



**BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting  
March 21, 2020 Minutes  
Conference Call Hosted by Chairman Rod Parks, Clarkston, WA**

Due to the Coronavirus, both the March 2020 BCHI State Board of Directors (SBD) meeting and the Annual Business meeting were combined into one meeting. State Chairman Rod Parks called the meeting to order at 9:00 MT.

**State Secretary**, All chapters were represented except Selkirk Valley. Minutes of the March 23, 2019 Annual Business meeting were read. Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte made a motion to accept with correction, Carl Gates seconded. Motion PASSED Chris Reed, Palouse, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2019 SBD meeting as e-mail. Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock, seconded. Motion PASSED.

**Electric Bikes in Idaho**, Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte, reported on House Bill 76, the State has amended the law and they consider E-Bikes as bicycles. They can go on sidewalks, streets, highways, state lands, any where bicycles can go. They don't need to be registered, don't need insurance, and don't need a license. On Forest lands they can not go on non-motorized trails. The State BLM office said that each district can decide where e-bikes are allowed. It was suggested that chapters in the southern part of the state go their districts and ask them to keep the e-bikes off non-motorized trails.

Heyburn State Park is not allowing e-bikes on trails marked horse use only. Need to watch real closely that this doesn't pass on national lands.

**Web Coordinator** – Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, the State website got transferred over to a new server, and it will let us manage e-mail forwarding updates. But our site was built on old technology, so when you go to look at it on a smart phone you can only see the whole page. So we need to do a redesign and Jill had two proposals on what it might cost to redo the website and had those e-mailed out.

One proposal was for the State and any chapters that want to go in on it. The more that tagged on the lower the overall cost. The other proposal was 25 hrs at \$75/hr. With the current situation and cancelations of events, there are several expenses that we will not have to cover this year, So now would be a good year to put this into the budget.

Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock, motion that we go for a new website. Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, 2nd. Roll Call vote, 23 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion PASSED. We will visit this at the budget and put an amount on it.

**Teton Valley Charter**, Rod Parks introduced Mike Mulligan who talked about that the great tradition of western horsemanship and with suburbanization and mountain bikes coming into the area that there was need to create a BCH chapter and have a voice at the table. They've put together their charter and By-Laws and are ready to go. Kathy Kearly, Cache Peak made a motion to approve the charter, Nancy Fox, Portneuf River 2nd. Roll Call vote, 23 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion PASSED.

**State Treasurer**, Kay Ryan reported that for the period September 2019 through February 2020 we started with \$74,158.98. We took in this period \$30,412.50, spent (\$22,352.84), and earned \$954.41 interest on CDs and \$0.27 on money market account. We now have \$93,173.32 in total assets, with \$8,390.70 in a money market account, \$17,603.93 in checking and \$57,178.69 in CDs. For the year we only had a net loss of \$623.87.

The \$25,000 CD matured on 1/9/2020 for a total of \$25,373.73. At the direction of the board in September, \$20,000 was reinvested in a 9 month CD and the balance of \$5,373.73 was placed in the checking account to cover expenses.

The calendar profit was the second lowest we've ever made of \$10,640.20. This is due to us printing fewer calendars, printing costs continue to go up and companies are less willing to give discounts on the prizes.

Kathy Kearly, Cache Peak, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for BCHI year end 2019-2020, Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, seconded. Roll Call vote, 23 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion PASSED.

**2020 – 2021 Proposed Budget Review**, Kay Ryan presented the proposed budget and based on projected income/expenses prior to the Coronavirus, we would have a total lose of **(\$1,634)** for the forth coming [2020-2021] year. After discussion, Carl Gates, Boise, made a proposal that we create an entry for creating a website - \$2,000, leave the monthly [maintenance] fees at \$360, raise the cost of Broomtales by \$500, reduce National Directors meetings to \$1,000, reduce SBD meetings by \$1,500, reduce the Education budget by \$500. Amended to also remove the \$500 chapter display awards. This brings our total to \$45,984.00, well below our projected income. Joe Brinkman, Eagle Rock, made a motion to accept the budget as amended, Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock, 2nd. Roll Call vote, 23 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion PASSED.

