

BCHA Executive Committee
Revised Minutes - Monthly Conference Call – October 15, 2013

Chairman Jim McGarvey started the call at 9:04 PDT. Participants: Peg Greiwe, Jim McGarvey, Chuck Miller, Alan Hill, Nick Martinez, Don Saner, Mike McGlenn, Ken Ausk, Randy Rasmussen, Phil Hufstader, Tom Thomas.

Minutes – MSP with Alan’s comment.

Treasurer, Don Saner – reviewed the statements; cash pro forma review; discussed how to do budgeting for 2014.

- Travel Request for Advisor, Public Lands & Recreation to attend National Scenic & Historic Trails Annual Conference, Tucson in November –Randy: this is the body that we want to work with on the mountain bike use of national scenic trails; big strategy discussion with major groups on national scenic trails on same page. PCTA asked about Randy’s attendance. If government open, then Bob Ratcliffe of NPS will be a featured speaker. Jim: This is a preventive situation for which travel funds might come from BCHA for legal fund. Proactive effort on our part to prevent lawsuits. Mike: What about asking WA, OR & CA to help with \$200 each on funding for this trip? Phil: If this is Legal Fund then it must be written up clearly for presentation to the NB.

MSP to approve Randy’s request to attend National Scenic & Historic Trails Annual Conference and legal fund to reimburse.

MSP to send letters to WA, OR, CA for assistance for travel costs. (Randy will write the letters for Mike’s review.)

- National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Conference in CA in two weeks; Bill Hodge TWS wants to use that conference to roll out joint TWS-BCHA strategy for US Forest Service trail maintenance backlog. Agenda includes emphasis on engaging youth; \$500 - \$700 projected cost.
 - **MSF to accept \$500-700 to attend National Wilderness Stewardship Conference.**
 - Alan will see if he can find someone in Southern CA who might be willing to attend; will give it some thought; will get back to us in day or two.
- Trip to WDC – Jim, Paul Spittler TWS, Ben Pendergrass AHC to present GAO issues and points. Visit with legislators; Ben setting up appointments; GAO issue is a big enough to send the chairman of BCHA.

Recreational Advisor Report, Randy Rasmussen – going on the premise that the GAO issue/trail maintenance backlog on national forest is BCHA’s #1 priority; second is the push to get mountain bikes on national scenic trails. PCTA has invited the horsemen into the circle of planning.

- Frank Church River of No Return - Joined Phil Ryan in ID; Congressman Simpson is critical in this push as he spurred GAO report; Phil and Randy met with Grant Simonds Idaho Outfitters & Guides and John Revier (Deputy Chief of Staff in Boise) from Congressman’s office. John has experience in natural resource issues; discussed both administrative and legislative concepts/solutions; John is good at seeing possible connections with other legislative actions (e.g., FLREA, LWCF, Secure Rural Schools/Title II). We appear to have interest of Congressman Simpson’s office. As we solve FCRNR problems, then it will help with national solutions to trail maintenance backlog. (Would be good to have VIP ride with John next season.) Good news in that George Bain, USFS Region recreation lead, is heading up the working group on the Frank.
- Radio show – Equestrian Legacy Radio (Gary Holt) – Randy guest during Oct 3 live show, issue of USFS trail maintenance backlog part of the interview.

Public Liaison, Alan Hill – signed Advocacy Partnership with TWHBEA/BCHA TWH Recognition Program; plan to recognize TW horses, along with their owners/riders, that best exemplify the mission of the BCHA. Rick Weist MT is spearheading this.

NPS MOU – government shutdown has slowed process.

Chair/Acting ED Report, Jim McGarvey – working with TWS; 4 talking points to go to legislative and FS; need to add more to it; have had 6 conference calls and more to come; administrative, legislative and outreach committees; some contentious issues. Dennis Dailey is excellent resource for this. We do trails in lots of areas; TWS does wilderness.

Trail Classification, Phil Hufstader – met with Rod Parks last week and went over where they are at now; sent out communications to find out where the states are; waiting for phone calls from states.

Legal Fund verbiage - Jim will get “whereas” together for legal fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Contribution Campaign – at mailing house – in members’ hands in November.
- Branding, Email, Website Upgrade, & fundraising Jim McGarvey – had a big conference call to get started. Lots of good ideas; good response; want to get word out at rendezvous’. Formal kick off at NBM.

Standing Committees Responsibilities, Jim McGarvey – wants to consider how we might have folks work throughout the year and report at next meeting. Phil – until we get funding issue resolved, will have lack of work throughout the year. Expansion – working with nearby state people.

MSP to adjourn at 10:27.

Peg Greiwe

Executive Secretary

Agenda: Minutes, Financials, Advisor for Public Lands Recreation Report, Chairman/Acting ED Report, Public Liaison’s Report; Old Business, Trail Classification Update, Legal Fund Policy, New Business: Standing Committees Responsibilities Revision..

Acronyms

MSP – Motion made, seconded and passed

IMBA – International Mountain Biking Assn

PCT – Pacific Crest Trail

PCTA – Pacific Crest Trail Assn

CDT – Continental Divide Trail

WDC – Washington DC

NPS – National Park Service

FLREA – Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

TWS – The Wilderness Society

NETC – National Equestrian Trails Conference

GAO – Government Accounting Office

BCHC – Back Country Horsemen of California

ID - Idaho

USFS – US Forest Service

AHC – American Horse Council

PDT – Pacific Daylight Time

CDTC – Continental Divide Trail organization

OR - Oregon

EC – Executive Committee

CA - California

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

NBM – National Board Meeting

CCC – California Conservation Corps

ED – Executive Director

R-6 – USDA Forest Service Region 6