



# Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

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## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME, AFFILIATION, AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Squaw Butte Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho (Chapter) as established in Emmett, Idaho and approved by the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho (BCHI) in March, 1992.
- Section 2. The Chapter is an affiliate of BCHI and the Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) and shall operate under the laws of the State of Idaho as a non-profit, educational organization.
- Section 3. The purpose of the Chapter is:
- 1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness,
  - 2) to work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use,
  - 3) to assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource,
  - 4) to educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage,
  - 5) to foster and encourage the growth of BCHA.

### ARTICLE II

#### MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Members shall be any individual (18 years of age or older), family, or associate (business or organization) who is interested in promoting the purpose as stated in Article I and, to be considered in good standing, has paid membership dues. An associate member shall receive all newsletters, literature, etc., without participating in the physical activities of the Chapter.
- Section 2. The Chapter shall maintain a minimum of 15 dues paying members to be affiliated with BCHI and BCHA. If the dues paying membership falls below 15, the affiliation with BCHI and BCHA becomes inactive. Paid members become members at large.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **DUES**

Section 1. The Chapter shall fix such dues as are necessary to meet expenses of carrying out its business and functions.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **STANDARD OPERATIONS**

Section 1. The Chapter business and membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. The Chapter shall use *Robert's Rules of Order* as the operating guide to conduct business in all matters not in conflict with the Chapter Constitution and Standing Rules. A simple majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting may suspend their use at that meeting.

Section 3. Ten (10) voting members in good standing (members) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting. Three (3) Board of Directors (Board) members constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

Section 4. The Chapter shall develop a "Standing Rules" document to govern the daily operations of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Members shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members shall elect the following directors: two (2) State Directors, one (1) Alternate State Director, one (1) Foundation Director, and one (1) Alternate Foundation Director.

Section 2. All officers and directors shall be members in good standing throughout their elected terms.

Section 3. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President.

Section 4. Committees shall be formed as necessary to conduct the Chapter's business. As a minimum, there shall be a Nominating Committee and an Audit Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **VOTING**

Section 1. The power and authority of the Chapter shall be in its assembled voting members.

Section 2. Individual members shall be entitled to one (1) vote and families shall be entitled to two (2) votes on all matters voted upon during a regular or special meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ELECTIONS**

- Section 1. All Chapter officers and directors shall be elected at the regularly scheduled December meeting. The term of office shall be the next business and membership year following the date of the election.
- Section 2. No Chapter officer shall hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms. There shall be no limit for service by the State Director. The Foundation Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.
- Section 3. Any vacancy in any office other than President shall be filled for the balance of the term through an election held at the next regular meeting. The President's position will automatically be filled by the Vice President.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

- Section 1. No member shall make a financial commitment for the Chapter without prior approval from the membership.
- Section 2. The Board can approve expenditures within the budget approved by the membership.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. Any Chapter officer or director may be relieved of their duties, either for or without cause, by an action initiated by the Board or the membership. Notification of a pending action shall be made at the regular meeting preceding the meeting where the action is to take place.
- Section 2. 1) Board: Recommendation to remove a Chapter officer or director requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board. The recommendation shall be announced to the general membership assembled at a regular meeting.
- 2) Membership: Two (2) or more members may initiate the removal process by making a request at a regular membership meeting.
- Section 3. The vote shall be held at the next regular meeting. The officer or director shall be entitled to hear the charges against them and address such charges before the Board, the membership, or both before a call for the vote.
- Section 4. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members present is required to remove the officer or director.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

- Section 1. Any member may be removed from the Chapter for failure to abide by the Chapter's Constitution and Standing Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of voting members present at a regular or special meeting. The member agrees to turn over any Chapter equipment in their possession upon removal.

Section 2. Members designated for membership termination are entitled to hear such charges against them and are entitled to address such charges before the call for membership vote.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter provided that notice of such proposed amendment(s) is read to the assembled members at two (2) consecutive meetings.

Section 2. Approval of such change shall be by motion and approved by a majority vote of the membership present.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### RATIFICATION

This Constitution document, as ratified on this 1st day of December 2005, hereby supersedes all previous Constitution and Bylaws instruments of the Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen. In witness whereof, the undersigned make these amendments to the existing Constitution and Bylaws instrument of the Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen, as passed by the membership present at the 12/01/2005 regular meeting.

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John Bush, Chapter President

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Kay Ryan, Chapter Secretary

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