**Annual Audit** – Kay Ryan reported she contacted the presidents of the Boise and Treasure Valley chapters to either meet at her house or some mutually agreed upon location. Carl Gates, Boise said he could and Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley said she'd get someone. Once the audit is completed Kay will e-mail out the results.

**Chapter 999 Reports** – Kay Ryan explained that the 999 Annual Reports is required by the IRS for organizations such as a 501(c)4 and 501(c)3. If not done for 3 years you will lose your status. They are due at the end of your Fiscal year. It's easy to do, go online fill it out submit it, the go back in a day to see if it's be accepted. This is what keeps your from having to pay taxes on donations.

**Challenge Cost Share Agreement** – Rod Parks, Chairman. This was set up in July 2019 between the Forest Service and BCHI so there would be a process for reimbursement of travel/lodging expenses for all Volunteer Sawyer Instructor/Evaluators in Regions 1 and 4, and is valid until 9/30/2020.

Kay Ryan reported that BCHI is registered in SAM's. As this is a money in/money out system coming into the State's account. It would require line items in our income/expense budgets, and the task should fall on the Treasure. Kathy Kearly, Cache Peak, made a motion to adopt a Cost Share Agreement for Sawyer Instructor/Evaluators in Regions 1 and 4, between BCHI and USDA that would commence on 10/1/2020. Debbie Samovar, Sawtooth, 2nd. Roll Call vote, 23 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion PASSED.

**Volunteer Hours** – Chris Reed, Palouse, for 2019 we had 14 out of 15 chapters report. Out Total Value was \$557,980.23. That is a decrease of \$95,650.09 from 2018. We worked fewer hours, drove less and used less equipment, but we had more stock days and cleared more trails. This would indicate that we are not getting accurate reporting. It was suggested that each chapter select someone early in the year and get them trained with the assistance of the Vice-Chairman. By starting early and filling out the reports throughout the year, there will not be that year end rush and we'll better accountability. *(See Full Report - Attachment #1)*

These reports are the best thing we have to get some clout, accountability and recognition from our public agencies we work with. When you put your reports together you should also send them to any agency that you did work for them. We should report our hours and the dollar value when we are speaking to other groups. We will do training at the Sept SBD meeting on how to fill out these reports.

**2021 Raffle Calendars** - Debbie Samovar, Sawtooth, reported that there was a line added to the inside front cover asking readers to send an e-mail asking what info was of value to them. So far there has only been one reply. Do we want to keep this info or put more photos in the calendar? Do we want to do a redesign, putting work projects on the first two pages and spreading the LNT info among the calendar pages? General response was to leave as is.

Roll call was taken for the number of 2020 calendars each chapter is going to take:

Boise – 40	Cache Peak – 100	Eagle Rock – 35	Heartland – 50	North Central – 200
Palouse – 50	Panhandle – 125	Portneuf River – 35	Priest River – 80	Salmon River – 40
Sawtooth – 35	Squaw Butte – 250	Teton Valley – 50	Treasure Valley – 165	Twin Rivers – 350

Debbie made a motion that each chapter has to take a minimum of 50 calendars, based on carton counts. The Directors said that they would have to go back to their chapters to get approval for taking more than what they were directed to commit to. A new quote for 1650 with 5% overs at a discount will be gotten. The cost will be sent to the directors for them to discuss with their chapters about increasing their quantities to full cartons. Debbie will present a proposal in Sept for chapters to take calendars in qtls of 50. We have 870 members, if every member **Took One** and **Sold One** that would be 1740. We need to be **COMMITTED**.

**Voluntary Idaho Trails Supporter Program** – Rod Parks, every one should have gotten a copy of the new flyer regarding the Idaho Trails Supporters Non-motorized Trails Annual Sticker. They are \$10 and be purchased June 6th at <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/>. (See Attachment #2)

**Nominations Committee Report** – Karen Kimball, Panhandle stated the following people have agreed to run: Chairman – Rod Parks; Vice Chairman – Chris Reed; National Director (2 yr term 2021-2022) – Pat Bogar; Alternate National Director (1 yr term) – open. (Must be a Director to hold one of these positions.)

