

BCHI Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2010
ATK Training Center Building, Lewiston, Idaho

Phil Ryan, State Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Mike Burghammer of CCI/Speer gave a presentation of their business history and an overview of their ammunition products, power loads and related products for law enforcement, military and the public. CCI/Spear has been very supportive of BCHI at the annual Outdoor Show in Lewiston.

Phil thanked the Twin Rivers BCH chapter of Lewiston for hosting the meeting, and the delicious Dutch oven lunch prepared by the TRBCH chapter. New state directors were introduced: Al Simpson from Salmon River BCH and Marcy Ott, Alternate State Director from Selkirk Valley BCH. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call- all chapters were present except Cache Peak, High Desert, North Idaho and Sawtooth. The minutes from the November 2009 BCHI BOD meeting were read and approved as written. Dorothy presented the 2009 BCHI Annual Report. She reported the BCHI Insurance carrier renewal date is now Feb 15, instead of May 21.

Treasurer's Report: Gretel Kleint gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Terry Steiner to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ken Nungesser. Motion carried. Gretel presented the proposed March 2010 to March 2011 BCHI budget. Motion made by Terry Steiner to accept the proposed budget. Seconded by Rod Parks. Motion carried. Phil announced Gretel will be retiring as the BCHI state treasurer and thanked her for ten years of outstanding service and dedication as the state treasurer of BCHI.

Broomtales Report: Marilyn Rousher reminded the state directors and chapter presidents to submit articles about work projects and chapter events for the Broomtales. Rod Parks made a motion to post the Broomtales newsletter on the BCHI website. Robbin Schindele seconded. Motion carried. Debbie Samovar reported she has been working with the Burley Reminder to help reduce the mailing costs of the newsletter with the NCOA (National Change of Address System) that will eliminate duplicates and incorrect addresses. For the next mailing she will be adding a key code specific to each chapter on the address label.

National Director's Report: Rod Parks reported on issues for discussion at the National Convention in Branson, MI in April: One state hasn't met the conditions of participation of the BCHA bylaws. The BCHA Public Lands Committee will be developing a DVD for BCH organizations that helps guide the process of contacting the state legislators. Rod forwards all of the information he receives from BCHA to all of the 15 chapters in the state. Rod encouraged everyone if you send an article about your chapter to Broomtales, to also send a copy to BCHA for the national newsletter to Peg Griewe, BCHA executive secretary, email address: peg2@mashell.com. The BCHA web site is: www.backcountryhorse.com

Complimentary mailings lists for the BCHI and BCHA newsletters:-Rod Parks discussed the chapter lists of the complimentary names that receive a copy of the Broomtales or the BCHA newsletter. Each chapter needs to review the agencies and make a decision regarding which agencies they would like to receive the newsletters and send the names of the agencies to Dorothy Bailey, secretary by May 1. The BCHI state secretary will send a reminder to the chapters twice a year in January and October to review the complimentary mailing lists for the Broomtales and the BCHA newsletters.

Criteria determined by the BOD for the Broomtales complimentary mailing list: Idaho Governor, Idaho Congressmen: Mike Crapo, James Risch, Walt Minnick and Mike Simpson and the Idaho House and Senate State Legislators, USFS Ranger districts in Idaho, and consider County Commissioners.

Criteria determined by the BOD for the BCHA of America complimentary mailing list: Idaho Governor, Idaho Congressmen: Mike Crapo, James Risch, Walt Minnick and Mike Simpson, the two regional US Forest Supervisor offices in Ogden and Missoula, possibly BLM and Parks and Rec offices.

Education Report: Dale Schrempp reported that Marybeth Conger manages the training manuals on the state website. Dale submitted his request to resign his position as the BCHI Education Co-Chair. Phil Ryan and the BOD directors thanked Dale for his years as service as the Education Co-Chair for BCH of Idaho. BCHI would like to recruit a BCHI member from one of the northern chapters. Contact Phil Ryan if you know if anyone is interested.

