

**Back Country Horsemen of America**  
**Minutes - Executive Committee Conference Call, June 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. PDT**

*\*MSP – Motion made, seconded and passed*

Participants: Chairman Mike McGlenn, Vice Chair Yvette Rollins, Treasurer Don Saner, Executive Committee: Ken Ausk, Alan Hill, Phil Hufstader, Jim McGarvey; Expansion Committee Chair Freddy Dunn; Staff Rick McLean and Peg Greiwe.

**Minutes** – like the expanded format.

**\*MSP to approve and send out minutes with Alan Hill's clarification.**

**Treasurer's Report, Don Saner** – paid monthly bills; concerns budget wise; shortcoming in merchandising; membership dues down about \$1500. Committee budgets on track; keep on eye on your spending.

**Expansion Freddy Dunn,**

Talking to Kim Fortune in New Hampshire; adamant to have BCH in northeast now; have over 3,000 miles of trails. Inquiries from four other adjoining states (ME, MA, PA, NH); would like to have a meeting with a BCHA representative; Freddy talked with Past Chair & Expansion Steve Didier; looking at affiliates from each state; what are the objectives of this group: good strong voice representing the equine community rather than the farm community; issue of pets versus livestock designation; (Yvette will take it to American Horse Council Issue Forum next week; supposedly was taken care of six years ago.)

Mike – move monies from Sr. Advisor travel; add \$1300 to make it \$2000 budget.

Alan – concern that it be our mission rather than other issues; need to have expressions of intent and clarification of issues in black and white. Yvette will dig into this and find out exactly what the issues are; works with Region 9; New England Wilderness Act 2006 does not specifically say to eliminate stock use in Green Mtn area and other areas.

Mike – instruct Freddy to get things documented; not set travel plans in motion; get firm commitment from Kim about what they want and what we want and willing to offer; should have back by July phone call. Report back next month.

**Colorado Training, Don Saner** – went well; 10 hr drive from Jackson; stayed with members; went to their leadership training meeting, patterned after BCH WA; nice handout; several speakers from their boards and Steve Deitmeyer; new chapter; Don made a presentation; CO was extremely happy that we sent someone down there; glad to see that National cared about state organizations; super positive attitude; -bq later; what was BCHA doing for them; waive the national flag and let them know we care; talked to Alan and Al Sammons about talking points; very happy with effort put into communication; perhaps giving them too much; seem to be happy with the direction that National is going and temperament in OR as opposed to past meetings. Assigned driver to him; great to work with. Larry Zauberbis & Julie Chaney were there.

**Executive Director Rick McLean** – Great Outdoors America event and American Horse Council meeting at same time; got over the hump; done a lot of work on legislative side; visited with Paul from TWS; brought Bill Hodge, Director of Southern App Wilderness Stewards in southern TN; Bill is Master LNT instructor (not equine); expert with Xcut saw; 100% on board with getting standardization and rules & regs on saw certification on public lands; M-W booked with meetings and networking opportunities with FS, BLM, Rob Perrin; full week of legislative activities – grandson/Boy Scout going too.

- Sponsorship side – sent out packages to possibles.
- Membership: how do we make BCHA a household word? Handing out brochures and cards to everyone that has an interest in trail riding in this part of the world; Went to Uwarrie Forest and met Larry Blackburn, pres of Uwarrie BCH, went to their meeting; Using local opportunities to keep the travel expenses down and to practice skills.

**Vice Chair, Yvette Rollins** - going to AHC Issues Forum and will talk with Ben Pendergrass with the Pittman-Robertson issue; have gotten feedback from states on Fish & Wildlife stock use; working on paper that will deliver in WDC; will attend FS meeting with Rick on Tues. Will also bring up pets vs livestock issue; will talk to several people from state horse councils on P-R.