Nominations from the floor were open with no nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman or National Director. Joe Brinkman was nominated for Alternate National Director. Phil Ryan made a motion that the proposed offices are elected by acclamation. Aline Brinkman, 2nd. Motion PASSED. Aline Brinkman has 1 year left on her term as National Director. Kay Ryan and Debbie Samovar have agreed to continue on as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Rod introduced the new Public Lands people, North - Gary Kalmbach, North Central; South - Curtis Elton, Boise and East – Tim Palmer, Eagle Rock. Rob Adams has volunteered for the new position of Sawyer Coordinator. Additionally we need a new Insurance Coordinator.

**2020 September State Board of Directors Meeting** - There was discussion on whether to hold an actual meeting or do another teleconference. Most people wanted a physical meeting. Squaw Butte will hold the meeting in Caldwell with Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, will check into us using the site that had been scheduled for the March meeting. Meeting will be on Saturday, Sept 26th.

**2021 Convention** – Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, reported that they would like to hold the 2021 Convention as they have already done all the work and gotten all the donations. Cache Peak had been in contact with them saying they would like them to hold it. This would move everyone on the Rotation Schedule down one year. They will be looking at March 12th & 13th.

**Fire Arms in the National Forests** – Rod Parks received a phone call from Joni Packard regarding a Pilot program for Fire Arms in Region 1 only, in the Panhandle and Nez Perce Forests. The Rules & Regulations for the Forest Service is very strict and they are trying to find a way that we can do it without going through the same process as FS employees. There are 5 things that we have to do: 1-Background Check; 2-Say we don't use controlled substances; 3- Say we have had training in Firearm Use....

This only affects those who are on a Volunteer Agreement. You will need to go through this process if you want to be covered under workman's comp or you're insurance. If you are on a Challenge Cost Share Agreement, and the liability is on you, this does not apply.

**Sawyer Training Cancellations** – Rod Parks reported that due to the Coronavirus, trainings in Region 1 have been canceled until the end of April. Additionally, Trainers will be given another year extension on their cards. Rod has no info for Region 4.

**Calendar Payments** – Kay Ryan reminded the Directors that payments are due and that a letter has been sent out to each chapter. Chapters need to pay the full price for the calendars that they've taken, after which they will be sent their 10% Rebate. For those chapters who had their calendars shipped to them, that expense will be deducted from their Rebate.

**Adjourn** – Mike Mulligan, Teton Valley, made a motion to adjourn, Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, 2nd. Motion PASSED. Meeting at adjourned 1:22.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## BCHI VOLUNTEER HOURS 2019

We had 14 of the 15 chapters submit hours for 2019. Our total volunteer hours value for 2019 is \$557,980.23 which is a decrease in value from 2018 by \$95,650.09. When I am comparing these reports, I must ask myself why are we down almost \$100K? So, let's compare some numbers and see if we can find an issue.

First category is total hours: We are down 2441.85 hours.

Second category is total travel miles: We are down 15,503 miles.

Third category is equipment hours: We are down 262.75 hours.

Fourth category is stock days: We are up 130 days.

Fifth category is total trail miles: We are up 453 trail miles.

Now what do I surmise after reviewing these five categories? We spent 130 more days with our stock out in the field and we cleaned 453 more trail miles. How did we do this while using 2441.85 less hours? Traveling 15,503 less miles? And using 262.75 less hours using equipment? I don't feel these numbers accurately represent all the hard work our volunteers do for us. I feel that we are not getting an accurate reporting of how many hours we are putting in. I know there is a lot of work involved in keeping proper track of our volunteer hours during the year. We are doing the work, that is why we spent more days in the field and cleaned more trail miles, we just need to make sure we are getting it accounted for properly.

I would suggest each chapter find someone early in the year and train them on how to properly keep track of their hours. Once that chapter has found a suitable volunteer put them in contact with the vice chairman and he can assist them, if they have issues or concerns throughout the year, then it will not be a rush job at the end of the year and we will have better accountability.

