

July 11, 2009
BCHI State Directors Board Meeting
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Phil Ryan, Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Phil thanked the Eagle Rock BCH chapter for hosting the meeting in Idaho Falls. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call- all chapters were present except North Idaho BCH. The minutes from the March 2009 BCHI BOD meeting were read and approved as corrected. The minutes are sent by email to the State Officers, State Directors and are also placed on the BCHI website.

Treasurer's Report: Gretel Kleint gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Anita VanGrunsven to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bud Bailey. Motion carried.

2010 Outdoor Show Report -Karen Parks reported the 2010 Outdoor Show in Lewiston most likely will be partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and the show will not be a BCHI state event. The Outdoor show may be held at the fairgrounds in 2010, which could be the last year that it is held at the Nez Perce Fairgrounds. Karen stated she has vendors scheduled for the spring show at the fairgrounds. The Lewiston Chamber of Commerce would like to move the Outdoor Show to June and have the event at the Hell's Gate State Park. Follow up discussion at the November BOD meeting. Val Johnson thanked Mark Bogar, Karen and Rod Parks for their hard work, dedication and contributions with the Outdoor Show over the last several years.

Calendar Sales - Phil Ryan reported BCHI chapters sold 1965 calendars in 2008 and 114 calendars were sold at the Lewiston BCHI Outdoor Show in March 2009. Phil Ryan presented a list of individuals who have sent in an interest card (located in the calendars) that are requesting additional information about BCHI. State Directors please contact these individuals in your local area.

Ways and Means Report- Karen Parks-the 2010 calendars have been printed and at this board meeting the BCHI chapters' state directors committed to the number of calendars for their chapter's calendar sales:

Boise	65	Cache Peak	100	Eagle Rock	100
Heartland	100	High Desert	200	North Central	150
North Idaho	0	Panhandle	200	Priest River	100
Salmon River	75	Sawtooth	35	Selkirk Valley	25
Squaw Butte	300	Treasure Valley	150	Twin Rivers	400

Each chapter receives 10% of the calendar sales. Comments regarding 2011 BCHI calendar: each chapter should be represented in the calendar. Who will be the contact person for the 2011 calendar? Phil thanked Bernie Lionberger, Debbie Samovar and the Panhandle BCH chapter for their dedication and efforts producing the 2009 and the 2010 BCHI calendars. The 2010 BCHI calendars were distributed to the State Directors of the Southern BCHI chapters at the BOD meeting. Karen Kimball will be contacting the northern Idaho and central Idaho State directors at a later date for the calendar distribution for their chapters.

Dorothy Bailey volunteered to create a form to use to submit information for the 2011 calendar photos that are submitted by the Idaho BCH chapters that includes the location, names of people in the photo and the name of the photographer. The form will be presented at the November BOD meeting.

Karen Parks stated Mark Bogar made a request for the chapters to turn in the money from their calendar sales for each chapter at the November BOD meeting. He would like the chapters to sell the calendars by the end of the year.

Reports from Chapters/Directors/Projects

Boise: Gary Towle reported the BBCH chapter has been working on two projects. One of the projects is the Warm Springs Trail by Lowman. The FS wants to remove and reinstall fences covering a two acre area. The FS will have horse corrals and a pasture area for horse use available. The chapter had a summer club ride and potluck north of Idaho City. Gary reported the Rocky Mountain Regional Pack String Clinic/Training Program at Shawnee, Colorado. Eleven BCHA members attended. The clinic was offered as a free clinic to BCHA members. The clinic was an intensive five day, very thorough packing clinic with farrier clinics, packing demos with saws, wheelbarrow, batteries; safety was stressed as the most important issue.

Cache Peak: Lorraine Genzmer reported the National Trails day event on June 6 was rained out. The chapter has a work project scheduled packing out wire from the Castle Rock State Park. Two new forest service rangers are attending the CPBCH monthly meetings.

