



State Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020
Conference Call 8:55 am Mountain Time

Conference Call, Phone: 605-313-5889
Access Code: 275002#

Break for Lunch, time to be determined by Directors

8:55 am Mtn. Time, Call to Order & Roll Call -----	Rod Parks
Minutes of March 2020 Meeting -----	E-mailed 9/14 -----Debbie Samovar
Treasurer's Report -----	E-mailed 9/3 -----Kay Ryan
CD Renewals -----	Kay Ryan
Audit Report -----	Kay Ryan
Termination of Twin Rivers BCH Challenge Cost Share (CCS) Agreement for BCHI Instructors & Evaluators Sept. 30, 2020 -----	Rod Parks
CCS Agreement between BCHI & US Dept of Agriculture for BCHI Instructors & Evaluators -----	Rod Parks & Kay Ryan
New BCHI Website -----	Jill Nebeker
Ways & Means-2022 Raffle Calendar -----	Chris Reed
Broomtales Issue Dates & Deadlines -----	Page 2 -----Alice Millington
Nominations Committee needed for 2021 Officers ---	Page 3 -----Debbie Samovar
March 2021 BCHI Convention Hosted by Treasure Valley BCH -----	Alice Millington/Jill Nebeker

Committee Chairs/Coordinators:

**Please cover highlights of below Reports with a full written report emailed to all State Directors
by BCHI Secretary**

National Director's Report -----	Page 4, 5 -----	Pat Bogar/Aline Brinkmann *
Public Event Liability Insurance Report -----		Corey Dwinell*
Education Chairman Report -----	Page 7, 9 -----	Marybeth Conger & Karen Kimball*
Public Lands - East -----	Page 10 -----	Tim Palmer*
Public Lands – North -----		Gary Kalmbach*
Public Lands - South -----		Curtis Elton*
Idaho Horse Council -----	Page 11 -----	Marybeth Conger*
Sawyer Program Update -----		Rob Adams*
Volunteer Hours -----		Chris Reed*
2022 Calendar Submissions -----	Page 12, 13 -----	Debbie Samovar*
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Foundation Report -----	Page 15 -----	Tim Palmer*

Any New Issues for the Good of the Order.

Adjourn

From: Alice Millington, Broomtales Editor's Report & Proposals for Consideration

To: BCHI Officers and Directors

General remarks: I still enjoy the process of putting Broomtales together and, unless otherwise directed, will continue to do so for 2021. I have received emails and cards/letters from BCHI members, concerning the job I am doing, all positive; please know that they are appreciated and inspiring. I thank all the chapters' efforts to get me pictures and stories. **Alice**

Please read items 1 and 2 before deciding on item 1:

1. I would like to change the months that Broomtales is issued: Instead of sending issues out for March, June, and October, may I prepare them to be sent out in March, July, and September, to evenly spread the issues out, and allow more time for June events to happen and stories to be sent in
2. Something has recently been brought to my attention which I think the board should think about: Evidently, we have three Broomtales issues a year because we used to have three board meetings a year. Now that we have only two board meetings per year, and because the cost of producing the newsletter is so great, would the board like to cut the number of issues per year down to two?

Final remarks:

If the board decides to keep three issues per year, would the board entertain the idea of changing the issue months to March, July, and September, as stated in the first proposal?

If the board would like two issues per year, which months should they be sent out...March and October or September?

Alice Millington
Broomtales Editor

Nominations Committee Needed

2021 Officers to be Elected March 2021

Position	Current Holder	Term Expires	Term Length
CHAIRMAN	Rod Parks	March 2021	2 years
VICE CHAIR	Chris Reed	March 2021	2 years
NAT DIR 2	Aline Brinkman	March 2021	2 years
ALT NAT DIR	Joe Brinkman	March 2021	1 year
SECRETARY	Debbie Samovar	March 2021	1 year
TREASURER	Kay Ryan	March 2021	1 year
NAT DIR 1	Pat Bogar	March 2022	1 year left on term

From: Bogar, Pat
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:29 PM
To: mpbobogars@gmail.com
Subject: BCHA Report

My first BCHA BOD convention had the first ever digital convention thru Zoom meetings. It was three days of interesting and well ran meetings. Your current officers: Pres Darrel Wallace, VP Sherry Copeland, and Treas Mark Himmel did a wonderful job of putting this together and ran the meetings/training sessions wonderfully.

