

**BCHA Executive Committee**  
**Conference Call – Special – April 6, 2009**

Participants: Nick Martinez, Kande Haertel, Val Johnson, Al Sanders, Mike Reedy, Terry Morrison, Yvette Rollins & Larry Zauberis & Peg Greiwe.

ELCR letter, Deb Balliet – was granted funds from NPS to research forming a national equestrian trails organization; Mike will respond with letter – basically in agreement; thanks, etc.

- Yvette – this situation started about 5 or 6 years ago at trails symposiums; need for national equestrian trails organization; Mary Hanson NPS had ideas for the group. Her job is to mediate with organizations outside the NPS to facilitate organizations and meetings so that people will come to a cooperative agreement over issues. She comes in when there is dissension = professional facilitator.

Does BCHA want to be that national trails organization? Or let another organization form?

We are half way there.

In national meetings with other executive directors or presidents, a volunteer is not as respected as the others. Our most immediate need is to go into the meetings with someone who knows the Wilderness Act, etc.

Restructure analysis – SoundGovernance (Sherry Jennings)

Volunteer Hours – at \$5.2 million – missing a lot of states – AL, AZ, ID, NV, NC, UT

NC Horse Council & Chattahoochee Trail Assn – contributing advocacy partners

Concluded at 10:10