

**November 13, 2009  
BCHI State Directors Board Meeting  
Twin Falls, Idaho**

Phil Ryan, State Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Phil thanked the High Desert BCH chapter for hosting the meeting in Twin Falls. BCHI 2009 state membership was 890 in March 2009, memberships in September totaled 1052 members. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call- all chapters were present except North Idaho. The minutes from the July 2009 BCHI BOD meeting were read and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gretel Kleint gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Terry Steiner to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gary Towle. Motion carried. Gretel gave each chapter a BCHI Dues Reminder form- each chapter's dues for 2010 are calculated on your membership list as of 12-31-09. Make the check payable to BCHI and send with the form she distributed to each chapter by 01-31-2010, send to Gretel's address.

**Life Flight Report:** Kay Ryan reported in 2010 there is a fee increase for Lifeflight memberships.. Individual memberships will be \$35.00 and a family (husband, wife, immediate family) will also be \$35.00. THERE WILL BE A 25 FAMILY MINIMUM, BUT NO BLOCKS OF 100 ARE REQUIRED. If your chapter has less than 25 members, your chapter is covered as the BCHI group. Sections of Eastern Idaho may not be covered by Lifeflight network. BCHI chapters in eastern Idaho should contact LF to check if their region is covered by LF Network. Each of the BCHI chapters has a designated contact person for the Lifeflight Network program. The names of the chapter contacts have been sent to Carol Huteson, Lifeflight Network Coordinator in Boise. Lifeflight Network will be sending each chapter an individual application form with their chapter's name on the application form.

**2010 Twin Rivers Outdoor Show Report:** Karen Parks reported the 2010 Outdoor Show in Lewiston is partnering with the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce. The Outdoor show will be held at the fairgrounds March 26-28, 2010. The Lewiston Chamber of Commerce would like to move the Outdoor Show in June 2011 to the Hell's Gate State Park and the event may include vendors for user groups including archery, fishing, helicopter events, mountain bikes, etc. TRBCH will host a Dutch Oven Cook off and a BCHI Packing Clinic. See information regarding the event at [www.inlandnorthwestoutdoorshow.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestoutdoorshow.com)

**State Liability Insurance for BCHI Public Events:** Dorothy Bailey encouraged the chapters to submit the *Annual Schedule of Events Form Open to the Public Form* by the end of today's BOD meeting. If a BCHI chapter has not submitted their scheduled public events for the next calendar year by the November 13,2009 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, gov 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.

**BCHI membership and Liability Waiver-** BCHI encourages each chapter to have new members read and sign the liability waiver when they join a BCH chapter. BCHI encourages each chapter at their annual membership renewal to have the chapter's members read and sign this waiver. Discussion regarding guests on BCHI chapter rides: rides that have guest riders are considered public events and require liability insurance certificates. The chapters should encourage the guest(s) to join the chapter on the day of the ride. The BCHI membership has numerous benefits, LifeFlight, Broomtales and BCHI newsletters.

**Radios for Chapters:** Bill Conger reported SBBCH sent a request to the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission and received permission to use the VHF channel for the EMS frequency. VHF frequencies can't be used without authorization from the State. This frequency can only be used for contacting EMS.

If a chapter wants to request the VHF frequency information from the State, contact Bill Conger and he will send the information to your chapter. Once your chapter has been approved to use a VHF frequency, your chapter should hold a training session for the members to learn the operations of the radio. BCHI strongly encourages and recommends for each chapter to purchase a radio which enables Lifelight to locate an injured person in the backcountry. You can also program the radio on the other channels for your chapter communication needs for work parties. Steve Didier reviewed the definitions of VHF channel frequency radios, spot locators and emergency beacon signals.

**Broomtales Report:** Debbie Samovar presented Marilyn Rousher's Broomtales report which included information about the nonprofit status designation for the newsletter which includes return services and a new format of the newspaper (govt regulations). Please forward all addresses changes to the State secretary who maintains the current membership list of all BCHI members for the mailing list for Broomtales and the BCHA newsletters. There have been several newsletters that have been returned to the Salmon PO Box office, without a forwarding address, etc.