Want to make sure we are all aware of the national agreements that in place thru BCHA for all. We have MOUs with the USFS, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers – the board is encouraging all states and local chapters to work with these agencies.

It was brought up that the magazine “We Ride Sport & Trail” would like to put an article each month about BCH, we just need to send them in.

Another state has joined our ranks, South Carolina was unanimously brought in to our organization. BCHA is currently working with Illinois, New England, West Texas and perhaps combining Vermont/New Hampshire. There are some challenges due to lack of the beautiful areas available for trails and riding in some of these areas specifically West Texas.

BCH will have a 50th Anniversary in 2023....they are talking about making a big deal of this and would welcome ideas.

BCHA has changed the companies that have been assisting with the operation of our organization and each company was under contract. You will perhaps see emails from Michele Wade, her company is correspondence, communications, phone, etc., Innovative is the new financial firm and BCHA member Dana Chambers is working on the membership data services. They did have to change the membership software to allow this change in data accrual to happen. The reason they have asked for membership updates from all states is the old system only counted memberships, not actual members. Our numbers will be larger and that will make us stronger when we have accumulated all the data they have requested. These company changes have reduced our expenses by about 50% and they are just about all completed.

The Country Store, BCHA logo items, has ~17K of merchandise that has not sold. It is all in storage at this time and would have been brought out to the convention for further discussion, but due to COVID did not happen. It was discussed and voted on to continue the store, but some changes and work need to happen to make it work. A task force to work this out was put in place.

Just for everyone’s information the BCHA newsletter is on the Website.

The three items that are fairly hot right now with Public Lands is: 1) keeping non-stock folks out of designated horse camp areas. 2) the E-bike issue. It looks like another law suit with the Park Service will happen. They are saying we may have to concede some trails, but we will want to pick and choose to keep them off our most used and favorite trails. At this time we do not have to worry about Wilderness. 3) Because of the Great American Outdoor Act passing we should contact our FS and give them what we believe are the priorities in our local forests.

Pat Bogar

As we all are aware because of COVID 19 this year has been a challenge. The National Director Meeting was to be held in Kansas City Missouri was now changed to a Zoom meeting. A Zoom meeting is a web-based video conference calling tool to meet on line.

Sunday, April 19, 2020

National Directors orientation conference call – All directors were asked to call in to get familiar with the Ym and review all docs along with the specified in the Zoom practice meeting.

1. REVIEW NATIONAL DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES
 - a. Constitution Description - Sherry recapped responsibilities of National Directors
 - b. Governance Policies Requirements - Sherry recapped responsibilities of National Directors. The job of the national director goes beyond the annual national board meeting; it's a year-round responsibility and commitment.
2. REVIEW MEETING DOCUMENTS - All available on YM back office, National Board Meeting, NBM 2020
 - a. General Meeting Agenda Consent Agenda: 2019 NBM Minutes;
 - b. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - c. Treasurers report and proposed 2020 – 2021 budget
 - d. Candidates resume's
 - e. Resolution: To Facilitate Growth and Operation of the BCHA Legacy Fund
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3. Zoom meeting platform

MONDAY: April 20, 2020

- South Carolina admittance - Truman outlined steps taken to get SC organized and requested acceptance of SC as a BCHA state organization - **MSP**
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- **MSP agenda**
- Mike led the memorial to departed members
- **MSP** the consent agenda
- 2019 NBM Minutes
- Executive Committee Reports May 2019 through March 2020
- Treasurer Report
- All committees reported on 2019-'20 committee happenings
Contracts, Education, Expansion, Fundraising, BCHA Grants
Media/Marketing, Membership (ad hoc), Public Liaison (regional and BCHA Director), Public Liaison, Volunteer Hours, Nominations –
all presentations, reports can be found on the [YM NBM 2020 page](#).

TUESDAY: April 21, 2020

optional workshops:

Public Lands/RTP

Fundraising

Public Lands/MRA Resolution & Partners

BCHA Fundraising Committee Highlight: Facebook Challenge – All national directors are challenged to do a birthday fundraiser on Facebook, all proceeds benefitting BCHA. The state with the highest dollars earned win **TWO** free registrations to NBM 2021 in Kansas City, MO! Print out step-by-step directions on how to do this from the report on the YM NBM 2020 site.