Mountain Manners Booklet: Raenette Didier reported that this brochure is available on the state website. Each chapter can print off the booklet on legal size paper, and take it to a print shop, Staples, Kinkos, etc and print on bright colored paper. The information is tailored for a younger audience such as 4H or scouting groups.

BCHI events: Rod Parks suggested the BCHI chapters should post their planned chapter events such as rides, work projects on the BCHI website. Gary Towle suggested if BCHI receives information about events such as rides, fundraisers from other equine organizations or BCH groups from other states we should encourage those groups to purchase an advertisement in the Broomtales newsletter to promote their event.

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, assisting with the marking of the established boundaries and the implementation of posting signs.

Robbin Schindele and Rod Parks attended the initial Trail Coalition advocacy organizational meeting to address trail management in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness area to identify trail maintenance projects with several user groups. Those attending included Trout Unlimited, Fishermen and Anglers, BCHI, Idaho Trails Council, Wilderness Society, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho legislators, and USFS and several other agencies. Next meeting will be April 8 in McCall at the Payette Ranger District office. The Bob Marshall Foundation will collaborate with those attending the coalition meeting in April. This is an excellent opportunity for BCHI as a support group for packing in materials on trail projects. Raenette Didier suggested BCHI should submit an article on the Trail Coalition involvement in the next Broomtales and BCHA newsletters.

Boy Scouts of America: Marlene Schafer, the BSA District Executive discussed developing a BCHI partnership with the Boy Scouts with involvement in community service projects, such as trail clearing and cleanup of campground sites. BSA files a trip permit and has its own liability insurance coverage. The Boy Scouts in the Lewiston area are planning at least 4four camping trips this year. Rod asked Marlene to send Mark Bogar the contact names of all of the Idaho Boy Scout Districts. The BOD was very supportive of the BCHI and BSA partnership.

Ways and Means- Mark Bogar reported that he has received several phone calls from chapters that had difficulty selling calendars, problems identified were due to the economy, cost of the calendar and several businesses that give away free calendars. Several of the chapters discussed the difficulty of selling the calendars in their local area.

Ways and Means- Four chapters still owe money for the calendars that they have not been able to sell. Robbin Schindele created two promotional posters for selling the calendars. Several chapters posted these signs at feed stores, vet offices, liquor stores and grocery stores- the poster can be posted on any public bulletin board, there is a blank space on the poster for a chapter to place a contact name and phone number. Mark reminded the BOD that we should all share in the responsibility of the number of calendars/chapter and to encourage the members of all of the chapters to sell calendars.

Suggestions about the 2011 BCH calendars:

Whit Whitham suggested printing the previous year's winners on the back of the calendar. Rod Parks suggested that chapters can list the calendar with a checkbox on the chapter's membership application. Wayne Nishek suggested members to purchase calendars for gifts for family and friends.

Beth Wykle suggested keeping a list of those who purchased calendars the previous year and call them when the newest calendar is available to purchase. It was recommended to stitch the raffle card to the month of January, instead of locating the raffle card half way in the calendar.

Mark asked the chapters at this meeting to commit to the number of calendars for their chapter- delivery of the calendars will be at the July BOD meeting in Priest River.

Chapters:

Boise	65	Priest River	80
Cache Peak	not present	Salmon	75
Eagle Rock		Sawtooth	not present
Heartland	75	Selkirk	45
High Desert	not present	Squaw Butte	300
North Central	200	Treasure Valley	150
North Idaho	not present	Twin Rivers	300
Panhandle	200		

The BOD discussed the photos that are selected for the BCHI calendar. Potential guidelines should include a horse photo as the main monthly photo. Rod Parks and Robbin Schindele will work with the Photo committee to help develop the photo selection guidelines. Mark asked the chapters to consider new ideas as a fundraiser for BCHI. Anita VanGrunsven suggested future fundraisers should be focused on the BCHI mission statement. Anita offered the information from Heartland regarding planning a Trail Challenge. The Heartland chapter has a Trail Challenge scheduled for June; the information is available on the Heartland website.

