

**Idaho Horse Council (IHC)**  
**November 17, 2018 meeting report**  
**Submitted by Marybeth Conger**

After calling the meeting to order, Charlene Cooper, IHC President acknowledged those IHC members who have passed.

Cody Burlile, Idaho State Brand Inspector, states that 12,167 horses received brand inspections in 2018 vs 9,700 in 2017. This netted \$24,956 to the Idaho Horse board (IHB) for grants. Increased public education drove this result, but more awareness is needed. The IHB now has the lead to draft the legislative proposal to increase equine brand inspection fees. (Note: This makes sense, since 3 % of equine brand inspection fees goes to the IHB who then awards grants.) The proposal will raise the mandatory equine brand inspection fees to appx \$55 per inspection reports DeEtte Lindberg, Executive Director IHB. This increase better aligns fees to the actual costs.

Bill Conger, BCHI Chairman presented an introduction to BCH organization. He spoke about trail conditions in the Frank Church Wilderness. Then he presented a possible BCHA Frank Church Wilderness wilderness areas. Basically, for the Forest Service (FS) agreements. Failing to means the FS would allow saws to clear these trails. this. Trail concerns motor bikes, were with those that



More details to come on regarding electric bikes and discussed. Partnerships complement the BCH

mission statement and education are so important. BCHI public land south chair Phil Ryan, did a great job keeping Bill on track.

IHC Youth fund received \$143,364 from historical racing. A motion passed to divide this total into 5 equal amounts, with the 1/5th amount to be awarded annually for 5 years. A motion was also passed to send the Treasurer Valley Racing Association a thank you letter from the IHC.

Dixie Christensen moderated a communication discussion. Social media postings, IHC booths, liking the IHC Facebook page, were just a few of the ideas discussed.

Steve Taylor, past IHC President presented an educational overview of the duties, roles, and responsibilities for non-profit board of directors:

- governance
- financial review
- operations/administrative oversight
- ethical performance
- process introduction and compliance
- future foresight- 5-year plan
- Effective use of committees
- creating and using an effective agenda to run meetings

### **Committee Reports:**

Finance—An internal audit was set for December 4, 9:00 AM at the IHC office. Also discussed importance of having a budget and tracking document.

Animal Welfare- Equine Aides and Pigeon fever discussed

Idaho Horse Census – Dixie Christensen located a source with BSU

Idaho Horse Expo- All directors are on this committee- April 12,13,14, 2019. Meeting. More details to come from Dixie

Legislation- Covered earlier

Promotion & Membership- Looking into funding opportunities.

Racing- Nothing at this time

Scholarship Program- In progress

Trails & Urban Land Use- Covered by BCHI Chairman

Wild Horse- Nothing at this time

Youth Activities – In progress

### Other meeting items

- A financial summary was presented approved.
- The 2018 director were approved
- A new IHC director from BCHI was approved. IHC welcomes Arlynn Hacker, member of SBBCH Chapter and the Western Riding Club



IDEA- We all know what it takes to be an effective board member. Just think what might happen, if every IHC Director invited a guest with these traits to the January meeting.

*President Charlene Cooper will confirm the January meeting details and get an email out to all of us*