



**Executive Committee Minutes - DRAFT**  
**May 28, 2019**  
**via conference call**

**Members attending:** Darrell Wallace, Sherry Copeland, Mark Himmel, Freddy Dunn, Ginny Grulke, Mike McGlenn, Brad Pollman, Tif Rodriguez, Dennis Serpa

**Staff:** Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn, Kim Testoni

**Actions Taken:**

- ✓ Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the 2018 IRS 990. APPROVED.
- ✓ Vice chair Sherry Copeland reviewed the governing documents meeting the annual requirements. Reviewed were Global Ends, Global Executive Committee Constraints, Treatment of Members, Treatment of Staff.
- ✓ Motion made to approve the proposed Gap Loans to States with the amendment that a copy of the grant application or grant award letter to be submitted with the application. APPROVED.

**Action Items:**

- Erica to review the certified receipt to confirm IRS received the 2018 990.
- Kim to send treasurer notes to Sherry Copeland for review.
- Mark to go over Financial Policy in a later EC call.
- Headquarters to create the Gap Loan application and send it to Freddy Dunn to be reviewed. It will then be discussed at the next meeting.
- Sherry Copeland will review the evaluations from the National Board Meeting and make recommendations to be implemented at the next meeting regarding the National Board Meeting.

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Discussion
Welcome	Darrell Wallace, Chairman	Changes & additions to the agenda Public Lands & Recreation Report added to consent agenda
	Darrell Wallace	Consent agenda: Minutes of the April Meeting Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Lands &amp; Recreation Report</li> <li>● Headquarters Report</li> <li>● Donation Report</li> <li>● <a href="#">Committee Chair Call Notes</a></li> <li>● National Board Meeting Evaluations</li> </ul>
Treasurer Report	Mark Himmel, Treasurer Sherry Copeland	Treasurer’s Report was not presented. IRS EIN Status Update IRS Publications 78 database is correct in

		<p>reference to the BCHA legal status. There is an IRS database issue. BCHA has shared the expectation that all of our records should be in the same location. IRS is unsure when and even if the issue will be corrected. Ginny asked if a state legislator would be available to assist. 2017 IRS 990 was due November 15. It was filed electronically and it was rejected. We mailed a hard copy in early November. IRS did not receive. The process has been started to abate the penalty. Process is 60-90 days. On hold until July 22nd.</p> <p>The IRS received the 2017 990 in March 2019.</p> <p>Reminder: The state of Connecticut requires that votes or action taken by a governing board via electronic means (email) have 100% participation of the board and 100% vote in favor or oppose.</p>
Strategic Agenda	<p>Darrell Wallace</p> <p>Sherry Copeland</p> <p>Freddy Dunn</p>	<p>Comparison of business plan to income statements (was tabled).  Freddy Dunn reflected that although our 2018-19 Profit &amp; Loss showed a less fundraising income than expected, the Fundraising Committee did a fantastic job.</p> <p>Governance Policies Stipulated Policy Review (Non Financial)</p> <p>Process for temporary funding/interim loan for chapters.</p>
	Parking lot	<p>Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8 PM ET.</p> <p>Review financial governance policies  Advocacy - update on software  National Board Meeting recommendation -Sherry Copeland.</p> <p>Presidents call are the Wednesday after the EC meeting. Committee chairs call are on the third Tuesday.</p>

**Public Lands & Recreation Update**

Weminuche and South San Juan Wilderness MRDG Analyses – Earlier this month, the R2 Regional

Forester in Denver approved a Minimum Requirements Decision Guide (MRDG, or “minimum tool” analysis) that included a six-week window for limited chainsaw use in the Weminuche and South San Juan wilderness areas. The purpose of the MRDG analyses was to help clear trails in areas where beetle kill and subsequent downed timber posed significant challenges to access among large portions of these wilderness areas. The MRDG analyses was supported, in part, by the local (San Juan) BCH chapter.

Earlier this week, a legal challenge was filed in an attempt to prevent implementation of chainsaw-assisted trail work. The lawsuit and its accompanying press release includes several mischaracterizations about limitations posed by the Wilderness Act. Yet plaintiff’s claims about the lack of public involvement in the decision-making process and the absence of documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) could derail or substantially delay implementation of the project.

BCHA and BCH CO continue to assess the situation, including determining whether or in what fashion our intervention might move the much-needed trail work forward.

Central Oregon Cascades Wilderness Strategies EA – Earlier this month, the FS issued a final decision that inexplicably sweeps equestrians into a proposed Limited Entry Permit System for three wilderness areas. This, despite diminishing visitation by horsemen over the years and skyrocketing levels of visitation by people on foot (hiking, backpacking, trail running, peak bagging, etc.)

Once again, the agency roundly ignored BCHA’s formal objections, submitted in writing and during an objections resolution meeting. Randy, Jerry Bentz and BCHO’s new president, Duane Phillips have secured a meeting this Friday with Congressman Greg Walden and the Deschutes NF Supervisor to discuss our extreme displeasure with the agency’s decision.