Reports from Chapters/Up Coming Events:

Boise: Gary Towle reported the chapter has rides scheduled at Hidden Springs, Bruneau Sands Dunes, Whoop Em Up, and Bear Creek at Fairfield, Horseshoe Bend and Avamore. They have a work project in July for 10-14 days with the Fish and Game restoring and cleaning remote cabins.

Eagle Rock: Connie Bowcutt reported their chapter will have a Spring Fling in May. Rides planned are at Stoddard Creek, Elk Creek, a pack in ride at Soda Springs, and a ride at Harriman State Park.

Heartland: Linda Hemminger reported their chapter will have a Mountain Trail Challenge in June at Al Becker's. Helen Glidden will teach a two day trail class. Rides planned are Deseret Cabin Trailhead or Council Mountain to clear the trails, a work project at Arling trail to install signs. A bridge project with the Cascade Ranger District is scheduled at Stone Meadows. The chapter is planning monthly rides throughout the riding season.

Heartland: Jean Revaul has been representing HBCH at the Payette Forest Coalition on recommendations to the Payette National Forest concerning logging biomass project study to insure they consider turning closed roads into loop trails for non motorized and to consider these trails as they formulate the plan.

North Central: Beth Wykle reported their chapter work projects include Pittsburgh Landing corral repair in March, trail maintenance at John's Creek Loop in April, Black Lake Trail install puncheon in the Seven Devils in September. Chapter rides: Carr Ride in May, Gospel Hump Chapter fun ride in August, Weed spraying in the Selway and Lochsa in June. The chapter also has individual projects for their members with the Red River Ranger District performing campsite inventories for the Frank Church and Gospel Hump Wilderness Areas in August. During hunting season Sept, October and November NCBCCH participates in a Trailhead stewardship at the Orogrande and Red River Ranger Stations. NCBCCH is involved in work projects assisting with packing supplies in partnership with the Selway Bitterroot Foundation. Three projects in July are the Moore Creek pasture fence, Meadow Creek cabin re-shingle/corral work project, Surprise Creek Puncheon pack support for smokejumpers and in September a pack support project for the Fish Lake Cabin. North Central BCH will be hosting the November BOD meeting and the BCHI State Convention on November 5 and 6th in Grangeville.

Panhandle: Karen Kimball reported their chapter presented a three session map, compass and GPS program with hands on training. PBCH had a ride at Fish Trap in March; Farragut State Park ride is planned for April. Work projects for the summer include weed spraying on their chapter's adopted trail at Marie Creek, and two other projects, Lost Creek and Red Ives.

Priest River: Terry Steiner reported the chapter will host a defensive horsemanship certification class in April. Any BCH member of the North Idaho region is welcome to attend- for those interested contact Dale Schrempp or Lou Lemieux at the chapter. There is work parties scheduled with the Priest Lake Ranger District in May, July, and August and in September. A poker ride scheduled in June, a trail challenge in July. PRVBCH will be hosting the July BOD meeting at the PeeWee Creek trailhead. Activities and entertainment are planned for the BOD meeting. Julie Copley will be catering lunch and dinner. The chapter will have highlines set up for anyone bringing horses/mules and a few loaners will be available for riding the trail system. Julie will be asking for RSVPs on the meals by mid June- info will be sent out to chapters in the near future. Don and Kim West are new members of the chapter. Don is a State Parks and Rec Ranger for Priest Lake.

Salmon River: Al Simpson reported the chapter will be hosting the Annual Easter ride in April and a Packing Clinic at the Annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale at the fairgrounds. Work projects include Wagonhammer Trail clearing in May; Cougar Point Trail maintenance in June and on National Trails Day, SRBCH will assist the Whitewater Therapeutic Riding Association with preparation for fundraiser/trail ride at the Eagle Valley Ranch. The chapter is planning monthly rides throughout the riding season.

