



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA

2015
National Board Meeting Sacramento,
California

Chairman Jim McGarvey's Report

- **Crowdfunding** event brought BCHA back to Financial stability with our Balance sheet returning to the same level as 2008
- **Randy Rasmussen**, Advisor for Public Lands and Recreation was hired as our first full time employee

Keep abreast of any/all upcoming Management Plan Revisions by our public land managers and notify the local BCHA chapter/state

Work our partners and national land managers as directed in our mission statement

- **New Logo**
- **New Website** & obtained www.bcha.org
- **McGarvey Elected to Board of CHA**
- Established **monthly President's calls**
- **Introduced HR845** into the House of Representatives
- Signed a **MOU with the National Park Service**

New States Accepted

Michigan (from affiliate to state)

Mississippi

Saratoga, NY as affiliate member

Partners, Guest Speakers and Panel Participants

American Endurance Riding Conference - Monica Chapman

About 5,000 members

Work on Education – health of the horse

Research – AERC weed study

Trails committee - \$170,000 in trails grants; trails master classes

American Horse Council – Ben Pendergrass

Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act – making it legal for veterinarians to provide complete medical care to their patients beyond their clinics and across state lines. Before were unable to transport Controlled Substances.

Pacific Crest Trail – Jennifer Tripp, Trail Operations Manager

This 2600+ miles of trail has partnerships with BCHW, BCHOR, BCHCA, BLS, FS & NPS. Is closed to bicycles.

USFS Region 5 Pack Center of Excellence - Michael Morse, Lee Roser & Ken Graves

Presented a Business Plan to the USFS to establish a Pack Training Facility in Region 5

The Wilderness Society – Warren Alford – California Wilderness Coordinator

California Youth Conservation Corps – David Muraki, Director – California

Spoke to us about the value of the youth program in developing our land managers and stewards of the future.

School of Veterinary Medicine UC Davis – Dr. Rob Atwill, D.V.M., Ph D.

Presentation about pathogens in the backcountry (his pp presentation is available upon request)

**Chairman of Federal Lands Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives
Natural Resources Committee** – Honorable Tom McClintock

Elections 2015

Chairman – Donald Saner, WY

Vice Chairman – Tom Thomas, NC

Treasurer – Freddy Dunn, UT

Executive Director – Jim McGarvey, GA at no cost to BCHA except expenses: **working with Ginny Grulke, Ky** to raise \$150,000 to fund this as a full time position. Also looking for sustainable funding for the future.

Elections 2015

Executive Committee:

Non Director – Mack Long, MT (Alan Hill, CA continues for another year)

Director – **Chuck Miller** – MT (Darrell Wallace, WA and Roy Cornett, KY continue for another year)

Committees

- **Organization/Affiliates/Partners/Associates /National Trails Advocacy & Public Liaison – Alan Hill, CA: BCHA should continue to pay for the following (\$3450):**
 - American Horse Council – unlimited access to Wash DC (\$2500)
 - Coalition for Recreational Trails (\$100)
 - American Trails (\$100)
 - Partnership for the National Trails (\$100)
 - National Recreational Trails Training (\$100)
 - Public Lands Service Corp (\$100)
 - 21st Century Service Corps (\$100)
 - Nat'l Wilderness Alliance (\$100)
 - Leave No Trace (\$100)

- **Expansion – Steve Lindsay, KS**

- Focus on midwest – Iowa, N. Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana by participating at Fairs and Events as speakers and vendors

- **Education – Peter Kriger, CA**

- Masters course for LNT providers. BCHCA only provider for stock use nationwide; offer two \$275 scholarships for 2016 class

- **Media/Marketing – Robbin Schindele, ID**

- Concentrate on website this year
- Will create BCHA logo files for each state, trademarked
- Create logo use policy
- Encourage new states to use logo

- **Volunteer Hours** – Larry Zauberis, CO
- The total value of the volunteer effort reported in 2014 was **\$14,419,615.89**.
 - An increase of **\$466,666.18** over the 2013 value of **\$13,972,949.71**. (~0.3%).
- **417134** hours of basic and skilled work, administrative service, education and public meeting participation valued at **\$10,180,960**.
 - An increase of **49,973** hours (**\$1,375,433**)
- **1726179** miles were recorded for personal vehicles and stock hauling valued at **\$1,684,563**.
 - An increase of **88,127** miles (**\$77,021**).
- **7152** hours of equipment use were recorded valued at **\$300,519**.
 - A decrease of **4409** hours (**\$114,511**).
- **13,044** head of pack and saddle stock were used for **21,832** stock days with a value of **\$2,182,300**.
 - A significant decrease from **30732** stock days (**\$890,900**).
- Cash and in-kind donations were down an insignificant **\$377**.

