



**BCHI State Board of Director Meeting hosted by Selkirk Valley BCH
March 21, 2014 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho**

The March 2014 BCHI State Board of Directors (SBD) meeting was called to order by State Chairman Karen Kimball in Bonners Ferry, Idaho with the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Secretary, Raenette Didier, conducted the Roll Call of State Directors present. All chapters were represented except Sawtooth & Cache Peak.

The Secretary read the minutes from the last Director's Meeting in September 2013. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte. Motion was seconded by Wayne Nishek, Selkirk Valley. Motion Passed.

State Treasurer, Kay Ryan, passed out a report showing our current balances, 2013 income/expenses, a proposed budget for the coming year & a cover letter with financial highlights.

Kay addressed a needed change for the 2015 calendars. Her suggestion was to add a line on the entry card that states participants must be 18 years and older.

The North Idaho Chapter that dissolved in March 2013 has not yet forwarded to BCHI the treasury money that was left nor have they paid for the calendars they received to sell. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a formal letter & attach a bill. The letter will be send certified mail with return receipt requested.

The Sawtooth Chapter sent in a letter with only a partial payment for their calendars & cited the wildfire that moved through the area last summer as the reason. The Board requested that the Chairman send a letter stating their obligation to pay with a bill attached for the outstanding amount. Kay has membership statistics from each chapter available if any Directors would like a copy. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Terry Steiner, Priest River. Gretel Kleint, Heartland seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Chapters that have not paid for their calendars are Boise, High Desert, Panhandle, Selkirk Valley & Treasurer Valley. Calendar payments are due to the State at the Annual Convention.

State Dues increase. BCHI collects \$15 single/\$25 family for memberships from the chapters. The 2014 dues that BCHI will pay out to BCHA in January 2015 will be \$15 single/\$18 family. At that time, BCHI will make \$0 on a single and \$7 on a family. There was no decision made by the SBD to make a proposal for an increase of dues from the chapters to the State level.

Expansion. A group of people from Moscow want to form the Palouse Back Country Horsemen Chapter. April 1st at 7pm will be their first general membership meeting. Chairman Karen Kimball and Rod Parks, Twin Rivers will attend this meeting. Chris Reed was the representative from the Palouse BCH present at the meeting. His phone number is 208-596-1222 .

Chris brought up his papers & check for review. The officers will perform a review & revisit this matter later today.

BCHI Documents. Rod Parks discussed updates to the State Officer Duties list. The State Convention Planning document also needs to be reviewed.

State Director Training. Terry Steiner, a past State Chairman let the discussion. Directors & guests were broken up into table groups & each had a discussion about how information from the SBD

Meetings should get back to Chapter members. The group report out were as follows;

-Chapters need to share info about money making ideas, how to get new members, how to share chapter to chapter ideas.

-one of the duties of the Directors is to represent their individual chapters & be responsible to them. Directors should let their President know they need time at the Chapter monthly meeting after each SBD Meeting.

-what if your chapter gives you as a Director, direction on how to vote on a proposal. Then you come to the meeting & get additional info that would change the way you vote. What would you do?

-when you get new chapter members, send them info about BCH or make new member packets. Be sure to include them at meetings, don't let them sit at meetings by themselves.

BCHI Purchase. Chairman Karen Kimball asked the Directors if it would be a good idea for BCHI to purchase a wireless microphone for the SBD meetings so that everyone could hear comments from the floor?

It was decided this topic would be revisited in the afternoon after purchase prices were obtained.

Phil Ryan, Public Lands. *(a copy of Phil's report is attached)*

Owyhee Initiative. Phil reviewed a letter from Senator Crapo that Directors were given a copy of. Sportsmen Caucus. Phil reviewed two main items. Bill HO 470 would create The Idaho Depredation Control Board and The Wolf Control Fund. Bill HO 431, (CWD) Chronic Wasting Disease in domestic elk farm herds.