Solutions to reduce printing costs and returned newsletters (cost was \$70.50 from returned mail for the Oct 09 Broomtales issue) to the BCHI mailbox in Salmon:

- 1- Update BCHI mailing list three times a year.
- 2- NCOA (National Change of Address System) - An organization sends the membership mailing list to this service, old addresses are purged. The state secretary would send the BCHI membership list on the Excel spread sheet to the Burley Reminder, they will initiate the NCOA.
- 3- Request that each secretary of the fifteen BCHI chapters send a current membership list to the BCHI state secretary by March 1, June 1 and October 1 each year in the current BCHI membership excel spread sheet format.

Karen Kimball emphasized the importance of renewal membership applications and encouraged the state directors to remind all of our members to complete their renewal membership applications in its entirety with their current address and have each member/family members sign the liability waiver.

Raenette Didier suggested Marilyn should write an article about the BCHI bike poster for the BCHA newsletter or forward the Broomtales article about the bike poster to BCHA.

**National Director's Report:** Rod Parks reported that he sends the Executive BCHA meeting minutes by email to the state directors/state officers- and asked the state directors to share the minutes of National Director's meeting minutes with your chapters. BCHA has 27 state organizations and several affiliates. Rod thanked Steve Didier for his dedication, service and support for horsemen across the nation and for our state organization as the BCHA Public Lands Chair. The new Public Lands Chair is Barry Reiswig of Cody, WY. Val Johnson reported the BCHA Foundation will be discussing in-kind donations in comparison to cash donations. 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](http://www.backcountryhorse.com)***

**Education Report:** IHC Coloring Book: Phil Ryan thanked Bonnie Shields for donating a mule picture and Elise Dix for donating the picture of horses on a highline for the Idaho Horse Council Coloring book. Raenette stated the Horse Sense DVD has been converted to various media formats and thanked Steve Didier for his expertise with the conversion. There is a link to preview the DVD on the BCHI website under Education with 10 minute increments. The Horse Sense VHS was created by Steve and Raenette Didier and Don and Loraine McPherson. There is additional link on UTube: Pets and Animals, key words are horses or horse and mule packing. Marybeth Conger reported the Education Committee is developing a list of Idaho LNT trainers (both Masters and Certified Train the Trainers) in order to build a directory for BCHI who are still willing to train. When we get requests for LNT training from individuals, chapters, or even the state we could use this directory to help coordinate LNT Training. Having this list will also identify regions in Idaho where there may be a need for a Master trainer. Please notify Marybeth if your chapter has LNT trainers.

Marybeth and Dale will be contacting the chapters regarding the chapters 2010 upcoming education programs and post these on the BCHI website under the activities calendar. This will give chapters the ability to view any BCHI educational programs available in their region and throughout the state.

**Trailer Stickers:** Wendy Coome from TVBCH presented information about the User tag for horse trailers for a livestock recreation fund that would only be allocated for equine activities. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is divided into six regions. The amendment of the bill would create an Advisory Board (appointed by IHC) to determine who would be the recipients for grants for equine projects, examples such as trail projects, building and improving trails and equestrian opportunities on Idaho Public lands. Wendy is asking BCHI chapters to support the proposal. Cost would be \$15.00 per sticker per trailer. Wendy would send updates on the draft of the Bill to the state directors. This bill is supported by the Idaho Parks and Rec Dept and the Idaho Recreational Council. The BOD had a discussion regarding that in the bill there should be a clear definition of what defines a stock trailer. Whit Whitham made a motion for BCHI to support the concept of the trailer stamp. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

**HDBCH Porcupine Springs Campground Project:** Scott Nannenga, from the Minidoka Ranger District, USFS presented a Power Point presentation on the 2009-2010 joint project with the High Desert BCH and the USFS in the Sawtooth National Forest. The project involves building four overnight horse units for camping. The project should be completed within the next 9-12 months. The HDBCH chapter provided a delicious lunch with BBQ chicken, pork, Dutch oven spuds and side salads.

**Recruitment PowerPoint for BCHI:** Raenette Didier sent a copy of the Montana BCH PowerPoint presentation to each of the 15 BCHI chapters to review.

The BOD voted unanimously to allocate money from the BCHI Education fund and use the format from the Montana BCHI promotional video, insert new photos and wording on the PowerPoint slides describing the photos images. Steve Didier volunteered to create a Power Point presentation for BCHI. Debbie Samovar will send the calendar photos to Steve and he asked the chapters to send 2009 summer and fall pictures to him by CD in the mail, please don't send the photos by email. Loraine Genzmer will contact a songwriter from Idaho Falls.

