

**BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2010
Grangeville, Idaho
Hosted by North Central BCH**

Mark Bogar, State Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Mark thanked the North Central Idaho BCH chapter for hosting the meeting. Guests and alternate state directors were introduced. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call. All chapters were present except Cache Peak, Eagle Rock, North Idaho and Sawtooth. The minutes from the July 2010 BCHI BOD meeting were approved as read. Dorothy reminded the chapters to submit their Annual Schedule of Public Events form by the end of this BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Ryan gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Robbin Schindele to accept the treasurer's report as corrected. Seconded by Gary Towle. Motion carried. The BOD had a discussion regarding the BCHI Education funds. Mark asked for volunteers to form a committee to review the Education Grant fund. Committee members are Jack Lamb, Karen Parks, Kay Ryan, Gretel Kleint, and Raenette Didier. This committee will meet in the future if needed.

Trail Classification Standards Update: Steve Didier reported on the TCS program available on the BCHA website: www.backcountryhorse.com. He encouraged and recommended the state directors to take this information to their chapters. Each chapter needs to develop a TCS committee of three to four members and review the two hour PowerPoint or video TCS training program, Parts 1-5 for the chapters to learn about and understand the process. Chapters can present this program as a computer PowerPoint presentation or as hardcopy handouts.

**www.backcountryhorse.com
Back Country Horsemen of America
Trail Classification Assistance Program
TRAINING PROGRAM
To Assist BCH Chapters Monitor Implementation of
the Forest Service Trails Classification System**

- PART 1 WHY WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED**
 - PART 2 UNDERSTANDING THE KEY TRAIL FUNDAMENTALS**
 - PART 3 SUGGESTED APPROACHES FOR OBTAINING AND VALIDATING DATA**
 - PART 4 EXAMPLES OF RATIONALE THAT WE MAY RECEIVE IN RESPONSE
 TO OUR INQUIRES**
 - PART 5 THE PLANNING PROCESS**
- TCS Training Reference Package**
Trail Fundamentals and Trail Management Objectives

Rod Parks will distribute the list of the trails to each designated chapter. If there are any trail systems that are not on the map- the chapters should review these with the USFS District Rangers. If you find any discrepancies, talk to your local USFS district office and ask them what process did they use to arrive at the change in trail classification (prior to the meeting with the USFS district office, each chapter should review the TCS education materials).It is our responsibility to make an effort and to help negotiate any differences with the USFS and if your chapter is unable to resolve a discrepancy on a neutral basis contact the BCHI Land Chair, report any discrepancies to the BCHI State Lands Chair, then these will be forwarded to the BCHA National Lands Chair.

Steve presented an example of the USFS Trails in Idaho from a spreadsheet of the trails, trail name, number, location, and classification and user groups. Robbin will help sort the file by Forest Districts.

National Director's Reports: Val Johnson reported BCHA is experiencing organizational and funding issues. The BCHA Vice Chair and the BCHA Director of Development resigned their positions. Steve Didier reported on BCHA expansion: an affiliate from Florida and three other states may be applying for state memberships in the future.

Broomtales Report: Marilyn Rousher thanked the chapters for sending articles for the last Broomtales issue. Kudos to the chapters!! Debbie Samovar reported no names were eliminated from the NOCA mailing list for the Broomtales October issue, and she thanked every chapter for sending the name/addresses corrections for the Broomtales.

Ways and Means Report: Mark Bogar led a discussion regarding the 25% of calendar sales that will be returned to the chapters, which is an incentive to encourage the selling of the calendars, but not all of the chapters took calendars to sell. All of the 15 chapters should make a commitment for the calendar sales as a state fundraiser. There are still 230 calendars left from the July BOD meeting and two chapters did not take 2011 calendars to sell. A suggestion was made that an officer of BCHI should visit specific chapters to discuss their commitment to the BCHI organization's annual State fundraiser.

