

**BCHI State Convention Business Meeting
March 22, 2014 at Bonners Ferry, ID**

Arleen MacKinnon President of the Selkirk Valley Chapter welcomed everyone to the 2014 BCHI Annual Convention & led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte gave the invocation.

Arleen introduced the Mayor of Bonners Ferry, David Anderson. Dave welcomed everyone to Bonners Ferry & gave a little history of the area.

State Chairman, Karen Kimball called to order the BCHI business portion of the Convention. State Secretary, Raenette Didier, took a roll call of the chapters. The chapter's voting delegates were also declared. All chapters were present with the exception of Sawtooth & Cache Peak.

State Treasurer, Kay Ryan gave the BCHI Finance Report. There was \$69,000+ available at the end of last fiscal year, there is \$59,299 at the end of this fiscal year. The 2013 calendars produced \$13,056 of profit. From 2009-2013 BCHI had a \$67,200 calendar profit. Kay informed chapters she had a spreadsheet showing year by year expense & profit for BCHI calendars. Let her know if your chapter is interested.

Proposal – Calendar Printing. Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte presented the proposal. Discussion from the floor followed. Delegate Vote: Unanimous 'No' Vote. **Failed.**

Proposal – Encouraging Membership Growth. Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte presented the proposal. Discussion from the floor. Main discussion item, this is not a Resolution. It is a suggestion. **It was agreed that a vote was not necessary.**

New BCHI Chapter called the Palouse Back Country Horsemen is being formed in the Moscow area. Chris Reed, a representative from that group was introduced. Chairman Karen Kimball informed the delegation that the papers necessary to receive an acceptance as a new chapter were reviewed & it was found some corrections were needed. Those corrections will need to be done before they can be accepted as a new chapter of BCHI.

Bill Conger, Squaw Butte made a motion to grant the Palouse BCH a Conditional Acceptance as a new chapter of BCHI pending the corrections that are due by April 1st to the State Chairman. Seconded by Wayne Nishek, Selkirk Valley. Delegate Vote: Unanimous 'Yes' Vote. **Palouse BCH has a Conditional Acceptance to BCHI.**

Proposal – BCHA Marketing & Communications Strategy. Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte presented the proposal & gave some background. Discussion from the floor. The vote is if Chapters support donating \$2500.00 from the BCHI finances to BCHA for this effort.

Rogers Segers, Squaw Butte made a motion to vote on giving \$2500 to BCHA for crowdsourcing. Seconded by Arleen MacKinnon, Selkirk Valley. Delegate Vote: 64 In Favor/5 Against. **Passed.**

BCHI Proposed Budget. Chairman Karen Kimball announced that the SBD neglected to take a vote on the Proposed Budget at the SBD meeting yesterday & a vote was needed from the State Directors. Bob Savage, Priest River made a motion to accept the proposed budget that was presented & discussed at the SBD. Seconded by Kathy Kerley, High Desert. A vote by the State Directors was taken. **Motion Passed.**

Proposal – State Insurance Policy. Bill Conger, BCHI Insurance Coordinator presented the proposal & gave some background information on the State policy. The renewal date for the BCHI Insurance will be April 1st. When chapters submit events, they need to be events that are scheduled from April 1st to April 1st. Chapters were given time to ask questions about what is covered, and what is not. Steve Didier, North Central made a motion to accept the two insurance policies as presented with the addition of the typo identified. Seconded by Cindy Walker, Salmon River.
Delegate Vote: 66 In Favor/3 Against. **Passed.**

Foundation Report. Karen Parks reported on the financial picture for the Foundation.

Ambassador Program	\$ 935.74
Litehouse Donation	\$ 942.45
Checking Acct balance	\$4282.54
BCHI Foundation Inc. Balance	\$2404.35

Monies are coming in to the Foundation, but monies need to go out as well. Karen reminded the Chapters that this money was obtained for chapters to use.

The BCHI Board of Directors is looking into a Donation button to be placed on the Foundation Link of the BCHI website. Karen reminded members that the Foundation does have a link on the BCHI website. Forms & information are available there.

2014 BCHI Foundation Officers

President - Jack Lamb, Priest River

Vice President - Karen Parks, Twin Rivers

Sec/Treas - Lorriane Genzmer, Cache Peak

George Bain, United States Forest Service

George Bain works in the Region One Office in Missoula, MT. He is in charge of the Recreation & Trails Program. George let the delegation know that he is familiar with BCH and the work that they do. He had viewed our Chapter Displays & was encouraged by the effort to teach youth & bring them into the organization. George said that the USFS is well aware of the amount & quality of work that BCH nation-wide does accomplish.

George gave a power point presentation about the Forest Service Recreation & Trails Program & then opened it up for questions from the delegates.

-Where is the increase of trails on FS lands coming from?

George replied that in some FS locations as they close roads, they are now re-classifying them as trails.

-There are some FS personnel that have a philosophical stand to not use all the tools available to them.

Is the agency ever going to address that? Discussion followed on chainsaw use in wilderness.

George cited the Wilderness Act that states no mechanized equipment in wilderness. He also talked about the minimum tool analysis.

-George made the statement that in areas where the FS can use chainsaws, they are still not getting the job done.

-George cited an example that one of the Forests in Region One opened a trail that had been closed for 15 years. George said he has to ask himself as a manager, was that a good choice?

George closed his talk by saying that he wanted BCH to know that the Forest Service thinks of us as a partner and a friend.

BCHI 2014 Officers. Karen Kimball, State Chairman introduced the BCHI Officers & Committee Chairs.

Chairman – Karen Kimball, Vice Chairman – Arleen MacKinnon, Secretary – Debbie Samovar, Treasurer – Kay Ryan. Phil Ryan, Public Lands South, Rod Parks, Public Lands North, Education Chair – Bonnie Fox, Ways & Means Chair – Arleen MacKinnon, National Directors Robbin Schindele & Rod Parks, Alternate National Director – Terry Steiner, BCHI Website Coordinator – Rod Parks, BCHI Insurance Coordinator – Bill Conger, BCHI Calendar Coordinator – Debbie Samovar.

The State Chairman thanked the Selkirk Valley Chapter for a job well done & everyone is looking forward to what they have for us during the afternoon & evening program.

With that the BCHI Business Meeting ended. The Chairman turned the Convention back to the Selkirk Valley Chapter.

Submitted By: Raenette Didier, BCHI Secretary