BCHI would like to thank John Burns for his efforts in the presentation he developed and presented at the 2008 BCHI State Convention. The BCHI BOD recognizes there will be a different product needed for different audiences. If anyone would like a copy of the wonderful pictorial of the BCHI photos, please contact John Burns.

**Public Lands Report:** Gary Towle reported the Owyhee Initiative proposed wilderness area boundaries are not defined as of yet. BCHI will be involved in the travel management plan and the implementation of posting signs.

**Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council:** Phil Ryan reported that BCHI joined this group two years ago, he attends their monthly meetings. There are 30,000+ Sportsmens' members. 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](http://www.idahoscac.org) and the site is also available on the [www.bchi.org](http://www.bchi.org) webpage listed under Links. Recent discussion regarding the landowners that own greater than 640 acre tracts of land and permits that are issued for elk or deer hunting on private land.

**Gift for the Lionbergers:** Phil presented to the BOD a metal art sculpture that will be given to Bernie and Sherri Lionberger for their outstanding years of service and dedication to BCHI.

**Bike Poster:** Robbin Schindle has received outstanding compliments from several organizations throughout the United States about the BCHI Bike poster. He is developing a new poster for hikers: the poster has a bear imposed on it instead of a cougar. ***The poster is also available on the BCHA website at: [www.backcountryhorse.com/trail\\_bike\\_poster.pdf](http://www.backcountryhorse.com/trail_bike_poster.pdf)***

### **Ways and Means Report-**

Debbie Samovar and Dorothy Bailey developed a form 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. Mark Bogar 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 had a work project at Jenny Lake Trail and are planning in 2010 a 30-40 mile ride in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area to improve trails and work on cabins at a ranch in the wilderness area.

**Cache Peak:** Lorraine Genzmer reported their chapter has several new members. Their chapter had rides at the City of Rocks and Castle Rock. There are two new Forest Service Rangers and they attend the CPBCH membership meetings. CPBCH adopted the Ranger Trail as a work project.

**Eagle Rock:** Lane McVey reported their chapter had a fall ride at Harriman State Park. ERBCH had a work party with the USFS removing old bridge abutments at Palisades Creek. They received a grant for the Water Canyon work project improving main switchbacks. ERBCH adopted the Tie Canyon Trail, the USFS is proposing to install hitching rails and improve the trailhead. Tie Canyon was slated by the USFS to be eliminated as a public trail.

**Heartland:** Linda Hemminger reported their chapter adopted the Council Mountain Trail; their chapter offered a Trail Clinic and a Mountain Trail Challenge in June. HBCH has a trail work project on the Arling Trail near Donnelly. The chapter has had several trail rides this summer

**High Desert:** Bonnie Stacy reported the HDBCH chapter work project as the Porcupine Springs Campground, building four horse corrals for overnight camping. The Rim View Trail is the chapter's adopted trail, the USFS had a controlled burn and the trail is not deteriorated. HDBCH had three work projects and three overnight campouts.

**North Central:** Don McPherson reported their chapter has made a significant impact on many trail heads and trails and roadways with weed spraying in both the Nez Perce and the Clearwater National Forest Districts. The weed spraying is the main source of income for their chapter. NCBCCH cleared windfalls on a loop trail. Roger Inghram, one of their members is an actively involved in the stewardship education program with the USFS. He has conversations with hunters, hikers, horsemen in the wilderness and discusses minimal impact, weed seed free hay and shares BCHI information with multiple user groups.

**Panhandle:** Karen Kimball reported their chapter worked on the Marie Creek Trail clearing the trail from deadfalls, and packed in 400# of fertilizer for a meadow. The PBCH chapter cleared two trails at the Red Ives Ranger Station and stained siding on a historical building. PBCH had several trail rides and a Trail Challenge event in September.

**Priest River:** Terry Steiner reported the PRVBCH chapter had the Peewee Creek Trail Challenge event in July and in September they had a work party at Hughes Meadows and PRVBCH packed in supplies for an eighteen mile loop USFS project.

**Salmon River:** Marcella Hendricks reported the SRBCH chapter hosted a pack Clinic at the Salmon Mule Sale in April and the chapter members volunteered as side riders for 60 horse riders at the Whitewater Therapeutic Riding Clinic. SRBCH worked on the Nez Perce Trail and had several chapter summer and fall rides.