**Fundraising Report**

	<b>February 2019</b>	<b>March 2019</b>	<b>April 2019</b>
<b>Trails Forever Fund</b>			
Number of Donors	45	45	45
Amount of Donations	\$475	\$485	\$495
<b>Spur Fund</b>			
Number of Donors	33	6	7
Amount of Donations	\$2830.00	\$505	\$1055

<b>Legacy Fund</b>	\$7,000	\$12,850	\$25,584

**Headquarters report:**

Leadership - liaised with Chairman, created calendar invites, created document of important items and notes

Finance - Mailed the 2018 IRS 990.

National Board Meeting - completed evaluations. Executed contract for 2020.

Committee support - Legacy, Advocacy Partners, Fundraising, Media & Marketing

**National Board Meeting Evaluation Results**

**Rated Responses:**

Scale: (Poor) 1 2 3 4 5 (Excellent)

**1. Guest Speakers**

1: 0 | 2: 0 | 3: 3 | 4: 7 | 5: 15

**2. General Make Up of Meeting**

1: 0 | 2: 0 | 3: 2 | 4: 13 | 5: 9

**3. Meeting Site: Ashville, NC.**

1: 0 | 2: 2 | 3: 5 | 4: 9 | 5: 7 \*one did not answer\*

**4. Meal Quality**

1: 0 | 2: 2 | 3: 5 | 4: 7 | 5: 10

**Written Responses: (?) means couldn't read**

**1. Most Important Thing Learned**

- Importance of working with rec groups
- Degree of commitment to BCHA Mission BCHA Members have
- What other BCHA chapters are doing and how my state fits into BCHA
- Communication/Collaboration
- Exploring Partnerships
- Listening to everyones issues, learning new technology
- Working with other user groups to achieve common goals
- That 2 year delegate team is too short (should be 5)
- Too much to take in time allotted

- Collaboration
- Great info on Public Lands
- Chain Saws are not illegal in the wilderness
- Public Land Issues and Language; Tuesday was awesome.
- About current issues with USNF and Park maintenance
- Vast amount of resources available to our chapters
- Networking with other BCHA Members
- Too much to list, collaboration was immersive and priceless.
- Importance of Positive and respectful communication

## **2. Two things you would improve**

- Bigger Room, Couldn't read presentation screen
- Getting directors more involved prior to meeting so that things are reviewed
- Didn't have access to docs prior to meeting, make website more user friendly
- More trail focus, Improved Video
- Need more to help state and chapters with fundraising, attracting 65+ members
- Getting grants; what money is for which states
- Sound at extra event
- More central locations for better opinions
- Bigger, Easier to see visual screens
- Better room arrangements, coffee/tea put out before 11AM
- Morning coffee at meetings
- Recording guest speakers for future review, providing electronic versions of presentations
- More Time! :)
- More countryside site seeing and looking at historical places
- Info to directors emailed at least 2 weeks out

## **3. Future Topics**

- Case studies on successful restoration of trails that were nearly lost
- How to share natural use (?) trails, educating other users
- Going about forming relationships with legislators, Talking to other trail users
- Public Lands Issues
- Trail Maintenance practices, tools and excitement (?)
- How to gain youth members, more detailed web classes
- Working at Forest Services and how to get grants
- More regional discussion, how's central to similar states (?)
- Need to get USF+W to open a dialogue
- More education on packing, LMT, Trail Building, Building relationships w/ trail partners and land managers. Membership development.

- How to handle fears of horse manure and dangerous horses when addressing public meetings or “other”
- Explore regional time more, land issues.
- Leadership and Communication skills, public lands
- Public Lands Interaction

**4. Additional Comments**

- Very good meeting
- Limit presentations to 51 min Max, Video presentations should be readable
- Do an in depth cost analysis of a more efficient method of location and the NBM for NBM review and discussion
- Keep value of attending NBM high and cost low, with high participation.
- What a great year!
- Impressed with friendliness and helpfulness of each other (From a first timer)
- NC was very expensive, but beautiful!

**Initial Impressions from Newbies:**

- Newbies asked to join committees prior to understanding/knowing common focus
- Newbies challenged to approach old timers/ executives instead of being welcomed individually by said executives
- Newbies asked if they have access to back office, many said yes.

**Gap Loans to States-** proposal developed by Freddy Dunn, Brad Pollman, Mark Himmel, Sherry Copeland

BCHA will provide assistance to member states who have a need for a bridge loan to allow them to qualify for a grant. This policy will be administered and governed through the BCHA Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee. An application will be given to the state which will include the following criteria:

- Public acknowledgement of awarded grant
  - A copy of the grant application or grant award letter to be submitted with the application
- Loans administered to BCHA States only
  - chapters will have work through the state organization
- Timeline for grant work & finalization
- Six month loan reimbursement to BCHA
  - extension is possible for extenuating circumstances
- Individual loan amount of each grant shall not exceed \$5000
- Total amount loaned by BCHA \$30,000
- First come basis

Headquarters will be responsible for creating the application that has the above criteria. The process shall be:

1. State will contact headquarters for an application and receive the completed application with attachments back from the state.
2. Headquarters shall then forward all information to the BCHA Treasurer.
3. Treasurer shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
4. Headquarters will then administer the loan, through and including receipt of loan repayment.