Eagle Rock: Lane McVey reported the chapter had a Fun Day at Connie Bowcutt's. The chapter had a ride at Spencer. Several new members attended the work party at High Canyon Trail. ERBCH adopted this trail a few years ago. The trail is used by horse riders, hikers and bicyclists. Their chapter has received a FS grant for Water Canyon; the trails have heavy use near Palisades Creek Trail. ERBCH organized a work party to tear down an old bridge.

Heartland: Linda Hemminger reported their chapter had a Trail Clinic and a Mountain Trail Challenge in June. HBCH has a work project on Council Mountain, the Desary Cabin Trail head and a trail work project on the Arling Trail near Donnelly, Squaw Butte BCH is partnering with HBCH with this work project. The chapter has had several trail rides this summer.

High Desert: Susan Lehman reported the HDBCH chapter has been having their monthly meetings/potlucks at member's homes. Susan initiated a chapter web page: www.highdesertbch.org. A FS ranger has been attending their meetings, same FS ranger for Cache Peak BCH. HDBCH has been working with the Off Road Association and the Geo Cache Club cleaning the North Rim. They filled five dumpsters with trash. The National Trails day event on June 6 was rained out. It is rescheduled for August. Porcupine Springs Campground work project in June involved working with the FS as a trail maintenance project and to build a horse riding loop and trailer parking that doesn't require reservations. Liberty Pipe in Jerome donated materials for new corrals and a hitching rail. HDBCH has several trail rides and campouts scheduled for the summer.

North Central: Don McPherson reported NCBCH has 138 members. Their chapters had a work party on National Trails day on the Lochsha. Their chapter has made a significant impact on many trail heads and trails with weed spraying in both the Nez Perce and the Clearwater National forest districts. The chapter weed sprays on four wheelers, by foot or by packing with mules and horses. The weed spraying is the main source of income for their chapter. NCBCH installed two feed bunkers at Big Fog Saddle.

John's Creek Trail trailhead on the south fork of the Clearwater River is a work project that the chapter starts at both ends of a 15-20 mile trail loop and the chapter members work they way inward doing trail maintenance. Eleven chapter members attended the Defensive Horsemanship training class in Grangeville. NCBCB had an information booth at the Rapid River Fish Hatchery for the Free Fishing Day for kids. Don is a Resource Advisory Committee member for the Clearwater RAC. NCBCB has been granted \$400,000 in grant money; \$150,000 will be allocated in September for a construction project of a trailhead that Don has been instrumental in attaining for the work project.

Panhandle: Karen Kimball reported that their chapter is looking at a new direction with work projects. PBCH has been clearing and cleaning trails located closer to town. PBCH cleared trail at Fourth of July Pass. They have weed spraying projects planned for the summer months and a trail clearing project at Red Ives in September. PBCH has a Trail Challenge scheduled for September 19. The PBCH chapter gave a farewell party for the Lionbergers who will be truly missed!! Karen reminded everyone to wear safety equipment during work parties.

Priest River: Terry Steiner reported the PRVBCH chapter members participated in an Equine Safety class and a chainsaw certification class. PRVBCH public events for the summer were the PeeWee Creek Poker ride in June with 115 participants and a Trail Challenge scheduled in July. The chapter has scheduled trail rides the first Saturday of each month in the summer months. PRVBCH sponsored a LNT booth at the Priest Lake Free Fishing day for Kids with approximately 220 kids and their parents visited the PRVBCH information booth. The chapter's work project on Memorial Day weekend involved approximately 100 volunteers from several organizations clearing 100 miles of trails. On National Trails Day, PRVBCH had a LNT booth at the Pend Oreille Winery in Sandpoint. The Bike poster was part of the display. 300-400 people visited the booth.

Salmon River: Val Johnson reported the SRBCH chapter has several summer rides scheduled on their calendar. The chapter has a work project near Leadore with a boundary fence of the BLM and private land removing the barrier for wildlife. John Burns reported on the importance of wearing safety equipment on work projects: Helmet, gloves, long sleeve shirt, chaps, etc. and suggested on every BCHI chapter ride or work party every chapter should have a safety meeting to discuss who will be responsible for carrying the first aid kit, chaps, chainsaw, etc.