Education Report: Marybeth Conger reported there was a request from the Salmon River BCH chapter for education funds for the training of one of their members as a LNT Master Educator. Marybeth made a motion to approve \$600.00 from the BCHI Education funds to send a member of the Salmon River BCH chapter to attend the Nine Mile Heritage Training Center LNT Master Educator Course in May 2011 in Huson, MT. Seconded by Robbin Schindele. Motion carried. Raenette Didier presented the Idaho Horse Council Coloring Book, available on line at www.idahohorsecouncil.com. Cost is \$5.00 per coloring book.

Forest Service Agreements: Bob Savage reported the new Ranger for the Priest Lake Ranger District is concerned about the Workmen's Comp for the PRVBCH volunteers on work projects. For years the PRVBCH volunteer work was accomplished using a "Sponsored Volunteer Agreement". Under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement the Forest Service considers volunteers as paid employees with regard to Idaho Workers Compensation Insurance coverage. In 2010 the Forest Service strongly recommended that PRVBCH discontinue volunteer work under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement and instead work under a "Challenge Cost Share Agreement". The Challenge Cost Share Agreement does NOT include the provision to cover volunteers with Idaho Workers Compensation Insurance and treats the volunteer organization more as "contractors" rather than volunteers. Chapter members have been diligent to participate in Forest Service training - Chainsaw Certification and Defensive Horsemanship-as required under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement and have a very good safety record over the many years of volunteer work. Bob stated there is a disparity about the USFS personnel not being present on volunteer projects. Raenette stated that each chapter should be negotiating with the USFS on a local level regarding the Volunteer agreements. Karen Kimball, PBCH State Director, recently met with the USFS and the biggest issue with the USFS is that they do not provide an employee on site on PBCH volunteer work projects. Karen was also concerned about the Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Forest Service in relation to Forest Fire protection for the chapter on volunteer chapter work projects. She stated that the USFS cannot commit to liability protection for Forest Fire Protection on BCHI chapter volunteer work projects. The USFS recommended chainsaw certification, chainsaw spark arrestors on the chainsaws, and to carry a fire extinguisher, bucket and a shovel on the PBCH. Dorothy Bailey, BCHI State Secretary presented the following proposal. (From the BCHA Organizational Handbook for new and established BCHA groups, revised edition 2009): BCHA has two specific requirements which must be included in the writing of state by-laws. First, Article I must have a sentence naming the organization which includes the words "Backcountry Horsemen of (your state).

Second, the state organization must include as Article II- Purpose, the five guiding purposes of

BCHA as they are stated in the Constitution of the national organization that were drafted by the founders.

BY-LAWS OF THE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO

BCHI Current Objectives and Purpose:

Article II

Objectives and Purpose

To perpetuate the common sense, use and enjoyment of horses in America's roadless back country.

To assist the various government and private agencies in their management of said resource.

To educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

To foster and encourage the formation of new member organizations and BCHI.

Proposed Amendment:

Article II

Objectives and Purpose

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness,

To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use,

To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource,

To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage,

To foster and encourage the formation of new Backcountry Horsemen organizations.

Submitted by Dorothy M. Bailey, BCHI State Secretary

Terry Steiner made a motion to approve this Amendment to the Bylaws of the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho. Seconded by Robbin Schindele. This proposed Amendment will be presented and voted on by the BCHI Convention delegates at the BCHI Convention on November 6, 2010.

Video Conferencing for BCHI Board Meetings: Ken Nungesser presented the cost of the video conferencing for the July 2011 BOD meeting, date to be determined. The facility fee is \$25.00 per hour. The locations are in Salmon, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Caldwell, Moscow, Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. The BOD discussed the possibility of several chapters in a regional area attend the BOD meeting in a central location to reduce the cost of the facility fees. The BOD discussed if all of the 15 chapters should be responsible for the cost of the use of the video conference facility fees. Val Johnson made a motion to schedule the July 2010 BOD by video conferencing. Seconded by Bill Correll. Motion carried

BOD Meetings: Karen Kimball presented information from the PBCH chapter inquiring if BCHI should have two BOD meeting during the year, instead of scheduling three BOD meetings in a year.