I have attached a link for the volunteer hours report. <http://www.bcha.org/getting-involved/volunteering/hours/>

# Backcountry Horsemen of America

## Volunteer Hours Report

[ Back Country Horsemen of Idaho ]

[2019]

	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	3294	\$24.69	<b>\$81,328.86</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	2495	\$37.04	<b>\$92,383.81</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	338	\$24.69	<b>\$8,345.22</b>	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	1489	\$24.69	<b>\$36,751.07</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	471	\$24.69	<b>\$11,628.99</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	1268	\$24.69	<b>\$31,294.58</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	3574	\$24.69	<b>\$88,239.59</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12927.4</b>			
Wilderness Trail Miles	937			
Other Trail Miles	1148			
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>	<b>2085</b>			
Personal Vehicle	31324	\$0.90	<b>\$28,191.17</b>	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	44130	\$1.10	<b>\$48,542.45</b>	Calculated per mile
<b>Total Travel Miles</b>	<b>75453.02</b>			
Power Equipment	286	\$26.00	<b>\$7,429.50</b>	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	16	\$81.00	<b>\$1,296.00</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Equipment Hours</b>	<b>301.75</b>			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	743			
<b>Total Stock Days</b>	<b>1220</b>	\$100.00	<b>\$122,000.00</b>	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$549.00		<b>\$549.00</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$557,980.23</b>	



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[2019]

Revised 2016



State/Chapter Summary or Project Name		Volunteer Work												Transportation				Equipment Hours				Horses & Mules		Donations	
		Trail Work Hours				Trail Miles				Education &LNT	Public Meetings	Admin Service	Travel Time	Personal POV Miles	Stock Haul Miles	Power Equip	Heavy Equip	Quantity Stock	Stock Days	Dollar Amount					
		Basic	Skilled	Recon	Wilderness	Trail Miles	Other																		
Boise BCH		212					50						142	3730	50	22			19	19					
Cache Peak BCH		158.5	48	4	38	40	165						131.9	7550	4901.5			66	66						
Eagle Rock BCH		73	27	0	90	12	0	180	250	37	400	397	10	0	397		0	16	16						
Heartland BCH		186				30		40		50	385	220						19	24						
BCH of North Central Idaho		357	810	6	500	320	56				401	6856	3134			16		73	262						
Palouse BCH		118	5			55		121	15	135.5	314	1492	13.25					30	30						
Panhandle BCH		202	64			361	4	55	33	758	583	2054	134					45	45						
Portneuf River BCH		745	100	191	50	33	20		2	306	1180	3858	20					44	136	\$ 380.00					
Priest River Valley BCH			491			88	16						2					82	82						
Salmon River BCH		159	79	7	89	4	247		8	97	2879	1608						68	68						
Sawtooth BCH		36	10		0	24		50	6	120	225	150						4	4						
Selkirk Valley BCH		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
Squaw Butte BCH		210.5	264	105	119	114.5	359.5	25	870	575.5	4400	13781	36.5					134	149						
Treasure Valley BCH		239	211.5	25	23	5	311		55.5	473	6.52	5094	2					37	124	\$ 120.00					
Twin Rivers BCH		598	385		28	11	310		28	347	2815	7390	46					106	195	\$ 49.00					

# IDAHO TRAILS SUPPORTER

A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM TO ADDRESS  
MAINTENANCE NEEDS FOR HIKING, BIKING AND  
EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

## WHY

Trails provide **Access** to Idaho. Trails are part of Idaho's recreation heritage, providing access to camping, fishing and the wild places that make the Gem State great. We already have one of the most effective motorized trail maintenance programs in the country, supported by user fees. But the needed resources to maintain trails for hiking, biking and horse riding are lacking. And without adequate maintenance and improvements, access to some non-motorized trails will be lost.

## GOAL

Create an organized approach to address priority access and maintenance needs on Idaho's 10,000 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.

## PROPOSAL

### A sticker to show support for Idaho trails

- Annual Minimum Donation: \$10
- Contributor receives a sticker, updated yearly, showing their support for Idaho trails
- The Trails Supporter funds will be managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) and used for priority projects identified by the department, partner groups and the public
- IDPR will work with partners to ensure needed projects are completed, with an emphasis on signage and trail clearing
- Idaho Trails Supporter stickers will be available by June 6, 2020 at:  
<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/>