Sawtooth: Pati Sprague reported the STBCH chapter has developed a web site: www.sawtoothbch.org. Their chapter work projects have been mostly with chainsaw work opening trails. They had a breakfast ride and their chapter has been sending a representative to attend the land developer meetings in their area.

Selkirk Valley: Bud Bailey reported SVBCH has purchased a chainsaw and built pack boxes to carry the chainsaw, shovel, ax, etc. Summer rides and work parties include Ruby Ridge near Snyder Guard Station, Camp Nine, and Callahan Creek. The Rummy Creek trail rebuilding has been put on hold due to two wolf dens in the area. Work parties are scheduled to pack in water into work sites for the USFS in Boundary County. Another work project is the Trail Creek Trailhead for rebuilding the parking area, build corrals and hitching posts using well casing and to rebuild the creek crossing.

Squaw Butte: Rob Adams reported the Cascade Ranger District Trail Day project was cancelled due to standing water, it has been rescheduled. Another work project is scheduled in September with the Payette National forest to install signs. Members of the SBBCH attended a Wilderness First Responder class for advanced first aid in the backcountry. Several SBBCH members completed a chainsaw certification class.

Their chapter sponsored a Backcountry Skills Clinic in March. SBBCH and HBCH will be participating in a combined trail project. SBBCH has been very successful in recruiting new members. The chapter encourages potential members to attend a chapter event and meet members of the group. Rob stated the BCHI calendars and the Lifeflight memberships have increased their memberships in the SBBCH chapter.

Twin Rivers: Rod Parks reported the TRBCH sponsored a chili ride and the poker ride scheduled for early May had to be moved to another location due to snow levels. The chapter had a work project at Feather Creek on the Palouse district. TRBCH built two stock access gates at Corral Creek in the Nez Perce National Forest. Work project in the Umatilla Forest in Washington state-TRBCH moved wire fencing in a wilderness area. The FS reimbursed TRBCH for their work project. TRBCH adopted a cabin, and installed new hitching rails, and at Billy Creek installed new corrals. Kids Camp-TRBCH made it a requirement for the Kid's camp registrants (children), the parents had to become members of TRBCH.

Treasure Valley: The chapter has a scheduled work project on the Crooked River to pack in explosives to remove rock. The chapter sponsored an Education clinic /obstacle course. Another work project is to post a sign on the More's Creek summit at the horse camp site to recognize TVBCH for their volunteer work at the site. TVBCH has been asked to assist with the mustang roundup at Challis to offer a pack demo and to provide foster care for a mustang. Wendy Coome and Ken Nungesser attended a State Legislature meeting in June regarding the future allocation of RAC funds.

Radios for chapters - will be discussed at the November BOD meeting

State Liability Insurance for BCHI Public Events- Dorothy Bailey, state secretary presented the following proposal regarding the BCHI liability insurance: BCHI should enact/adopt a state wide policy for submitting the public events and BCHI chapters are responsible for paying for those events that are submitted after the insurance renewal deadline.

Proposal

1-Each chapter needs to be accountable and responsible for submitting their public events for the next calendar year by the established deadline. The chapters will receive a three month notice to submit their public events for the upcoming calendar year prior to the November BOD meeting and prior to the insurance renewal deadline.

2-If a BCHI chapter has not submitted their scheduled public events for the next calendar year by the November BOD meeting there is an additional \$45.00 per day insurance fee for the public event and the additional insured charges of \$20.00 for each event for the party that is listed (FS, govt agencies, BLM, ranch, residence, fairgrounds). The payment of the additional fees is the responsibility of the individual BCHI chapter to pay for the coverage of the insurance premium.

Annual Schedule of Events Open to the Public Form: Each BCH chapter should complete the form and send the form to the BCHI secretary. The BCHI secretary will submit the completed BCHI Annual Schedule of Events Forms to the BCHI Insurance carrier. **The deadline to submit this form is by the November BOD meeting.**

The state secretary would send the Annual Schedule of Events Open to the Public Form by email to each BCHI chapter in August, September and again in October (3 reminders) for submitting their public events that are scheduled during each calendar year of Jan 1, (2010) through Dec 31, (2010) and if a chapter submits a public event after the deadline, the chapter will be responsible for the additional costs- of \$45.00 each day of the event and the \$20.00 fee for the additional insured.

