

SBBCH State Directors Report-

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The following is my report to the chapter from the BCHI Board of Directors Meeting March 23, 2012. It's composed from my notes and recollections. To provide some context, I have included the meeting agenda with my content in blue type posted beneath each agenda item.



AGENDA

March 23, 2012

State Directors Board Meeting

8:00 - Coffee and catch up

Drank coffee, caught up.

8:30 - Call to order - Mark Bogar, State Chairman

8:35 - Roll call and Minutes – Raenette Didier, State Secretary

Of the 15 chapters 3 were not present

8:45 - Director Training modeled after Washington BCH – Raenette Didier

This was a new thing. We were all given a manual outlining the jobs and responsibilities of state directors as well as the state officers. While it was slightly targeted at new directors it was useful and valuable for everyone there. Raenette modeled her training on WA director training manual. Good job. The manual will be posted to the BCHI web site. For anyone who doesn't know Rod Parks (rod.d.parks@gmail.com) is the lead for the BCHI web site. Please send any info you want on the site, www.BCHI.org , to him.

9:30 - Treasurer's Report & formulation of new budget – Kay Ryan, State Treasurer

The 2011 Treasurer's report was approved by the after the normal discussion.

Kay did remark that membership was down to 2009 levels, at that point 907 individuals. There was some back and forth on the coming budget but it was eventually approved with some changes.

10:00 – Break

More coffee, had a smoke.

10:15 - Review Motion Passed at March 2011 BOD Meeting – State Chairman

This was some brouhaha about the purchase of a lap top computer for the secretary's use. The board had authorized ex-secretary to buy a Macintosh laptop for the secretary but she had arbitrarily chosen to purchase a Windows machine. The issue was perceived by many as a hardware issue. It was not. It WAS about following the direction given by the board. When a specific task is given by the board the individual given the task should follow the direction of the board. It is not discretionary. Dorothy's fellow chapter members thought the discussion was going to become an attack on her personally and shut down discussion with a rule of order and called for a vote on accepting the computer purchased. This was seconded and passed by the board.

10:45 - State Insurance Report – State Chairman

Mark Bogar talked mostly about public events and the need to submit insurance requests for public events to the state by the deadline. Events can be added later but to do so means petitioning the insurance company and may involve additional costs. He also mentioned the state is authorized 20 public events a year and he only received requests for 8 in 2012.

There was some general discussion about who is insured and in what circumstances. Mark stated that the insurance we have is liability insurance to cover public events. IT DOES NOT COVER BCHI MEMBERS.

11:00 - Review Video Conferencing – State Chairman

There was much discussion about last year's two BOD meetings via video conferencing. Most were against doing it again, few for it. Those supporting it felt it was a more efficient format in terms of cost and getting business done more quickly Those against wanted to maintain the tradition of face-to-face meetings where we can all sit in the same room and yell at each other.

It was decided to discontinue remote (video conferencing) meetings for the near future.

11:15 - Review Chapter proposals to be presented to Convention Delegates

There were 4 proposals with which you are all familiar:

1. The Panhandle proposal to limit state BOD meeting to twice a year due to costs and to make face-to-face meetings mandatory.

The proposal was withdrawn because the "mandatory face-to-face clause would demand a rewriting of BCHI bylaws. It was decided, however, that in 2012 there will be only two SCHI board meetings. The second will take place September 29, 2012 in Grangeville, ID.

2. The North Central proposal to petition the national organization to eliminate the requirement for 50 copies of each state's annual report be distributed at the national BOD meeting and instead have each state submit an electronic copy to be posted to the BCHA web site passed unanimously.

3. The Salmon River resolution to compel the NFS to "Use all available management means" (meaning chainsaws) to maintain the trails in the Frank Church River of No Return wilderness also passed unanimously. This resolution will be taken to the April 2012 BCHA board meeting for endorsement by the national organization.

Board members who are actively involved in other land use organizations, ISCAC, Sierra Club, Idaho Conservation League, etc. were also tasked with soliciting those organizations support of the resolution. It is felt by the board that if we can get enough people and organizations to support this resolution we can pressure the NFS to perform the job they were mandated to do in the Central Idaho Wilderness Act. There was some talk of this being the beginning step towards a law suit. Steve Didier and Dennis Dailey have done some groundwork on this issue with the national organization.