**Saws** – training is not universal and “cards” are not recognized throughout the country. MT has Defensive Horsemanship. MT does its own training for own people. FS is trying to limit its liability with saws and defensive horsemanship. Talked extensively with Leslie Weldon and Leanne Martin from FS at NBM OR about the problem. Mike met with Winston Rawl (Region 6). His goal to get the whole system fixed before his retirement September.

Yvette talk to Jonathan Stevens in WDC. Bill Hodge TWS agrees with concern about standardization across the country with the different issues. 90% of people only need buckers. Phil will send Yvette the saw information.

*Hung up because of back feed on call. Returned: Yvette, Mike, Don, Rick, Alan, Phil, Ken, Peg*

**Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference, Yvette** – Alan coming to SETC as presenter; good enrollment and good participation; good speakers.

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**SEKI, Alan** – wonderful to see the collaborative effort; lots of articles, mag, radio, etc., relationship with environmental communities taking lead and then BCHA coming along to respond. Number of people in our organization that got in the middle to the discussion – WA, CO, CA, NM – Less than 6 months from into to signature by Pres; BCHA should be happy and hold chin up high; still going on. Ryan Bell from Western Horseman Mag is going to do some research on this (Mike sent him our joint press release with TWS); CA taking him on trail ride; great job by everyone; thanks to CA for getting it kicked off and get moving.

### **Wilderness Advisor Search – Mike**

Dennis & Mike have talked for past year about a person to put in this position. There are four candidates. Nobody is Dennis Dailey. Each of these people brings a different bit of information to the table. Dennis will help with the transition and stay involved in Trail Classification and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wilderness Act. Thirty day trial; hope to have person in place next week; part time job and paying part time.

**NBM** – received info from Dennis Dailey; Rick

Yvette – having auction and awards on Friday night so people could start traveling home on Saturday.

Rick – days with work week instead of later in week.

**E-Newsletter**, Yvette – trying to work with Bob Badgley.

**Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation Event in Vegas, Alan Hill** – CA wants to have a booth there; would like contribution from BCHA for \$800; CA can swing the rest. Dennis Serpa, Pres of CA, asked for help. Major cadre of people to staff booth. Nevada, Arizona, WY have expressed interest; letter will go out this week. Public Liaison activity – spring of next year; Good opportunity for us to show our flag in their show; Would like EC to support and offer up to \$800 for help.

**MSP\* provide up to \$800 to support BCH CA booth at Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation.**

**Proposal to designate Berryessa-Snow Mtn Conversation Area** – 350,000 to 500,000 acres in CA; BCHCA was initially going to oppose; modifications in verbiage on stock use; currently managed by five different agencies; would be combined into local mgmt. does have support of BCHCA; wants support from BCHA; part is from TWS; has spent several days riding around the area and talking to local units. Wants letter of support HR 5545 from BCHA. Appropriate that we support CA in this phase of the project. Mike will draft letter of support. Rick can work on it next week while in WDC.

**Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation** – five years ago Chuck Miller & Ken Ausk met with a fellow; had a verbal agreement; did a couple work projects with them; have several lawyers on staff. Effort made to contact the new person and no opportunity to discuss it further. Would have good contacts at booth in Las Vegas. Would be good to have MOU with RMEF.

Concluded at 11:05

*Peg Greiwe*

Executive Secretary

### **TO DO:**

**Peg** - Move monies from Sr. Advisor travel; add \$1300 to make it \$2000 budget.

**Mike** – instruct Freddy to get things documented; not set travel plans in motion; get firm commitment from Kim about what they want and what we want and willing to offer; should have back by July phone call. Report back next month.

**All** – Email National Board Meeting thoughts to Mike.

**Rick** – resend NBM comments to Mike

**Peg** – try to reach Bob Badgley this week to get in touch with Yvette.

**Mike/Rick** - Wants letter of support HR 5545 from BCHA. Appropriate that we support CA in this phase of the project. Mike will draft letter of support. Rick can work on it next week while in WDC. Proposal to designate Berryessa-Snow Mtn Conversation Area