Phil reported that the Forest Service keeps saying that no funding for trails is available nation-wide. Raenette Didier reminded members of all the work done by BCH on the Trail Classification effort. If you hear about trails in your area being closed to stock, find out if the Forest Service followed the correct procedure. Due to the law-suit brought by BCHA, the Forest Service cannot close trails without going through the public comment process. If your chapter needs guidance, contact Phil.

Selway-Bitterroot/Frank Church Wilderness Working Group. George Bain, Region One specialist will be a speaker at the Convention & will give a talk on sustainable trails.

The working group has been working with BCH of America and the American Horse Council for trail funding. Letters of support have been submitted for the National Forest Trails Stewardship Act. There is a possibility of getting funding from FEMA.

There is a new Forest Supervisor on the Salmon-Challis NF. He has promised that when fire crews are not on fire, they will be working on trails. It was suggested that Phil ask that Forest Supervisor, by letter, at the end of the year just how many miles of trails were worked on by the fire crews.

Bill Conger, Insurance Coordinator. The BCHI Insurance Policy renewal date will be changed to April 1st. The insurance form that is on the website will be edited to include a space for an 'Additional Insured'.

Our insurance is for third party coverage. Explanation: First coverage are BCHI members, second coverage is the Insurance Company, third party coverage is the person who may file a liability claim. If you have non-members who are packing on a Chapter project, have them fill out a membership form & become a member of your Chapter so they will fall under the Liability Agreement that each Chapter should have on the backside of their membership form. It was agreed several years ago by the Board that all chapter membership forms have a standard Liability Agreement. Wording was agreed on & voted on, by this Board. *(a copy of the Liability Agreement template is attached)*

Reminder to Chapters. Poker Rides are illegal in the State of Idaho per the Idaho gaming regulations.

The Proposal for a Public Event Dog Policy and Public Event Alcohol Policy was discussed. These policies are only for Public Event days which are turned into our BCHI Insurance Coordinator and covered by our BCHI Insurance Policy. This is NOT for chapter trail rides or work projects. It was suggested that the word **public** be included in the last sentence of the Public Event Alcohol Policy.

Terry Steiner, Priest River made a motion that the SBD show support for the Dog & Alcohol Proposal. Kathy Kerley, High Desert seconded. A hand vote was taken. Motion passed.

National Director's Report. Robbin Schindele reported that the primary issue for BCHA is that the majority of the public do not know what BCH does. BCHA has been looking at how to raise money for the National organization for many years. BCHA is considering “crowdsourcing” & Robbin gave some examples of crowdsourcing. Robbin has been working on a BCHA committee that has come up with a new BCHA brand. The new website will be up on Indigo.com on April 24th during the BCHA Annual Meeting. BCHA needs as many BCH members as possible to sign on to the site. That will bring the BCHA name to the top of the list.

Rod Parks mentioned that although he sends out a lot of info from BCHA, that info keeps the State Directors informed about what is going on nationwide. Rod also announced that Kansas will be coming on as a new BCH state organization at the April BCHA meeting.

Robbin reviewed the proposal on crowdsourcing asking BCHI to donate \$2500.00, that was sent out to all the Chapters. Rod Parks, Twin Rivers made a motion that the SBD support this proposal. Seconded by Bill Clarke, Panhandle. Motion passed.

Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary. Rod Parks reported that BCHA would like all BCH chapters to take part in the Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary Celebration if one is happening in your area. Twin Rivers would like to partner with North Central Idaho in the celebration at Wilderness Gateway. Phil Ryan mentioned an event at the Sulfur Creek Ranch in the Frank Church that is also happening in conjunction with the Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary.

Broomtales Report. Chairman Karen Kimball read a written report from Lorelei Hamon, Editor. The next Broomtales deadline is May 23rd. Lorelei appreciates all the comments & suggestions she receives after each edition.

