

BCHI November 18, 2011 BOD Meeting Teleconference by Pat Bogar (temporary secretary)

Meeting called to order by Mark Bogar at 8:15. Roll call was taken and all chapters were present except North Idaho and Selkirk Valley. The minutes were read and approved as printed.

Mark brought up the passing of long time BCH member and state director Beth Wykle. After some discussion, Val Johnson said he thought the BCHI should make a donation to the Beth Wykle foundation. Steve Didier said he would get information on this and get an address/name to send our donation to. The family indicated they want the money sent either to: BCHI, Christian children's camp scholarships, or animal rescue. We can specify our preference and the discussion was to ear mark our donation directly for trail projects. Val Johnson motioned BCHI donate \$100.00 and Steve Didier seconded the motion and the motion carried. Because during the discussion it was brought up to get more money in to this donation, it was suggested that individual chapters donate to this Foundation also.

Steve Didier made a motion that the BCHI make a donation to the BCHI Foundation in memory of Beth Wykle in the amount of \$150.00, Bill Correll seconded the motion. There was a short discussion about how the money should be handled, as the BCHI Foundation dollars can be specifically ear marked, though nothing was decided at this time. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Kay Ryan sent every director a copy of the treasurer's report. Kay was asked if the chapters have been billed for the last video- conference fees. Kay was unable to get the cost of the July video conference until she received the invoice from the U of I. Kay said all chapters have been billed and she has received \$390.00 to date. Some have paid but not every chapter. The July video conference cost is \$65.00 for each chapter. Kay listed those chapters that have not paid, contact her if you are not sure whether your chapter has paid. There was nothing budgeted for this second conference as only one video- conference was scheduled and this conference doubled in price. Terry Steiner moved to put the cost of this video-conference in the budget, Robbin Schindele seconded the motion and the motion carried. Each chapter will owe \$130.00 for this conference.

The video conference issue will be on the agenda for the Convention in March for further discussion.

Val Johnson brought up the possible need to make the state secretary position a paid position. However, Steve Didier said Raenette Didier will do the state secretary position per the list of duties sent out. With a short discussion everyone agreed to Raenette handling this position. Sara Johnson brought up moving jobs around to many folks so that one person is not doing everything per the secretarial duties list that was sent out.

An example of this sharing of duties is Karen Kimball compiling the club reports, volunteer miles, and therefore taking this load off the secretary position. It is difficult to get these reports from each chapter within the deadline and the chapters need to keep these time constraints in mind, Karen feels she can make this work. All additional duties were originally a director's responsibility and then got piled on to the secretary and we would like to see the directors' step forward to take on more of these additional duties. Treasury report was accepted. Kathy from High Desert asked Kay if she would send a bill to their secretary so they can get the video conference bill paid. The treasurer's report was approved as printed.

National Director's Report: Val Johnson and Rod Parks – Rod Parks was not in attendance. Val Johnson hasn't seen the officers doing much since the July meeting. The solicitation for a fund raiser/grant person is out for BCHA; Val expressed some concerns with this position and the differences between the four officer positions. Val asked for questions, nothing was asked. The 40th Anniversary celebration of BCHA has begun with Al Sammons heading up the committee and the location has been determined to be South Dakota.

One of the issues discussed at National was a dues increase. It takes about 4 years to actually get monies through the process and become beneficial. The last increase became effective in 2006, but no dollar figure was indicated. Within BCHI the dues per member for a single membership is \$15.00 with \$10.00 going to BCHA and for a Family membership \$25.00 with \$13.00 going to BCHA. We had 222 single memberships and 381 family memberships last year. National gets 2/3 and the State gets 1/3 approximately of the dues paid. Val has not seen further detail from the executive committee and there is no formal action at this time. Mark Bogar encouraged the BCHI to give Rod or Val our opinion on the dues increase.

The annual fund raising letter is due from National soon. The problem per Val is the need for a break away from membership paying for National. They need another source of revenue at the National level.

Robbin questioned what benefit the state gets from National for the amount of dues paid each year. Per Val this is not a new question. National gives us exposure to land agencies and more. We have seen expansion of the BCH throughout USA. The net benefits are legal issues, political issues, and more issues that are hard to quantify, but they are there. It is important to bring this up and have out on the table for everyone to understand. The National organization's flow with the National chair and effectiveness is key to that chair. The goal of the BCHA is to have the National organization reflect the clout of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and other organizations like them. However, we are a long way from reaching this status.

