possible VIP ride in the Owyhee Initiative Wilderness area, organized by Phil Ryan. It was suggested the BCHI Chairman, Vice Chairman, the two National Directors participate in the VIP ride.

Robbin's Proposal by Squaw Butte BCH update: Discussion of the reply letter from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the Idaho state wide trails web site at: <http://trails.idaho.gov/#> . The website provides details for most trails in Idaho, but in its detailed descriptions of non-motorized trails does not include horsemen. Robbin will send a copy of the BCHI letter sent to the Idaho Department of Parks and Rec and the response letter BCHI received from the Idaho Department of Parks and Rec to Butch Otter, Idaho's governor. Phil Ryan will send copies of both letters to Idaho Senator Mike Crapo's office.

November 2011 State Board meeting: Discussion of November's BOD meeting at a single meeting location or with the University of Idaho teleconferencing site locations. Val made a motion to schedule either the first or second Friday in November as a video conference. Nov 4 or Nov 18 to start at 0900 PST and 1000 MST. If the U of I sites are not available. Salmon BCH will host the November BOD meeting. Seconded by Terry Steiner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by, Dorothy Bailey, BCHI State Secretary