



**BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2020 Minutes
Teleconference Call Hosted by Chairman Rod Parks, Clarkston, WA**

Due to the Coronavirus, the September 2020 BCHI State Board of Directors (SBD) meeting was held via teleconference. State Chairman Rod Parks called the meeting to order at 9:05 MT.

State Secretary, All chapters were represented except Palouse and Selkirk Valley. Minutes of the March 20, 2020 SBD and Annual Business meetings were sent out. Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, reported that their Vol Hrs. tally was incorrect. The secretary will go back after the meeting and correct those figures in both the State's report and Chris Reed's reported submitted for today's meeting. Carl Gates, Boise, made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections from Treasure Valley. Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, seconded. Roll Call vote, all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion PASSED.

State Treasurer, Kay Ryan reported that for the period March 2020 through August 2020 we started with \$83,173.32. We took in this period \$18,857.50, spent (\$22,135.04), and earned \$173.05 interest on CDs and \$1.04 on money market account. We now have \$80,069.87 in total assets, with \$21,291.74 in a money market account, \$1,426.39 in checking and \$57,351.74 in CDs.

Audit – Due to COVID-19 the financial review of the 2019 accounts has not been made. If the Board wishes to do the review in March 2021, it would be a two year review of both 2019 and 2020. Debbie Samovar, Sawtooth, made a motion to have the reviews done at the March 2021 meeting. Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, seconded. Both Debbie and Pat rescinded their motions. Raenette Didier, North Central, made a motion to allow Kay to have two people from the Squaw Butte chapter do the 2019 review, as they will be signing that report and we can go back if anything looks off. Debbie Samovar seconded. Roll call vote, all Ayes. Motion PASSED.

The 9 - month \$20,000 CD will mature on 10/20/2020 and the 59 - month \$35,000 CD will mature on 12/15/2020. Interests are currently running below 1% and the bank said we should just put the funds into our Money Market Account. Most everyone agreed and Kay will do that.

On the 2021 calendars, Kay has not received any requests for reimbursements for any expenses for getting them distributed. Additionally Robbin Schindele submitted an invoice for his services.

For chapters that have a SAM's number, you're required to update your CAGE number annually.

Cost Share (CCS) Agreement for BCHI Instructors & Evaluators – Rod Parks, Chairman. The July 2019 agreement between the Forest Service and Twin Rivers BCH for reimbursement of travel and lodging expenses for all Volunteer Sawyer Instructor/Evaluators expired 9/30/2020. BCHI adopted this agreement at the March 2020 Convention. The new BCHI forms were sent to Jill Nebeker to be posted to the website. This reimbursement is for Instructors and Evaluators ONLY. If you don't have access, Kay can mail them to you.

Web Site Coordinator – Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, sent out screen shots of the new site. If you go to it and get the old version, click the refresh button (the circle arrow) located in the left top corner, it will reload the new version. There are photo galleries for each chapter and more photos would be welcomed. All our forms are located on the Board Members along with Officers phone numbers page. The password is Members, with a capital "M". If you find any forms or information missing let her know. Additionally, the calendar has been put in again, on the News page. If you have a public event or a work party you'd like other members to join in, send her the info and or flyer and she will get it posted.

Ways and Means/Raffle Calendars – Chris Reed, Palouse, reported the raffle calendar has consistently provided the funds needed to cover our expenses and add to the Legal Fund. The pattern we are seeing is the less we print, the less the chapters take. As printing continues to increase each year, so will BCHI's

expenses continue to rise. Bottom line – we cannot afford to reduce the amount of raffle calendars each chapter agrees to take. Would like to see each chapter take an additional 10%, to get us closer to covering our expenses.

2021 Raffle Calendars – Debbie Samovar, Sawtooth, we received 1700 and only had a commitment for 1650. Karen Kimball, Panhandle, reported she was still holding 14, Gary Kalmbach, North Central, reported he delivered 4 - (200) to North Central, 4 - (165) to Treasure Valley, 1 box (50) to Heartland, 2 - (100) to Cache Peak, 5 - (250) to Squaw Butte, 1 box (40) to Boise and they took the 20 extras. Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock, reported she met with Scott Nichols, and delivered 40 to Portneuf River, 50 to Teton Valley and 35 for Eagle Rock. There were 10 left over and Scot took those. Karen delivered 40 to Salmon River; Debbie took 35 for Sawtooth and 25 for Selkirk Valley. Each chapter needs to count their boxes and report what they got to Kay.