Contact BCHA Fundraising for help – fundraising@bcha.org

BCHA Public Lands RTP Highlights: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding has been very successful in other states, funding big projects under BCHA's application. A link to determine each state's RTP administrator

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/rtpstate.cfm

WEDNESDAY April 22,2020

- Quorum established
- Unfinished business-Unfinished business – the corporate sponsorship video was shown featuring Casey Hufstader – use it for promotion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJgrYCAahUE>
- The video has been added to the Education Architecture under BCHA 101, Purpose
- Darrell stressed duties of all national directors; take things back to your states; utilize the chapter resources page and library on YM back office
- Takeaways from directors – name docs so they're easier to find; go over YM and access on presidents' calls; rename Ed Arch, make it more user friendly; put Casey video under "Who We Are" on bcha.org
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- Final nominations – none from floor; all positions filled, everyone ran unopposed. Directors are two years, officers are one year. Brad and Tif still have a year remaining on their term. MSP to elect slate of candidates presented.

Chair-Darrell Wallace WA

EC Director – Tif Rodriguez CO

Vice Chair-Sherry Copeland MO

EC Nondirector – Brad Pollman MT

Treasurer-Mark Himmel MT

(Above finishing 2nd year of 2-year term)

EC Directors-Dennis Serpa CA Craig Allen UT

EC Nondirector-Tom Thomas NC

Remember directors, you ALL need to be on at least one national committee. Why not make it two?

You don't have to be a National Director to be on a committee.

Something new this year BCHA has started, there will be a monthly meeting with all the national directors. Starting June 24th 2020. This meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month through Zoom.

Submitted by,

Aline Brinkmann

State of Idaho National Director

Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho Education report
Submitted by Marybeth Conger and Karen Kimball, Education Co chairs
September 4, 2020

Why do we do what we do for the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho organization?

Check out this thought-provoking video by entering control and click.

<https://youtu.be/cigLGgYmA8>.

This simple video* of a recent backcountry pack trip just might be your answer. For it highlights keeping trails open along with access to them, for use by future BCHI members. It also shows examples of minimum impact techniques. Karen and Marybeth would like your answer to this question to help guide us on the content of the BCHI education page. Please bring your answer to the board meeting. Mr. Chairman and Madam Secretary request for Director roll call at this time.

Perhaps your answer is different than ours and that is fine as long as we always stay grounded by the BCHI purpose, which is:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new units of the organization.

Having a "why we do what we do video" is a great educational and recruitment tool. The video Robbin did for us many years ago from our calendar photos was so useful. We had many download requests from other BCH states too. That being said, it is time for a new BCHI Educational recruitment video to keep things pertinent and fresh. Things are in the works to create a new educational/recruitment video.

Most of you have seen the new BCHI website which looks great. The Education page is less cluttered now and more user friendly. The change you now see is a work in progress. For your Education co-chairs are updating several education documents and adding some new ones to make these tools relevant. Afterall, this is where BCHI members go to download educational information and put on trainings. Please be on the lookout for them.

In addition, we will be adding a BCHI Certificate of Achievement as a tool to recognize members for their educational accomplishments. It will look something like this with a matching colored border. The certificate guideline is a simple one: it can be used by BCHI chapters upon successful completion of one of the educational programs found on the BCHI education page.

Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho Certificate of Achievement

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

Recipient Name

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE

TRAINING/COURSE/ ETC

Month, Day, Year

SIGNED, Signature Name, Title



To support member development and public outreach, Karen is emailing all chapter presidents to get a number count for the BCHA handbook. Karen will purchase handbooks using dollars from the BCHI Education budget. The plan is to deliver these handbooks at the upcoming convention. This is but another reason to attend the upcoming 2021 convention!

In this report, we would like to acknowledge all of the Education/LNT volunteer hours that were logged in 2019. We are here to help support your chapter's education efforts and plan to reach out to several chapters in the near future. More details to come.

There is always more to do, but all for now! Hope to see you on the trail! Karen and Marybeth

*Note this video is unlisted on YouTube. It was meant to get you thinking about the question.