Broomtales Report: Marilyn Rousher did not receive much response again for Broomtales articles this time. If Val and Sara Johnson hadn't sent some archives, the last

two additions of the Broomtales would have been pretty slim. Marilyn has sent emails requesting articles and no one is responding. We have 15 chapters and the same 4 chapters send items. In trying to get all chapters to produce articles, Mark talked about all of us being proud of the things we do and how we should publish our accomplishments. We have a great paper, let's help her. Bill suggested having a column in the Broomtales to check off which chapters sent something in for that edition. Marilyn said consider it done. The next deadline is February 15th. When Marilyn sends emails, please respond to let her know we have at least received them so she feels like she is heard. We had lots of discussion, Bonnie Shields will do some drawings for Marilyn and there were lots of thanks on the 25th Anniversary Edition. Very well done.

Gene and Sharon Bruce have now moved and won't be involved with our chapters any longer.

Public Lands Report: Gary Towle was not in attendance and we asked if anyone knew what has happened to Gary? The only comment to this was that Brandon took Gary's place on their board of directors. Steve Didier asked Kay what Phil's feelings might be for taking on the Public Lands position. Kay will ask Phil about this and Mark will call him too.

Kay gave Phil's reports on the following:

Owyhee Initiative: The wilderness NEPA for BLM continues. Nickel Creek fencing project in Owyhee the summer of 2012. Idaho Outdoor Public TV has done a session on this initiative. It is a good club video and well done per Val Johnson.

Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council (ISCAC): Phil attended monthly meeting Nov. 2. The Idaho Fish & Game reported 100 wolves killed so far this hunting season. Idaho Fish & Game director Virgil Moore reported on the 2011 F & G reported business plan. Caucus business discussed included yearly dues (increase to \$300 but BCHI can stay at \$200) and upcoming state legislators evening in Boise on January 25th. Do we want Phil to keep going to this meeting and pay dues to attend?

Selway-Bitterroot-Frank Church Foundation: – Phil will attend – Gretel and Paul attended the McCall meeting – talked about the area and conditions of the Frank, Dennis' chain saw issue (article in the BCHA paper) and looking for volunteers. We need to convince the powers to be to go in at first of year and clear out trails to keep it from being a land of no use. Per Val he feels a resolution to declare national emergency on the trails/lands to government to get them to go back to original intent. ATV is in favor, as trails are hard to utilize due to conditions – need to use chain saws – Val will write the resolution for this project/issue. He will have it at the March convention. We need to get support from the Selway-Bitterroot-Frank Church Foundation and Wilderness Society which is very important per Robbin. Get the benefit of three significant organizations dealing with one issue? Resolution limited to the Frank –or general

resolution – per Steve it is ok to be general, but add some specifics too (Frank/Selway). Chain saws in numerous other wilderness areas around USA – Steve wants to put pressure on wilderness society, maybe specific is good.

- Marble Creek project, August 2011: Joe Williams & Phil Ryan packed crew supplies into Marble Creek in the Frank Church Wilderness. This will be a 3 year project eventually clearing all 30 miles of the trail. BCH will be asked to support their crews by packing in and out their supplies each summer.
- On December 3rd in Boise we will meet with the SBFC Foundation to discuss projects in the Frank Church for next summer.
- On December 5th we will meet with the Wilderness Society in Boise to discuss projects in the Frank Church next summer.
- On December 7th, Phil will meet with Layne Bangerter of Senator Mike Crapo's office and they will attend the Idaho Outfitters and Guides 2011 Convention in Boise to discuss cooperation on trails in the Frank Church for the summer of 2012.

If you plan to attend either the SBFC or Wilderness Society meetings, please RSVP to them as the space is limited – contact SBFC – Rob Mason at 208-451-5047 or Wilderness Society – Brad Brooks at 208-343-8153.

Education Report: Sec Read what Mary Beth sent in.

The Education Chair position was Discussed and brought up by Mark Bogar. Mark asked for a report to indicate which chapters have LNT trained members. The trained folks are supposed to come back and train other chapter members too. Sara Johnson knows a couple, the Chris Walkers; she feels they would be good ambassadors. They have completed the Nine Mile Depot and are master trainers. The discussion was to have the BCHI fund the Walkers and others to go around and train others. The question was asked would the Walker's help with this project? The Salmon Chapter will ask the Walkers about this project. Mary Beth Conger has said she is not able to be the Education chair any longer and we need to find a replacement for this position. We need someone to help organize. It was suggested that each chapter should talk about the needs for training and come up with someone to help. The new education person can be within a chapter and not necessarily a director. We will request a list from Mary Beth Conger on LNT trained BCH members. The suggestion was made for BCH to remember to be ambassadors for LNT all the time.