Selkirk Valley Wayne Nishek reported the chapter in February and March had a series of three GPS classes. In April a six hour Back Country First Aid Class is planned for chapter members and also a Packing Clinic and a class in Emergency Hoof repair and in May a USFS Chainsaw Certification Class. The chapter is planning monthly rides throughout the riding season. Our chapter has work projects scheduled with the Bonners Ferry Forest Service on Grouse Mountain (camp August 8-14 with the Sierra Club), Myrtle Creek and Goat Mountain, and packing in lumber and paint to Shorty's Peak, replacement signs for Boulder Meadows and the Orville Heath trail.

Squaw Butte: Robbin Schindele reported the chapter has monthly Night Rides playing cowboy polo in an Indoor Arena. A Fun Ride is scheduled at the Snake River Birds of Prey. Members of Squaw Butte will be manning a BCHI information booth at the Sportsmen Show at the Boise fairgrounds. In April the chapter will have a Wilderness First Responder First Aid Class at the Emmett Ranger District office.

Squaw Butte: Events in May: Hwy 52 Spring Cleanup, NSFS Sawyer Certification Class, Backcountry Skills Day -Defensive Horsemanship and Beginning & Advances Stock Packing - SBBCH Trails Projects in June at the Peace Creek Trailhead, Boise National Forest and the Payette Forest Signing Project- two locations in the Council & Hitt Mountain areas. Horse Camping Weekend at North Fork of the Boise, Deer Park area, East of Idaho City. SBBCH Trails Projects in July include the Arling Trail, West Mountain – Wilson Corrals trail head. Trails Projects in August that are planned are the Kennelly Creek. There are a number of trails in the area with rides to Needles and Blackmare summits and the Warm Spring Guard Station near Lowman. The project is to refurbish the Guard Station and grounds and a new trail are a team effort with other BCHI chapter and the Lowman Ranger District. There is a newly designated non-motorized trail across the highway from the Guard Station that is mostly an old logging road which the Lowman Rangers just got cleared through NEPA to begin work on. September SBBCH Trails Projects- Yellow Jacket TH - located south of Warm Lake, Cascade ID and in the Sawtooth Wilderness –Grandjean. October Fun ride - Triangle Peak Lookout, near Smiths Ferry. October Packers' Play Day, October Highway Clean-up, Wild Rose Park, Hwy 52 - Fun Ride –in November Diamond Basin, Owyhee Area.

Treasure Valley: Ken Nungesser reported the chapter will have a trail clean up/Fun Ride at Wilson Creek. In April trail ride planned at Bruneau Sand Dunes. The chapter will help host the Horse Expo booth in April. The chapter is hosting a Pack Clinic in May. The chapter plans on scheduling a work party to clean the trail at Crooked River. In July TVBCH will pack in materials for the roof repair at the 44 Cabin and work on trail clearing at Bear Valley/Bernard Lake.

Twin Rivers: Rod Parks reported at the March Outdoor Show in Lewiston TRBCH will host a Recreation Hands on Packing clinic and the Dutch oven competition. Work projects for the summer months include a Fish and Game project at Green Creek, removing old fencing at Red Bird Canyon, the chapter has applied for a grant to tear out hazardous barb wire and to replace the fencing. In August TRBCH will pack culverts and gravel for the USFS. The chapter has adopted a cabin on Craig Mountain and plans on building a picnic shelter at Hellsgate state Park. Other work projects are Bob Mountain road to replace the loading ramp, and the July Kids Camp. Rides are planned at Red Bird Canyon, and an annual chili ride and a Poker ride at Asotin Creek in May.