4. North Central proposal on opposition to closing the Lochsa Historical Pack Station and elimination of the packer position there.

The closing of the pack station is no longer an issue because local volunteers have taken over the management and maintenance of the station and will remain open.. The loss of the packer position and associated stock program is, however, still an issue. The board directed the state organization, BCHI, to send a letter opposing its closure to the regional forested and to state legislators and to request ALL BCHI chapters to do the same. A sample letter will be sent to all chapters as a guideline.

11:45 - Discussion – Candidates to fill Education Chair positions

Nobody stepped up to take this position and it remains open. There was some talk of having co-chairs, as in the past, one for the northern chapter's one for the southern.

12:00 – Lunch

I ate at Burger King.

1:00 - BCHI website – Rod Parks, Website Coordinator

Rod's primary request was that chapters post all their events to the calendar on the state site. He feels like we're a ne'r do well group if there's nothing there when strangers come to visit.

He also said the site has an hours reporting form for the chapters to use. Karen Kimball, Vice Chairman, is in charge of compiling the state numbers and stated all she needs from the chapter is the hours figure. She has a form from national that figures all the rest.

1:30 - Broomtales Report – Marilyn Rousher, Editor

For those of you who don't know Marilyn quit as Broomtales editor earlier this year but was coerced back. Her reason for quitting was that NO ONE SENDS HER ARTICLES! SO as chapters it is our responsibilities to fill the page of Broomtales. It is published 3 times a year and the deadlines are; February 15, June 1, and October 1.

1:45 - National Director's Report – Rod Parks & Val Johnson

Val has resigned as National Director. Rod is resigning as head of the Marketing and Media Committee but remains a National Director. There is a BCHA proposal from WY that BCHA "use every means possible to hire an executive director EXCEPT the executive secretary's salary." The board voted not to support this proposal. There was also talk about a proposed national dues increase (since proven true by recent communications from the BCHA chairman.) The board voted not to support such a proposal.

2:00 -Public Lands Report (North) – Steve Didier

I have no notes.

Mostly talked about the land exchange we discussed a couple meetings back.

2:15 - Public Lands Report (South) – Phil Ryan

I have no notes.

Phil talked about his involvement in the Owyhee Initiative and the statewide opportunity for chapters to work supporting the Selway-Bitterroot, Frank Church Foundation packing for their trail crews.

2:30 -Ways & Means Report (*BCHI calendars*) – Karen Kimball, Vice Chairman

Calendars are doing fine. Always talk about selling, how to sell etc. Each chapter said how many they were willing to accept this year. Squaw Butte is taking 300.

I am now on the photo selection committee and have committed to "tweaking" the large pictures with my incredible Photoshop skills before submission to the publisher.

2:45 - Break

3:00 - Trail Classification Standards Update by Chapter -Rod Parks

Many are finished yet some remain. Most of the chapters have done their job but there are still some forests that need completion, mostly in the North and Rod is working those. Around the country, in other states, results have been very spotty.

3:30 - Horse Council Report – Raenette Didier

Mostly about her activities as a Horse Council Director. She did remind us that every BCHI member is also a member of the Idaho horse Council and encouraged us to get involved where and when we can.

3:45 - Sportsmen's Caucus/Recreation Council – Phil Ryan

I think we know about Phil's involvement with ISCAC. Nothing new that I can remember.

4:00 – Working Partnerships with other Trail User groups – Rod Parks

This was a rambling talk by Rod about being involved with other user groups, nothing to report really. I think Squaw Butte does more of this than most chapters. Partly because we have such charming and persuasive members, but mostly because our proximity to Boise gives us more convenient access to other concerned groups.

4:30 - BCHI End of Year Report & State Volunteer Hours Report – Vice Chairman

You've all seen it. If not contact Karen Kimball, jkkimball01@gmail.com, for a copy.

4:45 - Election of State Officers

I was elected the new National Director for Idaho.

Budget Audit Committee Report

Approved, AND PRAISED, Kay Ryan's bookkeeping for the last year.

BOD topics for July

Nothing

Need location for July and November BOD meeting

As above, there will only be 1 more BOD meeting this year on September 20, 2012 in Grangeville, ID.

March 2013 Convention hosted by Squaw Butte Chapter

Told 'em we're workin' on it. More information to come.