Debbie Samovar reported that she had sent out a list of the complimentary copies of Broomtales that goes out. She has only had a response from two of our fourteen chapters, so far. A paper copy was available at the SBD meeting for Directors to make corrections/additions.

The question was asked if there was anything that could be done about the quality of the pictures in Broomtales. Debbie Samovar, Broomtales Mailing Coordinator will contact Lorelei to discuss this.

BCHI Business Cards. At the last SBD Meeting the Board decided that we needed a standard business card to be used by all State Directors. Robbin Shindele completed a template & will send it out to all State Directors for immediate use. Robbin noted that he will send out a template compatible with Avery labels so that Directors can take it to Staples or other printing stores if they choose to have business cards made.

Palouse BCH. Steve Didier, a past BCHI Chairman and a past BCHA Chairman did a review of the papers submitted by the Palouse BCH. Steve recommended to the Board that corrections needed were minor & that they be given Conditional Acceptance until those are made. Wendy Coome, Treasure Valley made a motion that we ask Delegates tomorrow to vote to give the Palouse BCH a conditional acceptance & that they have 30 days to comply with the findings of a review. Seconded by Sally

Wilson, North Central. Motion Passed.

Items for compliance that were found at the review, will be attached to & made a part of these minutes.

Purchase of wireless microphone for SBD Meeting, continued.

Wayne Nishek, Selkirk Valley made a motion that \$200 be allocated to purchase a wireless mic to be used at all SBD meetings, Terry Steiner, Priest River seconded. Motion passed. Robbin Schindle, Squaw Butte volunteered to make the purchase.

Ways & Means Report.

Merle Olsen reported that there are about 50 calendars left. Debbie Samovar, BCHI Calendar Coordinator reported that she got a quote from the printer who does the BCHI calendar on decreasing the amount of calendars printed each year. This information will be available if the proposal that has been presented to the chapters is passed by the Delegates tomorrow.

First, Kay Ryan, State Treasurer read the proposal to decrease the amount of calendars printed from 2,000 to 1,500.

Debbie went on to report that paper costs went up 12% from last year to this year. Also, the printer did an internal audit & discovered they were 5 ½% short to put out the calendars. Design costs are \$1200. 2000 calendars = \$8400, with lighter cardboard, cost for 2000 = \$8076, 1500 calendars = \$7116.

A discussion followed on pros & cons to changing the number of calendars printed each year.

It was suggested that a committee to come up with pre-sale ideas for Chapters may help with sales.

BCHI Education Committee. Bonnie Fox, Committee Chair introduced her committee. Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte - Cindy Walker, Salmon - Joe Brinkmann, Eagle Rock. They are making contact with their Chapter counterparts & also reviewing what is available on the BCHI website. Information on Education hours will be collected from chapters. The committee will request \$300 for education efforts from the BCHI Foundation. They would like to use the money for recognition award & education projects. The committee is looking for additional members trained in Leave No Trace.

Volunteer Hours Report. Merle Olsen reported that he received all of the chapters' Volunteer Hours Report & most of the Annual Reports. Chapters do not need to send in all of the sheets from the spreadsheets. Only the summary sheet is what is needed to compile the State totals. Some Volunteer Hours Reports & Annual Reports are being submitted by hard copy instead of electronic copy. Chapters need to find someone in their chapters to submit these reports electronically. Hard copy reports will not be typed into the computer by the Ways & Means Committee.

Idaho Horse Council. Raenette Didier reported that three new BCH Directors were voted on the IHC Board of Directors in November at the IHC Annual Meeting. They are; Bonnie & Joe Fox, Treasure Valley and Janine Townsend, Squaw Butte. Raenette encouraged Directors to periodically sign on to the IHC website & share information there with the chapters. Of special interest is a report from the Assistant State Vet on equine disease outbreaks in the State of Idaho & surrounding areas. Raenette passed out Idaho Horse Exp posters & asked chapters to post them in their local area. She also passed out copies of a Body Condition Scoring sheet for horses to each Chapter.