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Volunteer Hours Report

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2014

	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	125723	\$23.07	\$2,900,425.00	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	48348	\$34.61	\$1,673,011.60	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	10874	\$23.07	\$250,863.18	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	19458	\$23.07	\$448,849.92	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	14324	\$23.07	\$330,460.45	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	141300	\$23.07	\$3,259,784.08	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	57112	\$23.07	\$1,317,566.00	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	417134.36		\$10,180,960.22	
Wilderness Trail Miles	12935			
Other Trail Miles	23242			
Total Trail Miles	36177			
Personal Vehicle	1071171	\$0.90	\$964,054.17	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	655008	\$1.10	\$720,509.24	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	1726179.7			
Power Equipment	5089	\$26.00	\$131,796.60	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	2083	\$81.00	\$168,723.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	7152.1			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	13044			
Total Stock Days	21823	\$100.00	\$2,182,300.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$71,272.66		\$71,272.66	
		Total	\$14,419,615.89	

BCHA Memberships 2014 vs 2013

State	2014			Inc/Dec	2013		
	Single	Family	Total		Single	Family	Total
Alabama	47	99	146	-8	50	104	154
Alaska	8	5	13	5	2	6	8
Arizona	33	101	134	-5	47	92	139
Arkansas	21	28	49	12	16	21	37
California	715	940	1655	-176	786	1045	1831
Colorado	238	171	409	-29	254	184	438
Florida	43	38	81	81			0
Georgia	62	78	140	-12	57	95	152
Idaho	252	309	561	-3	263	301	564
Illinois		7	7	-3	1	9	10
Indiana	20	27	47	0	28	19	47
Kansas	23	30	53	-97	50	100	150
Kentucky	94	50	144	40	74	30	104
Michigan	58	62	120	-20	67	73	140
Mississippi	40		40	40	0	0	0
Missouri	115	191	306	98	73	135	208
Montana	366	378	744	5	354	385	739
Nevada	80	50	130	2	75	53	128
New Mexico	113	74	187	-4	103	88	191
New York			150	150	0	0	0
No Carolina	151	130	281	33	138	110	248
Oregon	138	103	241	-29	136	134	270
South Dakota	23	23	46	-11	28	29	57
Tennessee	53	41	94	-92	81	105	186
Utah	188	208	396	-53	206	243	449
Virginia	35	45	80	17	31	32	63
Washington	803	678	1481	-168	891	758	1649
Wyoming	126	97	223	6	128	89	217
TOTAL	3845	3963	7958	-221	3939	4240	8179
	<u>X2</u>				<u>X2</u>		
# of Members	3845	7926	<u>11771</u>		3939	8480	<u>12419</u>

Committee's cont'd

(New) State Public Lands – Roy Cornett, KY & Sherry Copeland, MO

Public Lands – Oscar Simpson - NM & Jim Allen – SD

Resolution to Oppose the Transfer or Sales of Federal Public Lands Managed by the United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture
– Approved 4/25/15



RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS MANAGED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR AND AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Back Country Horsemen of America is to work to ensure public lands remain open to recreational equestrian saddle and pack stock use, and

WHEREAS, the public lands of this nation managed by the United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture are a part of our national treasure and heritage, and

WHEREAS, these public lands are held in perpetuity to benefit future generations of Americans because of the renewable resources and recreational value, and

WHEREAS, we support the sustainable management of resources on federal lands in cooperation with other stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, the transfer or sale of these lands will remove large acreages from the nations federal public lands system, fragment existing land areas, compromise public access, and set a precedent for the privatization of all public land, and

WHEREAS, specifically the disposal of these federal public lands will decrease the opportunity for all recreational use of these lands,

WHEREAS, no federal lands should be removed or transferred except for lands considered under the Federal Land Transaction Reconciliation Act (FLTRA, PL 106-248),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Back Country Horsemen of America to go on record in opposition of any plan, action or legislation for the disposal, sale, or transfer of public lands managed by the United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture (except under FLTRA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made known to the President of the United States, congressional delegations and elected officials from each state, and agency officials of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.

Approved by the National Board of Directors of Back Country Horsemen of America on Saturday April 25, 2015.



Back Country Horsemen of America and Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitters are pleased to announce the first BCHA Young Persons Equine Packing Scholarship. The winner will spend 5 days and 4 nights in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana learning traditional equine packing skills, Leave No Trace camping principles and exploring the ecology, history and majestic landscapes of the “Bob.”

Applicants must be between 18 and 26 years of age, have basic horseback riding skills and write an essay of 100 words or less about why they want to learn to pack and how they plan to apply their knowledge once the course is over. The dates of the class are from June 23 through June 27, 2015.

The BCHA Education Foundation will pay travel expenses for round-trip airfare to Missoula, MT and 1 night lodging, before and after, the trip. The outfitters will supply ground transportation to and from Missoula and the trailhead.

The deadline for entries is Monday, May 18, 2015. The winner will be announced on June 1, 2015.

Entry forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.bcha.org/scholarshipapplication>

More information about BCHA can be found at: <http://www.bcha.org>

More information about Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitters can be found at:

<http://www.bobmarshallwildernessoutfitters.com>

Other Information

- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Hunter Christmas** in Las Vegas to be held during the 10 days of the NFR Finals and Cowboy Christmas! Donations and help for the booth are greatly needed.
- **The Country Store:** Jim McGarvey talked to Columbia bank about using two of our Legal fund CD's as collateral. MSP that we develop a line of credit up to \$30,000 using the CD's.