

BCHA Executive Committee Conference Call March 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. PDT

Participants: Chuck Miller, Mike McGlenn, Don Saner, Alan Hill, Mack Long, Freddy Dunn, Randy Rasmussen, Peg Greiwe, Roy Cornett, Darrell Wallace, Peg Greiwe, Jim McGarvey

Minutes – MSP to approve minutes of February 17, 2015 conference call.

Treasurer's Report, Freddy Dunn - reviewed the P&L and Balance Sheet

MSP to accept Treasurer's report.

Advisor, Public Lands Recreation, Randy Rasmussen

- Forest Trails Bill – have 20 co-sponsors on bill; need states to send letters to our congressmen to get them on board; drafting letter of support (template); will be sent out to us. Senate co-sponsors; focused on Senator from Wyoming. Hoping to see expanded bipartisan leadership and new engagement by House (of Representatives) Trails Caucus. Be sure to keep an informal record of your lobbying time and any expenses.
- NBM Public Lands Workshop 2014 critique – more content with fewer speakers; Dr. Rob Atwell, water quality expert from Cal Davis will speak; national parks – overcoming challenges. Supt from Sequoia Kings Canyon will be keynote speaker (Woody Smeck). Wrap with issues from the states.
- Compelling issues is federal lands to states. HR167 Fire Disaster Relief and Emigrant Wilderness bill (helped by TWS) not entered in new congress yet; very good bill; could be precedent setting; really prods the FS to keep the historic use of pack stock. Growing issue of transferring federal lands to states; coming back around again; a number of national coalitions opposed to this; would do lots of harm to public access; lots of information coming out in the West; huge controversy; how does BCHA weigh in and how much energy can we devote? Take position at NBM. Source of opposition and reasons for opposition at NBM; most of information is not factual that is being provided by proponents. Fact sheet would be good.
- AERC is headquartered in Sacramento; looking for more ways for cross-fertilization in other groups; Jan Hancock spoke about BCHA mission and gave out our brochures at AERC annual meeting; do a lot of work on trails prepping for rides.

MSP to accept Public Lands Recreation report.

Public Liaison Chair, Alan Hill – FS trail budgets are a chaotic mess; dramatic change how they allocate funds; ranger districts are in serious risk to have any trails money at all. Saw cert: according to the latest series of meetings with CAL FIRE, USFS appears each unit in the state may be able to have its own trainer under the train the trainer program, however, “still in process”. Carryover money is about only RAC source some of the units will have, unless Congress can pass a Safe and Secure Schools bill probably as an attachment to another piece of legislation. Posing some real hardships on some of the programs we have across the west. Region 1 actually has an increase in budget compared to last year (Miller); different between regions. Administration's budget looks good for trails, a \$2.5 million increase over last year (Randy). Question is how is the \$82± million, is allocated and prioritized to the districts, forests and regions.

MSP to approve Public Liaison Report.

Chairman/ED Report, Jim McGarvey – Received applications from Mississippi for state and Saratoga NY for affiliate. Waiting for state app from Michigan. Trademark project is not completed yet. Ginny Grulke will be leading the Estate Planning Program. (Mike McGlenn will be retiring after 30 years from BCHA after April.) Chairman's trip – flying to Spokane for BCH WA Rendezvous March 19th; will drive to Montana State Meeting the next weekend and will meet with several other persons.

Linda Engh-Grady is at Whitefish Community Foundation 406-863-1781 – Bob Marshall Foundation has grown over 100% in year.

MSP to accept the Chairman's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisor Public Lands Recreation status: change contractor to employee status.

MSP to change Randy Rasmussen's 1099 status to employee.

Establish BCHA State Lands Committee, Jim McGarvey – change Public Lands to federal public lands and establish state lands because of the number of common issues in the states. Don't have to be a national board member to be on the committee.

Country Store – need to improve the entire process for purchasing through website. Need someone to manage it. Talked to manager at Columbia Bank using CD as security – line of credit. Will have a more formal plan at the NBM. Should we have internal limit? Free up cash that is tied up with inventory. Will bring up at National Board Meeting.

Legacy Award – Alan Hill & Ann Lange nominated; EC is in charge of this award.

MSP to choose Alan Hill and Ann Lange as legacy award winners for 2015.

(Ask Pete Kriger to do write up.)

Other issues: Nominating Committee, Alan Hill, - send out" 45 day notice" again.

Next EC meeting – April 21st evening at NBM.

MSP to adjourn 11:00 a.m. PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Greiwe

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Executive Secretary

Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer (Budget, Pro forma), Public Lands Recreation Advisor, Public Liaison Chair, Chair/Acting ED, New Business (Proposed state lands committee, Employee Status, Country Store, Legacy Award),

Acronyms

BCH – Back Country Horsemen

CD – Certificate of Deposit

EC – Executive Committee

ED – Executive Director

FS – Forest Service

HR – House of Representatives

MSP – Motion made, seconded and passed

NBM – National Board Meeting

ND – BCHA National Directors

NP – National Park

NPS – National Park Service

NY – New York

PST – Pacific Daylight Time

TWS – The Wilderness Society

USFS – U.S. Forest Service