It is very important that we know where these calendars are so we can accurately invoice each chapter, plus we are accountable for them with the Lottery Commission.

2022 Raffle Calendars – We need to decide if we want to do one. Gary Kalmbach, North Central, made a motion to do the calendar. Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, seconded. It was asked if the chapters were going to be pushed to take more. Debbie reported that the cost of printing is going up and the sales are going down and we are fast getting to the point where we will just break even. Raenette Didier, North Central, we've had this conversation before and at the conference call we tried to get everyone to take 50 as that is how they're packaged. Michael Mulligan, Teton Valley, suggested that we do an annual fund raiser and just go out and ask members and the general public, explaining what we do and how they benefit and to give donations for a good cause. It was noted that we are a 501 (c) (4) and can't give out receipts, so what we collect would have go the Foundation. Bill Conger, Squaw Butte, reminded everyone that we passed a resolution a few years back stating we would do the calendars as our yearly fund raiser until someone came up with a better idea. It was decided to get a quote for 1700.

Broomtales – Alice Millington, Treasure Valley. Rod read Alice's report. She is willing to continue as editor through 2021. She's received lots of positive feedback. She would like to send the newsletter 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.

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?
There was discussion to get member input whether they would prefer hard copy or digital.

The directors agreed that we need three issues and that it should be at the editor's discretion as to when it prints.

Nomination Committee for 2021 Officers – Aline Brinkman, Gretel Kleint and Karen Kimball volunteered.

Offices to fill:

Chairman – 1 yr term,	Vice Chairman – 1 yr term,
National Director – 2 yr term,	Alternate National Director – 1 yr term.
You must be a Director to hold one of these positions.	

2021 Convention – Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, reported that the dates are March 12th & 13th and will be at the Nampa Convention center and the SBD meeting will be at the U of I in Caldwell.

National Directors Report - Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock, reported that BCHA wants to put on some webinars this fall. They are looking for subjects and how much interest there would be from our chapters/state.

Liability Insurance – Bill Conger is no longer handling the insurance. Corey Dwinell, Panhandle, is now our new Insurance Coordinator. Each chapter gets two public events that the state will cover. Any event where there is an accident where a dog or alcohol is involved, the insurance will not cover it.

February 15, 2021 is the deadline for getting your request forms submitted. All the contact information for Corey and insurance forms are on the website on the Board Members page.

Education – Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte, Marybeth and Karen wanted feedback from the directors and were asked

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

To meet, ride and educate other trail users, keep trails open and find new ones, maintain partnerships and work with like minded people, work on encroachments and social events.

They will have a budget report/request at the March meeting.

BCHA GUIDEBOOK – The Education committee is get copies of the BCHA Guidebook. The cost is \$1.00 each and that will come out of their budget. Each chapter was asked how many they would like:

Boise – 15	Cache Peak – 10	Eagle Rock – 50	Heartland – 10
Panhandle – 50	Portneuf River – 10	Salmon River – 15	Sawtooth – 35
Squaw Butte – 35	Teton Valley – 50	Treasure Valley – 10	

Public Lands-East – Tim Palmer, Eagle Rock, Salmon-Challis Forest is planning a Revision Update. There is a short window as any comments need to be in by Oct. 4th. There are three choices on whether to revise, amend or leave alone the Forest Plan. Anyone wishing to comment on this can click on the highlight commenting tool. We need to defend our non-motorized trails against motorized users and e-bikes. Their numbers are growing faster than ours and 2 trails being proposed by a motorized group to change to single track motorized. I opted to leave it alone and put a comment to not change non-motorized trails.

Public Lands-North – Gary Kalmbach, North Central, he found something on e-bikes on the Federal Register. Their request is for 3 classifications of e-bikes and the Forest Service is looking to make changes for the trails to be more accessible to e-bikes. There is a 31 day comment period.

Gary Kalmbach works 10 hour days, not leaving him much time to keep up on these things and would like for someone else to take over

Idaho Horse Council - Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte, reported that the Board has openings and needs more representation by BCHI directors or general members. There are 3 meetings a year. If you have any questions reach out to Marybeth.