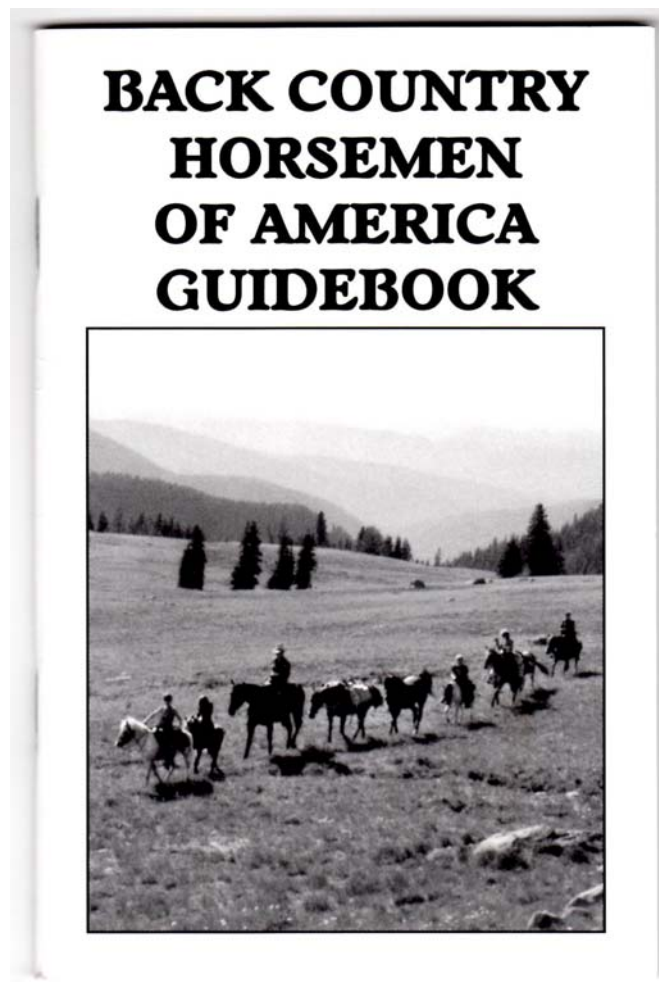
"Back Country Horsemen of America Guidebooks"

The Education Committee is going to order some of the "Back Country Horsemen of America Guidebooks". Each chapter will get a few but if you would like a certain amount please let me know. Also if anyone has several of these books stored away and you're not using them please let me know.

Thank you,

Karen Kimball, jkkimball01@gmail.com

If you are not aware of the content in the Guidebook, it is a valuable resource of educational information, from purpose of BCHA, to stock use, saddle & tack, packing, LNT principles, camping, highline use, and much more. Great information for members as well as having available for the public at events.



Public Lands - East

2020 Fall Report

Tim Palmer

After the outbreak of the Corona Virus most agencies put things on hold for a few months.

Starting in July the BLM opened a short comment period for trail expansion near the town of Ketchum. Unfortunately it was for new trails for bicycles and e-bikes. There was also some motorized trail expansion. There was no exclusion of horses and hikers they told me, however there was no protections. They are taking a multiuser view. The Sawtooth Chapter was looking into this.

In August the Salmon Challis National Forest has started there review of there Forest Plans. There is a lot of information to go through and could use a few people to become involved. I received a summery of there recreation plans so far as of 9/16/2020. I have sent that e-mail to the 4 Chapters that surround that forest. I would be happy to include others that would be interested.

There is an active proposal by motorized users to expand motorized trails in one area. Two non-motorized trails would change to single track motorized if it goes forward. If anyone is interested in more info I could share the details.

Tim Palmer

Public lands-East

IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL

September 14, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This has been the strangest year to deal with concerning horse events, rodeos and fairs. Three weeks before the IHC Horse Expo, we were told we cannot hold this event due to a nationwide pandemic concerning COVID-19. A new virus that was unknown to health officials worldwide. This is the first time I can remember such a panic to avoid exposure to this virus. I feel for those who have lost loved ones to this virus and who have contacted and been sick from it too.

One thing I have noticed this summer, horse owners have not quit riding their horses and the trails have been well used in the area surrounding Treasure Valley. I am sure this is also the case for our forests and other areas of Idaho. Thank you to the Back Country Horseman of Idaho for their work in opening trails throughout our state for the enjoyment of those packing into the back country or just doing a day ride. The volunteers are so appreciated by those who use these trails.

Idaho Horse Council is in need of representation from the Back Country Horseman of Idaho for a position on our council due to several Director vacancies. If anyone is interested in filling these vacancies, please contact Idaho Horse Council at 208-465-5477 or email idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com

The Idaho Horse Council is now conducting a 2020 Horse Census Survey for the state of Idaho. Every five years the Idaho Horse Council conducts a horse census survey to help those who are seeking information about the Idaho horse equine industry and it helps non-profit horse organizations applying for a grant from the Idaho Horse Board. We need every horse owner in Idaho to complete this survey to ensure its accuracy. To take the survey, please go to the following link: <http://www.idahohorsecouncil.com/2020-census.html>

The results of this survey will be published and available to the public, as well as member organizations including chapters of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho. This information shows the economic impact the equine industry has on our State, which enables the use of correspondence to Federal agencies such as Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and other government entities. This is an important document for our legislators to use when issues arise concerning horses or equines.

