

**Back Country Horsemen of America**  
**Minutes – BCHA Executive Committee July 17, 2012 Conference Call**

*\*MSP – Motion made, seconded & passed*  
*See definition of acronyms at end of Minutes*

Chair Mike McGlenn started the call at 9:00 a.m. PDT. Participants: Mike McGlenn, Rick McLean, Tom Thomas, Yvette Rollins, Donald Saner, Phil Hufstader, Randy Rasmussen, Jim McGarvey, Ken Ausk, Peg Greiwe

**Minutes – MSP\* to accept minutes as corrected.**

**Financials**, Don Saner – reviewed reports.

**Wilderness Advisor**, Randy Rasmussen – working on contract that should be in place in a couple days.

Honored & thrilled to join us; worked with Quiet Recreation forum in 2008; lives in Corvallis OR; lived in much of the west; worked as FS Ranger and BLM River Ranger; wilderness management degree from CO, quiet recreation enthusiast; have 4 horses; has represented AHS as West Coast policy mgr; also worked for The Wilderness Society (off road vehicle issues and conflicts); has been consulting with different groups; no one can replace Dennis; knows Alan Hill from Hikes the Hill; half time contract; available and willing to meet with folks and get on ground when needs to.

Have number of things that he will start working on; will be transitioning with Dennis Dailey. Phil invited Randy and his family to go to the Pacific Crest Trail pack trip so he will know the back country.

**Executive Director Report**, Rick McLean – 3 focuses

- Legislative (feels good about the trip to The Wilderness Society in Washington DC; impressed with TWS partnership; strong partner there; believes they value their partnership with us; met with Rob Perrin BLM; written summary of meeting coming; met with NPS, FS, several congressional representatives and American Horse Council Recreation meeting with Yvette; successful trip).
- Membership (Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference) too good to pass up so made trip and paid own expenses; worked out better than he anticipated; prospects for four new chapters, i.e., Kansas, Arkansas, North Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire).
- Sponsorship (falling short of target; lots of leads out there; will be pursuing more in the next couple weeks; good conversations with Jim McGarvey and Carlos Martel and Stephanie McCommon from AQHA, Deb Balliet ELCR-leaving ELCR & moving to NY; not pleased with where he is right now but working forward). Talked to Darley Newman Equitrekking TV program). Ms. Newman was impressed by Alan Hill's BCHA Presentation. Hopefully she will give BCHA exposure on her program. We talked with her about a ride in NC. If she decides to make the ride, BCHA NC members will provide the horses and guide.

**SETC Report**, Yvette Rollins – Rick & Yvette went to SETC; over half of people were BCHA members (200-250); Alan Hill's presentation was very good about BCHA and Civilian Conservation Corps; discussion of taking SETC to national conference; meeting – voted to move to national or international conference with new name; July 30<sup>th</sup> conference call; survey results and evaluations will be included; SETC will be held in South Carolina; national (International Trails Symposium in Arizona in 2013) talk of having this new conference in 2014;

Rick – had youth panel presentation; Mackenzie Beck – invited her to meeting in SD; got a standing ovation in room full of people; moved everyone; Bobbie & Joanne Mitchell will make arrangements to get Mackenzie and her family there.

**American Horse Council Recreation Committee Meeting**, Yvette & Rick – Ben Pendergrass organized forum on legislative contact – **Best - one on one; next phone call followed up with letter; least effective is mass emails – they don't even look at them**; did Hike the Hill and handed out information to aides; talked about Pittman Robertson Act, chainsaws; met with Rick and Jim Bedwell USFS as well as International Mountain Biking Assn; handed out BCHA information packages; liked the document from Phil on saws certification; met with AHC Recreational Committee – 3 priorities funding, P-R Act and trail access. Worth time and effort to go.

Rick – re-enforce about personal contact being invaluable with what we do; met with AHC people and AQHA people; talked to Glenn Petty, Executive Vice President from Arabian Horse Assn and how valuable BCHA is to his endurance riders;

(Mike will try to get in touch with Ami McBride to work on Facebook page with perhaps links to chapters.)

Rick spent time with new Executive Director of IMBA; believe made some inroads and needs follow up.

(Saw Certification in OR – all of instructors are certified and on the ground; training all of chapters. WA about same place as Oregon.)

**Anniversary Celebration Update** – Al Sammons working on photos for anniversary issues.

**Sportsmen's Heritage Act** – this was what we discussed with TWS. This particular act is fairly contentious; we need to look at it; will be talking with Randy Rasmussen and Ben Pendergrass. Need to have better look at this. House has passed but don't think the Senate will pass.

**BCHA National Directory**, Peg Greiwe

**MSP\* to approve the contract with Harris Connect for BCHA National Directory in 2013 at no cost to BCHA similar to 2007 Directory.**

**National Board Meeting Minutes** – ready to send out with dues process explanation.

**Future National Board Meetings** – provide comments of the Oregon meeting to Mike

**Notes:**

- Bob Ratcliffe NPS – changes in budgeting and travel; more difficult to get NPS federal employees to our meeting.
- Frank Church Resolution – BCHA letter has been written to support Idaho position.
- Berryessa letter is ready to be printed and signed.

Adjourned at 10:20.

Peg Greiwe  
Executive Secretary

**Acronyms**

AHS – American Hiking Society

AQHA – American Quarter Horse Assn

BCHA – Back Country Horsemen of America

BLM – Bureau of Land Management

ELCR – Equestrian Land Conservation Resource

IMBA – International Mountain Biking Assn

NSP – National Park Service

P-R Act – Pittman Robertson Act

SETC – Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference

TWS – The Wilderness Society

USFS – US Forest Service

**Agenda**

Minutes of June 2012 meeting

Financials

Wilderness Advisor

Executive Director

SETC Report, Yvette & Rick

American Horse Council Recreation Committee Mtg, Yvette & Rick

Anniversary Update

National Directory

Expansion

Sportsmen's Heritage Act

NBM Minutes

Future NB Meetings