



## 2016 BCHI State Convention Annual Business Meeting March 12, 2016, Hosted by Priest River Valley BCH in Priest River, ID

**State Chairperson**, Bob Savage called the BCHI business portion of the Convention to order at 8:30. Passing the mic to Priest River President Jim Mateer, who introduced the English Family Color Guard from the Priest River V.F.W. State Secretary, Debbie Samovar, took a roll call of the chapters. The chapter's voting delegates were also declared. All chapters were present with the exception of Cache Peak and Sawtooth. Minutes from the 2015 Annual Business Meeting were read. Terry Hershey, Salmon River, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Sam Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion PASSED.

**State Treasurer**, Kay Ryan gave the BCHI Finance Report. The balance at the end of April 2015 was \$64,465.48. We had an income of \$45,917.37, expenses were (\$49,102.94) leaving a balance of \$61,279.91 at the end of February 2016. Per the Financial Ad Hoc Committee, we took \$45,000.00 of our funds plus \$5,000.00 from the Legal & Endowment Fund and invested it into 2 CD's, \$15,000.00 for 2 years and \$35,000.00 for 5 years. We still have \$372.52 left in the Money Market account and with the CD's we have \$50,372.72 in dedicated funds set aside. This leaves \$10,907.39 in available funds for activities. Annual dues to BCHA have been paid. Still collecting money for the 2015 calendars. After paying expenses and prizes we made \$13,302.90. For all the years we've sold calendars we have made \$93,820.30. 6 chapters still need to pay for their calendars: Cache Peak, Heartland, Portneuf River, Selkirk Valley, Squaw Butte and Twin Rivers. If they pay today, they'll get their 10% rebate.

We lost our ID State Taxes License this year due to inactivity. The calendars are raffle tickets so no sales tax. BCHA received their 501 (c) 3, thus we lost our 501 (c) 4 designation and are no longer tax exempt. Arleen MacKinnon, Priest River, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Bill Conger 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion PASSED.

**Annual Financial Review** - Gretel Kleint, Heartland, and Raenette Didier, North Central, reviewed the books and said they were in great shape and signed off on them.

**Dues Increase** - Kay Ryan, Treasurer, reported that we charge the chapters \$15 for a single and \$25 for a family. Of that, \$15 of the single membership dues, along with \$18 of the \$25 family memberships goes to National. So we have only been making \$7 from our family dues and this is one of our revenue sources. The SBD at the September 2015 passed a proposal to increase the dues by \$5 for single and family memberships. This means that the chapters would be paying the state \$20 for a single and \$30 for a family membership. The dues that we pay to BCHA would remain the same, thus the \$5 increase would remain with us, resulting in \$17 revenue from memberships. The actual approval must come from the delegates. Per our By-Laws, this would not become effective until the end of 2017 and will be reflected on the bills due in January 2018. So the bills being sent out at the end of this year will still say \$15 for singles and \$25 for families. Sam Duncan, Palouse, made a motion that we accept the dues increase as stated, Terry Steiner, Priest River, 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a roll call vote requiring 2/3rds of the attending delegates approval to pass. 55 Yea's, 6 Nay's, motion PASSED.

**Convention Recognition** – Jim Mateer, President, Priest River, thanked all the volunteers from the chapter who worked hard on putting everything together. Debbie Prater, Ida Mateer and Chris Crossingham for handling all the food and that all of the pastries were hand made. Dottie Yerkes and Mary Schrempp for the centerpieces, table decorations and the room layout. Dale Schrempp for going around to all the merchants for donations and doing the pick-ups. Louise McBride for Photo Contest. Paul McBride for building "The Jail". Arlene MacKinnon and Debbie Prater for registration. Dave Gruber, past President, for arranging lodging, members who put attendees up.

**Chapter and Member Recognition** – Steve Didier, North Central, introduced chapters and members in long standing.  
1985 – March, first recorded meeting of BCHI, member present was Shirley DeCora, Salmon River.  
1986 – March, first BCHI Convention in Libby MT, present were Shirley DeCora, Salmon River and Jim and Karen Kimball, Panhandle.