Each BCHI chapter is limited to two public events annually (each calendar year) between Jan 1, 2010 through Dec 31, 2010. If there are more than two public events, the chapter is responsible to pay the \$45.00 per day insurance fee for the public event and the additional insured charges of \$20.00 for each event for the party that is listed (FS, govt agencies, BLM, ranch, residence, fairgrounds).

Definition of sponsored BCH public events:

The annual insurance policy includes coverage for Public Event Days. Public Event Days are defined as those events or activities to which non-club members and/or the general public are invited or reasonably expected to be present. Standard rating includes one day of setup and one day for takedown per event.

The BCHI Insurance carrier's definition of a 'Public Event Day' is ANY BCHI activity that is open to non-members (the public) which includes all trail rides, poker rides and work parties, as well as pack clinics, fun days, fund raisers, etc. where stock is involved such as a packing clinic...and it is an event that the chapter is sponsoring (for example, not a parade in which you are participating). Again that is ANY event put on by Back Country Horsemen of Idaho and/or its Chapters which a non-member may attend. **Please notify the state secretary of any changes such as additions and cancellations to ensure adequate coverage.**

Cancellation of a public event: If one of the BCHI chapters has to cancel a public event due to inclement weather, and they need to reschedule the event, contact the state secretary as soon as possible.

The state secretary is required to notify the insurance company by the following Tuesday (at the very latest) to reschedule the public event and have the certificate of insurance reissued. Motion made by Rod Parks to adopt the statewide policy for submitting BCHI public events and BCHI chapters are responsible for paying for those events that are submitted after the insurance renewal deadline. Seconded by Terry Steiner. Motion carried. The proposal was voted on and was adopted.

BCHI membership and Liability Waiver- See attached template of the liability waiver at the end of the minutes. Dorothy Bailey will email a copy of this waiver for each individual chapter. Print the liability waiver on the back of your chapter's membership application. BCHI encourages each chapter to have new members read and sign this waiver when they join a BCH chapter. BCHI encourages each chapter at the annual membership renewal to have the chapter's members read and sign this waiver. Marybeth reviewed liability waiver forms she received from five chapters. ERBCH's form was the most comprehensive and was selected for the BCHI state liability waiver.

John Burns suggested on every BCHI chapter ride or work party every chapter should have a safety meeting to discuss who will be responsible for carrying the first aid kit, chaps, chainsaw, etc. Motion was made by Rod Park for the BCHI Board of Directors to approve this liability waiver and to send a copy to each chapter and strongly encourage every chapter to use this waiver for all new memberships and have all chapter members sign this waiver for all annual membership renewals. Seconded by Terry Steiner. Motion carried.

Bike Poster: Phil and Kay Ryan presented a list of 120 Idaho Bike shops/bike clubs that have been sent a BCHI Bike poster to post in their store as a bike/equine educational poster. State directors: please make a follow-up visit to the bike shops in your local area. Dorothy Bailey will be sending a copy of the original letter of introduction/ endorsement to each of the chapters for their review. A copy of the bike poster on a CD will be sent to each chapter to allow the chapters to make additional copies, please deliver a CD to your local Forest Service Ranger district and encourage the FS to post the poster at trailheads. *The poster is also available on the BCHA website at: www.backcountryhorse.com/trail_bike_poster.pdf*

Each BCHI chapter received three copies of the bike poster at the BOD meeting and an Idaho Equine Act sign purchased by BCHI.

Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council: Phil Ryan reported that BCHI joined this group two years ago, he attends their monthly meetings. There are 28,000 Sportsmen's members who include several members who are involved in hunting and fishing related activities- it is important that we remain involved in this organization. They will be conducting an analysis of public lands, if any lands become closed to public hunting and public access the organization will be promoting the land issues for public access. The Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council's web page address is www.idahoscac.org and the site is also available on the www.bchi.org webpage listed under Links.

