

BCHA Executive Committee
Notes - Conference Call, November 17, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time

Participants: Mike Reedy, Kandee Haertel, Larry Zauberis, Al Sanders, Al Sammons, Nick Martinez, Peg Greiwe, Dennis Dailey (for Yvette Rollins), Val Johnson. (Terry Morrison still in hospital.)

Expansion, Al Sammons

- Applications complete and good to go for Fort Harrod BCH KY and Iron Mountain BCH VA. Consensus that we grant conditional acceptance for Fort Harrod and Iron Mountain. Al will notify them. Formal letter from Chair. Encourage to come to national board meeting.
- Inquiries have come from Kansas, Wisconsin and Michigan; working on apps from Big Fork TN, Northern BCH KY. Kentucky starting work on state organization. Al is getting sample by-laws for states organizations. Number of states with 2 or more affiliates (TN, VA, GA). Will write letter to suggest they start forming a state organization.
- Inconsistency in constitution and policy; Al will work on fixing it with the constitution as guiding principle. Will bring to and serve on Constitution review committee at NBM.
- placed an ad in South Dakota (Rapid City Journal) for \$21 (Black Hills).
- Big thank you to Al for all work.

Al Sammons signed off 9:34 a.m.

Conference call notes from October – OK to go out to BCHA.

Director of Development – Kandee Haertel

- Annual fund appeal letter will be in mail on Thursday; discussion about 501c3 status which is still provisional so not mentioned in letter; what is prospect for after receiving 501c3? Kandee has prospects on line awaiting our 501c3 approval. Larry will go in his local newsletter promoting the letter;
- Peg & Mike – email to BCHA – provisional so tax deductible & update on 501c3 process.
- Kandee needs to collect clippings from all over (Peg send an email to BCHA) will use in funding process.

Front country and back country – we represent recreational pack and saddle stock on public lands. This is an issue in the mid-west and east; people in east are uncomfortable with back country horsemen representing them. Seeing some push from public land managers to get a new organization for trails (front country versus back country). President is trying to shove through an executive order that would change how the NPS manages their trails (NPS trails and Wilderness areas within the parks); make changes without public input; American Hiking society is very opposed and asked for our help in opposing this. Big issue is transparency and public process. If this comes in, it is done by the park superintendent without any public process at all. Talks are on-going with AHS on public process.

Financials – on budget.

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- Panel: Joel Holtrop, Bob Radcliffe BLM, David Parsons (research); Raenette Didier facilitator.
- Andy Bales entertainment.
- Training session on Tuesday afternoon; Jonathan and Jamie will come. Every director needs to be there on Tuesday. Must be registered in advance; Dennis will talk to Jamie about the training sessions: how many can be there; how long sessions.
- Public Lands a.m.

Continental Divide Trail Alliance, Nick Martinez – new director seems receptive to BCHA.

Right to Ride? Dennis, Mike & Public Lands committee are working on this peripherally. Need Democrat sponsors.

Clarification and summarization of where are we going with LNT – Val Johnson; New Mexico has trouble getting people to come to the classes. Insurance problem still there. Still support the LNT program.

Membership Contest – email to directors about this with financial prize and rules.

Next conference call: December 15th (Val may be in Germany).

Concluded at 10:43.

Peg Greiwe, Executive Secretary