Salmon and Panhandle were the first two original chapters in BCHI.

May, formation of Priest River, North ID and Heartland chapters and the state newsletter. Present were Paul and Gretel Klient, Heartland.

June, first State Directors meeting was held in Grangeville. Present were Panhandle, Priest River, Val Johnson, Salmon River and Steve Didier from the newly formed North Central.

December – second State Directors meeting was held in Grangeville. Present were Salmon River, Panhandle, North Central and Heartland.

1987 – March, second BCHI Convention in Coeur d’Alene,

Long standing members from Priest River, Bob and Marybeth Lynch, Tom and Barbara Mosher, Greg and Judy Jones, Larry and Bonnie Rykers, Rick Stauffer, Tom and Brenda Walton, Don and Pattie Shields, Gene England and Bonnie Shields.

**In Memorial** – Celeste Bingham, Salmon River, spoke about long time president Bill Clementz who passed in January. He discovered horses at the age of 45, after that there was not turning back. He was soft spoke, but if you didn’t show up when you said you would, he would speak up loudly asking why you weren’t there. The Salmon River Chapter Display is dedicated to Bill with lots of photos. Then there was a moment of silence in his memory.

**Foundation Report** – Chris Reed, Palouse. In a blindsides moment, we all sang Happy Birthday, as it was Chris’ birthday. Chris had been appointed President, Alice Millington is the Secretary/Treasurer and Dale Schrempp is the VP. They’ll be looking over their By-Laws, particularly on applying and awarding of grants, communicating with chapters and creating ways to generate revenue. Panhandle has been preapproved for a \$500 grant to for trail head fire ring. Alice Millington, Heartland, reported they started the year with \$4,662.38, paid out (\$250) to Panhandle for work at Farragut Park, leaving their accounts with:

Ambassador Program Fund \$935.74

Litehouse Trailhead Maintenance Fund \$692.45

Foundation Fund \$2,784.19

Total Funds \$4,412.38

**Public Lands** – Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte recapped his report from Saturday, covering work crews for the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Wilderness, we can become members of the Outfitters Guides for \$25/year, the first non-motorized trail head in the Owyhee Wilderness and the efforts of a Utah group wanting Idaho to spend \$7,000,000 to sue the Federal government to return public lands to the states, of which it currently costs \$100,000,00 to manage the lands in our state. See full report in the SBD minutes at [www. BCHI.org](http://www.BCHI.org).

There was a question about the reversion of the lands back to the tribes. The State constitution says that if any Federal lands were to be sold it would go back to the Native Tribes. The Shoshone Paiute are the only aboriginal Nation in the West that did not give up their aboriginal rights to the land. So the State can’t really sell it.

**National Director’s Report** – Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte, talked about the full page ad that BCHA will have in the USA Today’s Centennial National Parks Issue. Idaho was the 2<sup>nd</sup> state in BCHA. They now have 32 states forming a coast to coast corridor. See full report in the SBD minutes at [www. BCHI.org](http://www. BCHI.org).

**“Come Join Us” Video** – Steve Didier, North Central, showed a video that the Montana BCH made in 2006. Which they gave to us for us to change for our own use. Do we want to use this for chapter growth or to inform outsiders – Both. Robbin Schindele said it would be easier to start from scratch, keeping the message from Montana. He’ll have a demo for the September SBD meeting.

**Education Chair Report** – Bill Conger, Squaw Butte, recapped what he reported at the Saturday meeting. Covering job description, visits to new chapters, help with any events state wide. Lots of info on the website. There is a new ATV poster to com. Plus she will be working with the Idaho Youth Ranch and their new 170-acre ranch. See full report in the SBD minutes at [www. BCHI.org](http://www. BCHI.org).

Insurance – Bill Conger, Squaw Butte, contact him with any changes. There is no charge to move an event and new events will cost the chapter \$45 and if you add a “Named Insured” it’s \$20 if not listed on the original request.

**Elections** – Karen Kimball, Panhandle, called the officers to see if they would stay on for another year. All said yes.

Adjourned at 11:15