Proposal for Recruitment. Kay Ryan, Squaw Butte President read this proposal. Comments were that there there didn't seem to be anything to vote on & that it was more of a statement than a proposal. A question was asked if money could be given to Eagle Rock for advertising to form a new chapter in Pocatello? Discussion followed about line items already in the BCHI budget. Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte made a motion to increase the budget line item for Expansion from \$350 to \$500. Seconded by Wayne Nishek, Selkirk Valley. Motion Passed.

BCHI Website. Rod Parks, Website Coordinator reported that he is looking for a replacement. He has noticed that some BCHI chapter websites are not maintained & chapters need to pay attention to that. Rod is impressed with the Squaw Butte chapter website & asked the Squaw Butte Directors if they would ask their chapter website person if he would be interested in being the website coordinator for BCHI. Rod needs an article from each chapter to go on the website under “Who We Are”. Chapters also need to send in posters for clinics, rides, etc. to go under the “Activities” link. It is important that we keep putting fresh material on the BCHI website. Rod is also interested in putting a place for donations on the BCHI website? It was suggested that we look into PayPal so that people can make donations direct to the BCHI Foundation. Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte volunteered to check on that.

Chapter Reports. 3 minutes was given to each chapter to report on expansion and/or youth efforts, or upcoming events. Directors are encouraged to bring ideas back to their respective chapters.

Letter of Support. Wendy Coome, Treasure Valley told the Board about a monument that their chapter would like to see placed at the Wilson Creek trail head in honor of Whit Wittham. Whit recently passed away & was one of the original members of the Treasure Valley Chapter & a long time State Director on this Board. Wendy is requesting that a letter from each chapter be written to the BLM in support of this project. Wendy will get the address or email of the BLM office in their area to the State Secretary, so it can be sent out to the Directors.

Financial Audit Review. State Chairman, Karen Kimball had asked Karen Parks, Twin Rivers to conduct the annual audit for our State Treasurer. Karen Parks reported that the BCHI Treasurer books & records were in order & commended Kay Ryan for her bookkeeping skills.

Nomination Committee Report. Gretel Kleint, Nominations Committee Chair reported on the nominees that were running for an office. They are; President-Karen Kimball, Vice President-Arleen MacKinnon, Secretary-Aline Brinkmann & Debbie Samovar, Treasurer-Kay Ryan, National Director-Robbin Schindele, Alternate National Director-Terry Steiner.

The Chairman asked for any additional nominations from the floor. None were given. Terry Steiner, Priest River moved that we accept by acclamation those offices not contested. Seconded by Cindy Walker. Motion passed. The two nominees for State Secretary stood up & told a little about themselves. Voting by ballot was taken. Voting results - the new State Secretary is Debbie Samovar.

Next SBD Meeting. State Chairman Karen Kimball asked if we should continue to have two meetings per year or go back to three? Discussion. Robbin Schindele, Squaw Butte made a motion to continue with two meetings per year. Seconded by Bill Clarke, Panhandle. Motion passed.

Which chapter will host the September meeting? The State Chairman reported that the Sawtooth Chapter has refused to put on the 2015 State Convention per our rotation schedule. The Sawtooth Chapter has volunteered for the September SBD Meeting & would like to have it on September 27th. There were several comments on the Convention rotation schedule & that it had been adopted several years ago. The concern was also voiced that the schedule guaranteed that the Annual Convention would move from the North to the South & back again each year to help all the Chapters with travel expenses to the Convention. Because of the lack of membership in the Sawtooth Chapter, the Heartland Chapter volunteered to move forward & host the 2015 Convention. The Priest River Chapter will stay in the 2016 slot & all other chapters will move up one year on the list. The State Chairman was asked to contact the Sawtooth Chapter & offer assistance from the State Board.

Meeting Adjourned. Submitted By: Raenette Didier, BCHI Secretary bchisecretary@gmail.com