Horse Census, everyone needs to fill it out. This is done every 5 years and shows the financial impact of the horse industry in Idaho. The last census showed horse owners generated over a billion dollars. The information is compiled into a brochure that you can get for free and pass out.

The Idaho Horse Board is available to apply for grants. Deadline for applying is December 1 of each year with grants awarded in January. Every BCHI chapter that has applied has gotten it.

Sawyers – You need to be certified on chainsaw and/or crosscuts. With the COVID, Todd Brown, North Central, was able to recertify Joe Robinson, North Central and Jerry Lane, Twin Rivers. Idaho is allowing small groups to meet, so you can contact one of these sawyers to give your chapter training. Forest Service had trainings with Rob Adams getting several employees trained.

Any certification card that expires in 2020 is good until Oct 2021.

First Aid cards have been extended to April 2021.

Volunteer Hours – Chris Reed, Palouse, has a report that will be emailed out. 2020 Chapter reports on hours and activities are due by the end of December.

2022 Calendar Submission – Debbie Samovar, Sawtooth, photos are due November 30th, the criteria is in the e-mailed packet of info for this meeting and are also on the website. This photo information form is also on the website, which you can click on and fill out on your computer. Make sure you include the trail name/#, the park/wilderness it's in and the closest city and state. If you're submitting a photo taken by someone else make sure you have the correct contact info. Winter pictures can be submitted as late as the March meetings.

State Volunteers – Rod Parks, Chairman reminded us that we have some fantastic volunteers who volunteer for committees. So our first contact on any issue should be with the committee chair or coordinator. These are the people that have the answers you're looking for, or know where to get them. It can be very discouraging to these folks when we look for information from other sources. Don't always go to the Chairman and/or Secretary.

BCHA Data Collection – Debbie Samovar, Secretary, BCHA has done some reorganization. They ended the services from the company that maintained the mailing lists and the "Your Membership" on the website, and hired a BCHA member to redesign the layout of the membership list and to collect additional information. They want to collect cell phone numbers, alternate e-mail addresses and how many people are in the family. They always wanted landline numbers, but I've only been supplying e-mails as approved by the Delegates at the 2018 Convention. Do we want to supply this additional information? The Directors said to keep our info just to e-mails.

Additionally, they want me to add additional columns of who would like a hard copy or digital copy of their newsletter. I suggested as they already have our e-mails, that they send out an e-mail blast asking that question. Plus they wanted to know if we needed to send our agency list to them. The directors requested that the list be sent out again and "cleaned up". It was commented that agency mail is generally delivered to the title.

Rod summarized that BCHI will only provide e-mails and that the collecting data on who wants hard copy or digital BCHA newsletters falls on them.

Foundation Report – Tim Palmer, President, sent his report out to everyone. Rod pointed that there is money in their Grants program and you can out request funding and they make their decisions at their meeting. Panhandle received \$200 for materials and Portneuf River received \$404 for a gas powered brush cutter. Also they reminded us to select Back Country Horsemen of Idaho on Smile.Amazon.com when shopping.

Good of the Order:

Idaho Trails Supporter – has a \$10 sticker to support non-motorized trails. Rob Adams reported that the program has sold about 1500 since June and they are working on getting Cabela's and REI to sell them in their Idaho stores in 2021.

Idaho Micro Brewer in Nampa – set aside a small amount from each sale to go into a fund that they are considering earmarking for trail or other such work. Daniel Love of Mother Earth Brewing is looking to work with non-profits like BCHI, ITA and the Selway-Bitterroot FC Foundation. The amount is something like 150K. Rod asked if he should send a letter on behalf of BCHI. It was recommended that this should go to the Foundation as they are a 501 (c) (3).

Great American Outdoor Act – Randy Rasmussen, BCHA, reported it will provide up to \$1.9 billion a year for five years to provide needed maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, recreation areas, and American Indian schools. He asked that we stay in close contact with our Forest Service contacts for submitting projects for the upcoming years.

Adjourn – Pat Bogar, Twin Rivers, made a motion to adjourn, Bob Hough, Twin Rivers, 2nd. Motion PASSED. Meeting adjourned 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Samovar

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