Trailer Sticker Update:

Discussion at this BOD meeting: It was identified by a majority of the BCHI chapters that the BOD did not receive information about the trailer stamp bill regarding a proposed user tag for horse trailers for a livestock recreation fund that would only be allocated for equine activities, 30 days prior to the November 2009 BOD meeting. The state directors did not have the opportunity to discuss the information with their chapters. The state directors discussed the Trailer stamp proposal with their chapter after the Nov BOD meeting and several of the chapters throughout the state do not support the draft bill. The BCHI BOD consensus at this meeting was that the membership of BCHI does not support the concept of the Trailer Stamp legislation. The current draft of the bill is not what was presented at the November 2009 BCHI BOD meeting. Phil Ryan, Chairman will send a letter to the Idaho Horse Council explaining the position of the BCHI chapters and why BCHI does not support the current draft of the bill.

Panhandle BCH presented a three page position letter regarding the trailer stamp to the BCHI chapter prior to this BOD meeting.

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

Resolutions, proposals and chapter issues.

Treasure Valley suggested teleconferencing of board meetings. It was concluded after discussion the consensus of the state directors that the BOD meetings are a great networking opportunity for the state directors throughout the state

Robbin Schindele made a motion for the state directors of BCHI to continue the BOD meetings three times a year. Motion seconded by Gary Towle. Motion carried.

Heartland lead a discussion regarding the calendar sales and designate an additional amount of the sales back to the chapters or place some of the sales into another type of BCHI fund.

Mark reminded the chapters that the chapters support the state organization and that we need to continue to build our state treasury over the next several years. Anita VanGrunsvan informed the BOD that the USDA has dropped the Animal ID system.

North Central: Raenette Didier informed the state directors she is now a member on the Board of Directors on the Idaho Horse Council, along with Whit Whitham and Connie Bowcutt. Raenette will be sending information from the IHC to the BCHI state directors and the directors can determine what information is pertinent to share with their chapters. The IHC coloring book will be issued in July. Raenette volunteered to present at the July BOD meeting a proposed rotation system of the BOD meetings and a rotation system of the annual State Convention, alternating locations between the north and south chapters. Gary Towle and Linda Brooks, Boise BCH offered to host the 2011 Spring BOD meeting.

Hiker Poster- Robbin Schindele has developed a Hiker poster. He distributed one of the posters to each of the chapters present. He will be sending the Hiker poster electronically to Idaho wilderness areas, USFS districts offices, and backpacking magazines. Raenette Didier made a motion to accept this poster as a state BCHI poster and post it on the BCHI website. Wayne Nishek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rod Parks will present the BCHI Hiker poster at the BCHA National Convention in April.

2010 BCHI State Elections

Slate of officers:

Phil Ryan, Chairman

Mark Bogar, Vice Chairman

Val Johnson, National Director

Rod Parks, National Director

Terry Steiner, Alternate National Director

Dorothy Bailey, Secretary

Nancy Kay Ryan, Treasurer

Robbin Schindele made the motion to accept the appointment of Nancy Kay Ryan as the state Treasurer. Rod Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried. The checking account requires two signatures and the second signature will be Mark Bogar, BCHI Vice chairman. The BCHI state officers and state directors at the BOD meeting agreed Phil Ryan, Chairman will no longer be the co-signer for BCHI. Motion carried. Robbin Schindele made a motion to accept the 2010 slate of officers by acclamation. Wayne Nishek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reminder for all of the chapters if anyone has a chapter proposal or resolution – send the information to Dorothy the state secretary by June 1, so that the chapters will have the time and opportunity to have discussions at their chapter meetings prior to the BOD meeting in July.

Topics for July10, 2010 Board meeting, hosted by PRVBCH at Peewee Creek Trailhead, Priest River

-Rotation of BOD meetings and the rotation of the annual State Convention alternating locations between the North and south chapters

-Trailer Sticker legislation

Meeting adjourned at 1645 pm

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy Bailey, Secretary