**Sawtooth:** Jo Heiss reported the USFS provides personnel to clear trails in their area. Sawtooth BCH has a new web page. Problems identified with the BLM management plan in Blaine County master recreation plan are specific to user groups. The plan may revert back to specific user groups on certain trails.

**Selkirk Valley:** Bud Bailey reported the SVBCH chapter provided pack animals and horses to transport USFS personnel and their chainsaws to Keno Mtn. At the drop off point, the USFS personnel hiked 12 miles on foot to clear deadfalls on the Goat Mountain trail. Divide Lake work project- hauled 1200 pounds of water (150 gallons) for IPNF (Bonners Ferry District) USFS. Trail Creek trailhead work project in August tractor work was completed in the parking area and the old log landing was dismantled and restacked for burning at a later date. The USFS rebuilt the trail relocated the creek crossing for easy access across the creek bed. Highland Flats Snowmobile Park work project: plan to install hitching posts/rails. SVBCH is working with the Snowmobile club. Our chapter had several summer and fall rides.

**Squaw Butte:** Rob Adams reported the SBBCH chapter had a successful ride and campout at Grandjean. USFS gave training sessions on First Responder and Sawyer classes. Trail work projects at Bull Trout Lake, Yellow Jacket bridge project and cleared 15-20 miles of trails. SBBCH had two public events: Backcountry Skills Clinic and a Packer Play Day

**Twin Rivers:** Rod Parks reported the TRBCH had a successful Kid's Camp with 27 participants. TRBCH cleared a 5 mile loop on the feather Creek trail. Their chapter made a recommendation to the USFS to reroute a section of the Milk Creek trail due to a boggy section in the trail. At Joseph Creek, the chapter worked on leveling out a parking area, installed a hitching rail and welded a stock access gate. TRBCH adopted a cabin on Craig Mountain and cleared a fire brake around the cabin. At Hell's Gate Park, the horse area at the park was turned into an archery area and the chapter relocated the hitchrails.

**Treasure Valley:** Whit Whitham reported the chapter teamed with the Boise and Squaw Butte chapters at the Horse Fair and Horse Expo. TVBCH had a trail clinic at Thistle Ranch, a trail clearing project at Whoop Em Up, packed tools for the USFS, had a group brand inspection for members and cleared several trail this summer.

## Proposals from chapters/discussion

***Rob Adams presented this proposal to the BOD, the instructors of the Packing clinic would be BCHI chapter members. Discussion included that SBBCH should organize the logistics of the clinic. The BOD supported the proposal.***

### Proposal

The Squaw Butte Chapter of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho presents the following proposal to the state board of directors.

WHEREAS: One of the prime mandates of Backcountry Horseman is providing educational opportunities for our members.

WHEREAS: Opportunities for attending comprehensive multiday packing skills clinics are limited and can be expensive.

WHEREAS: Backcountry Horseman of Idaho has a number of members with extensive packing experience and a developed curriculum for such a clinic.

BE IT PROPOSED: That Backcountry Horseman of Idaho sponsor and hold a five day Wilderness Packing Clinic open to members of Backcountry Horseman of America. The first Wilderness Packing clinic will be held adjacent to the Sawtooth Wilderness at the Grandjean trail head and campground in August 2011.

Submitted to BCHI, Board of Directors by the Squaw Butte Chapter, BCHI  
(Rob Adams & Mary Beth Conger delegates)

### **Details of the Proposal:**

Backcountry Horseman of Idaho Wilderness Packing Clinic BCHI host a five day wilderness packing clinic open to members of Backcountry Horseman of America. Attendees will at the end of the clinic be able to safely and confidently pack and transport a variety of loads from a trail head to a destination. They will be able to travel and camp in the backcountry with minimum impact using LNT techniques, produce hearty meals and maintain healthy stock.

The BCHI mentors will guide the attendees through a curriculum that is both fun and comprehensive. Some of the items covered will be:

- The function and fitting of the pack saddle and its' uses
- How to make up loads that will ride
- How and why to tie different hitches
- How to safely lead a string of mules or horses
- How to deal with hard to handle pack stock
- "Leave no trace" methods of livestock camping
- Basic back country first aid for livestock and humans
- Backcountry meal planning and preparation
- Traditions and history of packing in the in backcountry

**Location:** This inaugural clinic will be held at the western gateway to the Sawtooth Wilderness at the Grandjean trail head and camp ground. This facility located in Boise National forest next to the head waters of the South Fork of the Payette River provides outstanding stock camping facilities, and is a perfect venue to learn the skills needed to pack into the Sawtooth Wilderness.