Annual BCHI State Convention: Raenette Didier led a discussion possibly changing the annual BCHI State Convention from November to March or April. This will be discussed with the chapter delegates at the State Convention tomorrow. If the delegates vote to approve this, the next State Convention will be in the spring of 2012, hosted by the Panhandle BCH in Coeur d'Alene. The BOD discussed how can we help to promote chapter level participation at the

State Convention? The BOD discussed the content of the convention, the social and financial aspects. Val Johnson discussed is a state convention necessary. Do chapter members see a direct benefit to them to attend the State Convention? We don't have any proposals from the chapters to be presented to the delegates at the convention. Raenette emphasized BCHI needs to have a Training session for the BOD.

Public Lands Report: Gary Towle reported that BCHI is waiting on the development of establishing the boundaries of the BLM Owyhee Initiative wilderness area.

Owyhee Initiative: Ken Nunguesser reported that the Owyhee Initiative's current project is a science review program involving grazing allotments.

Wilderness Coalition: Robbin Schindele stated there were no updates to report.

2011 Idaho Sportsmen's Show: Kay Ryan has paid \$600 for the booth fees for the Idaho Sportsmen's Show in Idaho Falls for February 25 and 26, 2011 and for the Boise show on March 5 and 6, 2011.

Guests on trail rides and dogs on trail rides: Each chapter discussed if they require guests on trail rides to sign a liability waiver or if they require the person to join the chapter as a member. Five chapters request the guest riders to sign a liability waiver and six chapter request the guest riders to join and become a member of the chapter. Discussion regarding if chapters allow dog on trail rides, related to safety issues: nine chapters do not allow dogs on sanctioned chapter trail rides or on work projects, only one chapter allows dogs on chapter trail rides. It was discussed the restrictions regarding dogs on trail rides should be decided at the chapter level.

2012 BCHI Calendars: The BOD directors discussed the 2011 calendar and typographic errors noted throughout the calendar. Marybeth Conger will email the list of the typos to Mark Bogar. Debbie Samovar submitted the corrections to the publisher and the publisher did not make the corrections, she will follow up with the publisher. Mark Bogar and the BCHI BOD thanked Debbie for her dedication and hours she has spent on developing and producing the 2011 Calendar. Debbie will send the Photo Submission form for the 2012 Calendar to the chapters and provide helpful criteria for the chapter, such as camera settings, etc. Deadline to submit the photos for the 2012 calendar is April 1, 2011. Mark Bogar distributed the list of names of individuals that are interested in additional BCHI membership information from the 2010 Calendar responses. Each chapter should contact these individuals that are located in their chapter's geographic area. Robbin and Kay will research the Idaho Tax Commission Regulations regarding the possibility of selling the calendars on the BCHI website. Gary Towle made a motion to have a discussion at the State Convention: Do the chapters want to continue to support the 2012 calendar sales as a state fundraiser for BCHI. Motion seconded and carried.

Wilderness Pack Clinic 2011 Update: Robbin Schindele gave an update on the progress on the Squaw Butte 2011 BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic, August 14-21, 2011 at the Grandjean Trailhead, Sawtooth Wilderness. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$600.00. If anyone is interested in participating as an instructor for the clinic, contact Bill Conger. Raenette made a motion for the Foundation to reimburse the BCHI Packing Clinic for Education expenses through the Ambassador Program with the \$1700.00 available in grant funds if needed. Seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee for Upcoming State Officer Elections in March 2011: Mark asked for volunteers for the 2011 Nominations Committee. The nominating committee members are Mark Bogar, Val Johnson and Raenette Didier.

2011 BCHI State Officers positions open for nominations:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
National Director
Alternate National Director
Secretary
Treasurer

Topics for the March 2011 BOD meeting in Boise, date and location to be determined in the near future.

- USFS Trail Classifications
- Legal Fund discussion
- July 2011 BOD Meeting Date/Video Conferencing Locations and reserving the site
- Increase in State Membership dues for chapters that don't participate in the calendar sales

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm
Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Bailey, BCHI State Secretary