Right to Ride in Idaho: Bill Correll said Missouri and Michigan passed the Right to Ride – Steve Didier's comment is it will take someone with a lot of drive to make Right to Ride happen in Idaho. We need the push and we have some organizations – Horse Council and Sportsman caucus – getting to legislation. Getting this bill passed will not be an easy road. We will need one individual to push, have drive, passion to write the bill, get sponsors, and address the governor's office. Additionally, finding initial sponsors is a

tough, tough job per Robbin Schindele and Steve Didier. Chairmen Mark Bogar asked if we find the right person, do we support the Right to Ride. We discussed other states where there were threats and the definite need for Right to Ride. So the question: is there a threat here in Idaho and is there a need in Idaho for Right to Ride? This topic was tabled at this time.

Chapter Reports were heard during lunch and almost all chapters gave their reports.

Ways & Means: Debbie Samaore asked if we want to do a calendar for 2013. We need to vote and move forward as the photos will be due by April 1. They could be delivered at the March convention. Karen Kimball's comment was it used to be the chapter's had more money than state organization, however, that isn't true anymore. Robbin Schindele motioned to continue the 2013 calendar, Gretel Kleint seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Karen Kimball said to bring the amount of calendar numbers each chapter will take to sell to the March meeting. Photos are due March 24th, on disk, CD, zip file, or electronically. Send the pictures to Debbie Samaore; get geared up to take quality pictures, the 12 X 12 needs to be 1300 X 1300 at 300 dpi. The resolution list and picture taking tips will go out again soon. Kathy at High Desert Chapter said they have no pro photo takers and don't know pixels. Debbie Samaore explained how to get the camera set at a better quality, a high file size means higher resolution, HQ = high quality. Karen Kimball will get prizes for the calendar and the lottery commission was explicit we don't give out cash and give merchandise prizes only. We should indicate on the calendar that no cash prizes as a disclaimer will be added. The question was asked, how are the calendar sales going? Karen Kimball is contacting all those that check the box on the cards that they are interested in BCH and the sales are going well.

Trail Classification Surveys: Bill Correll gave Rod Park's report. Rod needs the final surveys from all the chapters. Per discussion several chapters have their surveys done, others are working on theirs. Rod wanted all chapters to know that he would help them if they needed assistance. Some of the Forest Service is doing these surveys too.

Future Direction: Treasure Valley sent a lengthy email discussing the future direction of the BCH and BCHI. After reading this email, we had actually gone over most of the items in the email during the meeting thus far. Treasure Valley discussed the chain saw in the wilderness areas and how to continue forward, the regional forester is the one that approves this per case. They will work on this issue. There were comments that it was a good email. Maybe we should ask local Forest Service Supervisors if they agree or disagree with the chain saw issue and get a feel for their opinion on chain saw situation. Treasure Valley felt their questions were answered throughout the meeting.

BCHI Website: Mark Bogar commented on some obsolete information on the website and feels it is important to keep the website updated!! The chapters need to update calendars and events. The chairman is the first line for website updates or second would be Raenette Didier. We talked about the website newsletter verse mailing to

members, and there was an emphatic No! Receipt of the newsletter is part of the membership dues. Rod Parks has volunteered to keep the website updated and he was approved.

Lochsa Land Exchange & Western Pacific Timber Company was discussed by Bill Correll and Steve Didier. The North Central BCH position is it doesn't meet our mission to date, however, we still want to stay involved so if things are changed the way it looks like it could, this will fit our bill better. The land exchange is 20,000 acres in the Salmon/Riggins area. Today is the start of public comment and the Nez Perce National Forest site has more information worth reading. However, this is not an issue for BCHI at this time per North Central BCH.

The March 23 & 24 Convention information was given by Karen Kimball. During the convention we need to have a meeting of the foundation, which will require a small room. Flyers have been completed and are on the website, as well as the entry forms, cost is \$45.00 each. This will be at the Best Western, Couer'd Alene, March 23 & 24. No auction items need to be provided by the chapters. Yes, do bring chapter displays. There will be 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place monies awards. They would like lots of photos too. Rooms are \$79.00 per night with breakfast being furnished. At the convention there will be break food (snacks) and drinks all day, no breakfast furnished since breakfast is free at the motel. A sit down dinner, a live and silent auction are all planned. We are hoping for a good convention turnout. The question was asked if we want to continue the BCH memorial or heroes at the convention?? We all agreed to keep doing them. There is no theme yet...

Karen Kimball requested new email addresses from new directors and officers as she and Raenette Didier will need these in the future.

Bill Correll spoke of Sourdough Saddle road being in terrible condition and the Forest Service is supposed to keep three roads open in the Hump area, per the wilderness act, they came in and opened them all up. The trails should be kept in the same passable condition too. Bill was pointing out the fact they are obligated to do this!

A list of public events for Insurance purposes has been requested: Kathy with High Desert – 1) Poker Ride April 28th – with about 20 non members