Education Report: Kay Ryan presented the Education report from Marybeth Conger & Dale Schrempp- Unfortunately neither of us are able to attend the July Directors meeting, so please accept this report. Dale is now retired from the USFS, but is continuing to volunteer to put on Defensive Horsemanship. There have been volunteers teaching some of the Defensive Horsemanship concepts at either chapter meetings or other public presentations. This demonstrates our commitment to safety.

Chainsaw certification put on by the Forest Service is continuing across the state so we can get and keep those trails cleared. It sure would be nice if the USFS could adopt a national Chainsaw Certification to get more consistency. Several Packing clinics have been put on by various chapters promoting Back country Skills and Ethics.

These demonstrations also help the organization to grow. One chapter went to Cabella's to discuss light weight camping and food techniques along with hands on packing with Woody, the pack mule. Still working on getting Horse Sense on our website, which is not the easiest technical task. At the last directors meeting we asked each Director to get with the chapter and ask what the State Education Program could do for them.

So far we have heard from 2 chapters but would like to receive more input. Feedback has been in the following areas:

- 1-What's the easiest way to get information from the Education manual?
- 2-Can I get a copy of the Horse Sense DVD?
- 3-Should we get a current list statewide of all the Master Trainers and Certified Train the Trainers? Are these folks still interested in training when the need arises?

So please email us with your input. Until next time, continue to have fun out there, educate yourself and others, and always find time to ride.

IHC Coloring Book-Val Johnson made a motion for BCHI to sponsor two pages of the coloring book at \$50.00 per page, for a total of \$100.00 and we should include our BCHI mission statement on the coloring pages. The \$100.00 for the coloring book pages should be allocated from the Education budget. Phil Ryan will contact Bonnie Shields if she would create the coloring pages for BCHI. Ron Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Broomtales Report: Marilyn Rousher reported the deadline for the next issue is October 7. Please send articles for the newspaper on the "Word" computer program and send the article to Marilyn as an attachment. Please send her chapter reports or your chapter newsletter. When you submit photos for the newspaper please include the names of the people in the photo, listing names left to right, the location, date and the name of the photographer. The BCHI Broomtales newspaper has been approved by the Postmaster General to be designated as a nonprofit status newspaper which results in a 50% reduction in the cost of producing the newspaper.

National Director's Report: Val Johnson reported BCHA adopted the BCH of Idaho bike poster. Kandee Haertel is the BCHA director of Development. She has requested for chapters to send published news articles of their BCH chapters to BCHA. If any of the chapters has media coverage at any events or any newspaper articles published in local newspapers; send a copy to Rod Parks and he will forward the article to Kandee. Rod Parks reported BCHA will be working with the Wilderness Society in developing Management plans. Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief USFS is involved with the Right to Ride legislation. Historic/Traditional Use Rides-most likely to only include horse riders and hikers and involving other user groups. Rod stated the key is for BCHA to partner with other agencies. A training session will be provided in the future for the BCHI Board of Directors.

Recreational Trail Programs: it is beneficial to BCH chapters to send letters to their congressmen to help with future funding. BCHA has been updating their website.

If you would like to receive automatic BCHA email alerts- you can sign up for the alerts on the home page of BCHA. The BCHA webpage address is: www.backcountryhorse.com

BCHA has a new recruiting display- if your chapter would like to use the display, BCHA pays for the shipping one way, and your chapter is responsible for the shipping costs to send to another chapter or back to BCHA. 2008 BCHA volunteer hour's value is \$6,600,000. BCHA will be attending the fall meeting of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The 2010 BCHA meeting will be held in Branson, Missouri in April 2010. Rod reported Walmart will donate \$250 for every 20 hours of volunteer service performed by the employee, to a nonprofit organization whom the employee is a member of. (Example: BCH member/ Walmart employee who has performed volunteer hours on a BCH chapter work party) Each chapter should check if any of their members are employees of Walmart.

Public Lands Report Phil Ryan reported Bernie and Sherri Lionberger are moving to Montana. Phil Ryan and all the BCHI officers and state directors would like to personally thank Bernie and Sherri for all the work they have done for BCHI over the years and they will certainly be missed. Phil appointed Gary Towle as the BCHI Public Lands Liaison.