**Time:** The clinic is planned for August of 2011

**Costs:** There will be a \$250 fee for active members of Backcountry Horseman of America to attend this clinic. The fee is required at pre-registration, and certified weed free hay will be available for purchase.

What will be provided by BCHI: Training material, mentors, a variety of loads to train with and a rich history of packing experience to draw from: Community Meals will be provided. A very limited number of training pack stock will be available.

What Attendees need to provide: Camping gear for both Trailhead and a backcountry overnight? Riding stock, pack stock if they have it and all required tack and stock containment for use at the trail head, and a highline for the over night.

**Sponsors:** Backcountry Horseman of Idaho, US Forest Service Boise National Forest

**Logistics:**

1. Special Permits to hold the event at the Grandjean Trail head from the Boise National Forest
2. Certified Weed free Hay for stock
3. Base camp wall tent to serve as clinic office
4. Potable water
5. Preparation of training materials (assist mentors)
6. Clinic kitchen for preparing meals
7. Porta-Potties for the duration of the clinic
8. Food for attendees' and staff at the Trail head Camp
9. Food for attendees' to pack in and cook during their overnight
10. Packing Mentors
11. LNT mentors, Forest Service presenters, cross cut training
12. Advertising in the State and National news letters, maybe national magazines
13. Support and Logistics staff
14. On site EMT

**Costs:**

1. Travel, food and forage expenses for staff and mentors
2. Food for attendees
3. Certified Weed free hay will be provided for sale at cost to attendees.  
Number of bails attendees need will be indicated at early registration.
4. Backcountry meal kits for the attendees overnight meals.

**Chapter Support:** Squaw Butte will take the lead on providing the logistics for this first five day clinic

**Other Chapters:** Mentors and other staff positions

**Misc:** As envisioned this clinic could support 20 Attendees slots. A slot could be a single person or a couple assuming that couples will work as a team. If successful in 2011, it is envisioned this clinic could become an annual or biannual BCHI event and move to other locations around Idaho.

***Marybeth Conger presented the following proposal.***

### **Proposal**

The Squaw Butte Chapter of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho presents the following proposal to the state board of directors.

WHEREAS: One of the purposes of Back Country Horseman is to assist the various government, state, and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

WHEREAS: Doing trail work to insure that public lands remain open for recreational stock can be expensive.

WHEREAS: Back Country Horseman of Idaho acquired some net monies as a result of the calendar sales in 2009.

BE IT PROPOSED: that Back Country Horseman of Idaho set aside a total of \$3,750 to reimburse chapters for Trail work activities. Each of the 15 chapters could request reimbursement up to 250.00.

By the Squaw Butte Chapter, BCHI  
(Rob Adams & Mary Beth Conger State Directors)

Details of the Proposal:

This fund could be transferred to the Foundation who would then handle the reimbursement details or remain with BCHI to handle the reimbursement.

***Discussion was to designate an amount from the calendar sales towards a legal fund instead of reimbursing chapters for trail work activities.***

**Calendar updates from chapters** Phil reported 99% of the comments from the calendar sales are positive. Debbie Samovar reported the calendar photo committee selects the photos for the calendar based on constructive feedback from the 2010 calendar. Mark Bogar reported on the calendar's improvements for the selection of prizes for 2010. The chapters need to send the photos in the correct format to the calendar committee. Each chapter was given the Photo submission form for the 2011 calendar, deadline to submit the photos is May 1, 2010. Discussion regarding to continue the calendar sales for 2011 will be presented to the BCHI delegates at the State Convention.

**Web Site Update:** Raenette Didier will be the contact person for submitting articles and information on the BCHI website. Each chapter's secretary could submit the information from their chapter that they would like posted on the webpage to Raenette.

**2010 March BOD meeting** will be hosted by North Central Idaho BCH, March 13, location to be announced.

**2010 July BOD meeting** will be hosted by Priest River Valley BCH July 10, 2010 at Peewee Creek Trailhead, Priest River, Idaho

Meeting adjourned at 1630 pm  
Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Bailey, Secretary