The Idaho Horse Board is available to apply for grants and in the past has granted monies to several Back Country Horsemen of Idaho chapters. Deadline for applying is December 1 of each year with grants awarded in January following deadline. To apply for a grant, please refer to the website www.idahohorseboard.com. The Idaho Horse Board is separate from the Idaho Horse Council but they work together to promote, preserve and protect the equine industry.

As president and director for the Idaho Horse Council, I appreciate the many and varied equines in Idaho. Their owners are as varied as the equines but we all share a love for them and I hope to be able to continue working to keep the Equine Industry a viable and strong entity.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!!!

Sincerely,

Dixie Christensen, President
Idaho Horse Council



BCHI 2022 CALENDAR CALL for PHOTOS

NEW DUE DATE FOR PHOTOS—NOVEMBER 30th

Photo criteria

Must be of BCHI members, take by a BCHI member or taken for BCHI (such as a newspaper). Can be taken in any state and the cover photo will be selected from Idaho submissions.

Must have a horse/mule in the shot.

Or be a work project with members wearing safety gear:

(hard hat, safety glasses/goggles, ear protection, gloves, leather boots, long sleeves, pants, chainsaw chaps).

Heads and faces preferred over tails and backs.

Kids photos welcome: If using saws they must have safety gear on.

Please do not resubmit photos that have been used in previous calendars.

Photos are placed by seasons - winter, spring, summer and fall.

Please submit as many photos as you wish on CD, DVD or USB drive. NO PRINTS. USB drives will be mailed back to you. If you want your CD/DVD back please let me know.

Photos need to be in JPEG Format. Set your digital cameras to the highest size settings possible.

If you only have a few photos or no way to burn them to CD or a USB drive, you can e - mail them directly to me. USB drives will be returned after calendar is printed.

ONLY WINTER PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPT AT CONVENTIONS.

Thanks for your help and submissions,
Debbie Samovar, 9176 E Soaring Hawk Ln, Saint Maries, ID 83861, 208-245-3041, secretarybchi@gmail.com

Membership Data Collection

By Debbie Samovar

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:Some Roster Changes and requests

Date:Wed, 26 Aug 2020 18:19:43 -0700

From:Member Data <memberdata@bcha.org>

Hi All,

As a result of some requests at the National Director Meetings I will now be adding 2 additional columns to the National Roster. Those columns are an Alt. E-Mail (after main email) and Cell number (After main phone number).

Another thing I will be asking all states is to ask your members to see who would rather read the Newsletters on the website as opposed to receiving a hard copy. Add a column after Chapters and title it: Mail Hard Copy of Newsletter. Your response should be Yes or No.

This is a way for National to save money!!

If you have questions let me know!!

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Dana Chambers

BCHA Membership Data Coordinator

206-498-6952

memberdata@bcha.org

BCHA Newsletter sent to state agencies

Subject:Fwd: Newsletter sent to state agencies?

Date:Thu, 10 Sep 2020 13:57:30 -0700

From:Darrell Wallace <bchachairman@bcha.org>

How important is it for BCHI to send the BCHA newsletter to all these addresses? You have way more external addressees than any other state, and it costs over \$1 per address each quarter. Also, I recognize some of the names as having been retired or moved on some time ago.

Chairman

Back Country Horsemen of America

BCHI Foundation Report

2020 Fall Report

This year we did our yearly meeting on March 23rd by conference call. It was successful for our first time.

We awarded Panhandle BCH \$200 for materials to build a gate and Portneuf BCH \$404 for a brush trimmer.

Also we made changes to our site to improve the Foundation page on the Web site. The foundation made an effort to promote National Trail Day and support us. What we found is our chapters use different ways to communicate to there members. This does make it hard to pass along information or promote what we can offer Chapters.

Alice Millington has done a wonderful job highlighting us in Broomtales. Smile Amazon donations are up this year and we have received some donations from our members. The Foundation could be totally funded by Smile Amazon if we could get enough people to list us as their non-profit choice. To achieve this we will need to remind our members on a constant basis how easy it is to sign up and use it.

The Foundation would like to thank all of BCHI members who have helped support the Foundation.

Tim Palmer BCHI
Foundation President