Discussion regarding a gift for the Lionbergers. Gretel Kleint stated BCHI should be consistent with the amount that is allocated for gifts for recognizing individuals of the BCHI organization. Karen Parks suggested for PBCH to discuss and make a suggestion for a BCHI gift for the Lionbergers. PBCH please report back to Phil Ryan.

Life Flight Report-Phil Ryan reported BCHI purchased 700 Lifeflight memberships in 2009. There are only 11 memberships that are available out of the 700 that were purchased.

Recruitment PowerPoint for BCHI- John Burns asked the state directors what is the target audience that we want to focus the recruitment presentation, who are we trying to recruit for BCHI membership, targeting multiple community groups (Rotary, 4H, USFS informational). Who are we trying to present a presentation for those who are interested in joining BCHI? John asked for each state director to ask their chapters who in their local areas would be the target groups, those that are potential members to join BCHI and share this information at the November BOD meeting. Raenette Didier will send a copy of the Montana BCH PowerPoint presentation to the 15 BCHI chapters to review.

November State Convention Report- Twin Falls- Bonnie Stacy reported the BCHI BOD meeting will be held on November 13 at the Idaho Fish and Game office in Jerome, and the BCHI State Convention and Banquet will be held on November 14 at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls. A photo contest will be held at the convention and BCHI Heroes will be honored at the convention.

Bonnie distributed Convention packets to each chapter- State directors, please share these packets and the convention information with your chapter members. High Desert will be having a silent auction instead of a live auction. It is voluntary for chapters to donate silent auction items. High Desert BCH will have a raffle for three items.

First place prize- a Traefer Grill, second place prize is an 8x12 wall tent, and third place is a pair of leather chinks handcrafted by Vivian LaRue, a member of High Desert BCH. Raffle tickets are available to sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please contact Bonnie Stacy for tickets to sell in your chapter area.

The State Convention information and application will be posted on the BCHI website.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Recreational Trails Program is due to expire if not reauthorized by congress.

WHEREAS this program has provided significant funding for trail construction and maintenance on public lands.

WHEREAS the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho has an interest in the construction and maintenance of said trails both as users and cooperative maintainers of recreational trails.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho encourages our congressional delegates to support the reauthorization of the Recreational Trails Program.

Submitted to BCHI, Board of Directors by the Priest River Valley Chapter, BCHI(Terry Steiner, delegate)

Val Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution. Raenette Didier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Phil Ryan encouraged the state directors to review this Resolution with your chapters and encourage your chapter members to write letters of support of this resolution to our state congressmen. The American Horse Council supports this resolution. Phil Ryan will submit this Resolution to the Idaho State Congressmen.

Chapter Issues:

Phil discussed the Owyhee Initiative Corporation (Owyhee Public Lands Management Act of 2008 to protect the Owyhee Wilderness area in southwest Idaho) Mike Crapo specifically asked BCHI to serve as the representative for the equestrian group of the corporation. Phil Ryan is on the Board of Directors. Phil asked for a volunteer to serve as an additional member. Ken Nungesser volunteered to serve on the Board of directors. The Owyhee Initiative Corporation web site is www.owyheeinitiative.org.

Raenette presented information regarding Phil Foster, NC BCH Public Lands Liaison reviewed the Allison-Berg and Kelly Creeks Allotment regarding sheep grazing and its Environmental Impact statement regarding the No Grazing Alternative. Phil Foster responded with writing a letter to the Forest Service stating outfitters, hunter and other recreational stock users ride and camp in the area. To not allow any grazing would affect the use of equine use in the area.

Agenda for Nov 2009 BOD meeting: Topics are:

2010 Outdoor Show Report

PowerPoint BCHI- John Burns

Radios for Chapters- Bill Conger,

Wavier Liability form- did the chapters use the one provide by the state or what do they use

Form for submitting information for the 2011 calendar photos

IHC Coloring Book

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy Bailey, Secretary