

**Back Country Horsemen of America**  
**Minutes – BCHA Executive Committee Conference Call – October 16, 2012**

Chair Mike McGlenn started the call at 9:00 a.m. PDT. Participants: Yvette Rollins, Alan Hill, Jim McGarvey, Don Saner, Mike McGlenn, Rick McLean, Randy Rasmussen, Ken Ausk, Peg Greiwe, Tom Thomas; not in attendance: Phil Hufstader

**Minutes – \*MSP to approve the minutes of the September conference call.**

**Financials**, Don Saner – looking good; be mindful when spending \$\$.

- Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation Elk Camp donations – received: CO, UT, WA, CA, ID; to come maybe NV, AZ, WY, OR, MT. Rick McLean needs to be there to work the booth; Dennis Serpa in CA in charge. Alan Hill will be there.

**Executive Director**, Rick McLean – attended North Carolina Rendezvous and board meeting; impressed with NC board; approved the Blue Ridge Horsemen's chapter; long conversation with Dr. Gene Wood and national conference from SETC; communicating with reps from National Wilderness Stewardship conference; Jamie Williams of TWS will be there; sponsorships – pretty long tough trail – should focus on national, i.e., Wrangler, Tractor Supply, Circle Y, Ford, - not compete with local chapters and local businesses; had good conversation with Stephanie at AQHA; call with Tractor Supply on a national level.

**Advisor for Wilderness & Recreation**, Randy Rasmussen – attended the Certified Horsemanship Assn (CHA) international conference and met with board of directors; most are trail riders and use public lands; understand our mission; appreciated the items for the silent auction; want to incorporate LNT in day rides training program and need help.

BLM, Eugene OR, environmental assessment on 29 mile trail system that excluded horse users; used IMBA guidelines; BCHA submitted some strongly worded letters opposing this four weeks ago but no response yet, process violated so many of their own regulations and laws. Randy will reach out to them. Possibly precedent setting beyond BLM, could be used by the USFS. Kevin Garden, our attorney, has been involved early on.

**Chairman's Gift to ND's**, Mike – 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary NBM; wants something special and useful and unique; would like to propose that we use the budget from last year (\$15 each) and asks the Exec Comm for a \$50 donation each so can get the upgraded gift. Send check to Peg.

**Dues increase process**, Mike – difficult to get increase in less than three years; would take a recommendation by the Exec Comm to the NB to change the process; can get together a committee to come up with something that makes more sense and present to board next April; Jim McGarvey, Don Saner, Tom Thomas & Peg work on something for next call with language to tweak the process.

**Nominations**, Freddy Dunn agreed to chair this committee; volunteers: Jim McGarvey (GA), Ken Ausk (MT) and Alan Hill (CA).

**Affiliates voting rights**, Mike – need committee to do the study and come back with a recommendation. Doesn't have to be done but need to look at it.

**American Trails**, Alan doesn't have any official words yet on a presentation. (November agenda) They received our proposal and in the review process. Will get back to us. Seemed to be strong support for the concept.

**CoTrails**, Jim McGarvey – important that the idea could be coming to a forest near year; when there are conflicts, this could be way to get over a nasty situation. Already some forests that are thinking about getting all their volunteers working in the same goals. Wants to consider George Bain as a speaker in Rapid City – he was voted land manager of the year; Been in 7 or 8 Region 1 National Forests in his career. Could bring the topic of 40 years from the Missoula region (1). Subtopics: all users are important; Open to the horse contingency while still looking like a diplomat to the other users.

**E-Blast**, Yvette – sent out to about 5,000; working on accurate email list; let her know if you have something for the next e-blast.

Adjourned at 10:09 a.m..

Peg Greiwe, Executive Secretary

**Acronyms**

AHC – American Horse Council

BLM – Bureau of Land Management

MSP – Motion made, seconded and passed

NF – National Forest

TWS – The Wilderness Society

BCHA – Back Country Horsemen of America

IMBA – International Mountain Biking Assn.

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

SETC – Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference

WDC – Washington DC

**Agenda**

Minutes, Financials, Reports – Executive Director & Advisor for Wilderness & Recreation

Discussion: Chair's gift to ND's; Dues increase process, affiliates voting rights, American Trails presentation; RMEF; E-Blast, Nominations Committee, CoTrails

**To Do:**

OK-Peg to Randy - send Randy Louise Caywood and Jane Byram's names for LNT contacts

OK Reminded: Jim McGarvey has two ladies near Tennessee State who are LNT.

OK - Executive Committee – send check for \$50 to Peg for ND's gifts

Peg get constitution, policies, and words from motion for dues increase to committee – McGarvey, Saner, Thomas, Peg

OK-Peg – send to Freddy - Nominations volunteers: Jim McGarvey, Ken Ausk and Alan Hill.

Peg – send to Freddy - EC members whose terms are expiring.

OK Reminded: Jim send brief email and short synopsis of George Bain as a speaker for NBM for Mike's file.

(MOU & partner emails – Peg check;

OK - ask Bob to put a horse on a trail or pack horse)

OK - Website – Peg ask Bob to change Dennis and Randy.

November agenda: RMEF, dues increase process, affiliates voting rights, speakers for NBM, American Trails presentation