

BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2021 Minutes
Hosted by Heartland in New Meadows, Idaho

State Chairman. Chris Reed called the meeting to order at 0800 MST.

State Board of Directors Roll Call

*Boise - Not present
Cache Peak - Kathy Kerley/Norm McGuire
Eagle Rock - Aline & Joe Brinkman
Heartland - Linda Hemminger/Helen Glidden
North Central - Raenette Didier
Palouse - Bub Latte/Rueben Germain
Panhandle - Karen & Jim Kimball
*Portneuf River - Not present
Priest River - Louise & Paul McBride
*Salmon River - Not present
*Sawtooth - Not present
*Selkirk Valley - Not present
Squaw Butte - Lynn Garner
*Teton Valley - Not Present
Treasure Valley - Jill Nebeker
Twin Rivers - Pat Bogar/Rod Parks

State Secretary. (Raenette Didier for Debbie Samovar)

All chapters were represented except Boise, Portneuf River, Salmon River, Sawtooth, Selkirk Valley & Teton Valley.

Minutes of the March 13, 2021 SBD minutes were read.

Corrections to the minutes that were identified follows;

-Pg 1 of 6 2021-2022 proposed Budget...may want to raise this amount sometime down the **road**.
-Pg 2 of 6 Public Lands East. 1)BLM continues to have an open **mind**
2)Aline Brinkmann term as National Director should be **2021-2022** rather than 2022-2023. 3)Education
- participation in the **wise** and sustaining...
-Pg 3 of 6 Idaho Horse Council - the influx of e-bikes at Wilson **Creek**.
-Pg 3 of 6 Nat'l Directors Report - Info as to **where** to send articles...
-Pg 5 of 6 September 2021 SBD Meeting - should be **September 25, 2021**.
Rod Parks, Twin Rivers made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Joe Brinkmann, Eagle Rock, seconded. Motion PASSED.

State Treasurer.

Kay Ryan went over the 2021-2022 BCHI Mid-Year Treasurer's Report that was sent out to members. At our March 2021 Board meeting Chris Reed, Palouse, & Karen Kimball, Panhandle, did the financial audit, however there was no report given so we do not have approval in our records for that report. A 6 month \$20,000 CD will mature on 9/26/21. The Board will need to decide what to do further with this money at the March meeting.
All 2022 calendars have been delivered. If you give some of your chapter calendars to another chapter, please notify Kay or you will be billed for calendars you no longer have.

Scott Nichols & Curtis Elton, Boise Chapter made a deal with Zamzow to sell our calendars in their store. If you do this, you need some kind of agreement so Kay can track them. If you leave calendars to sell in a store, you must put a price on those calendars or BCHI could wind up not receiving \$20 per calendar.

At the end of 2021 we should have around a \$9400 calendar profit so we will be very close to covering the 2021 dues, if membership remains about the same.

Chrislin Insurance has been our insurance company for some time. They will no longer cover equine, so we are now covered thru Star H. The State Board members need to remember this will mean an increase to our budget.

Kay complimented Alice Millington on putting out a quality product in our Broomtales.

Sawyer reimbursement. Mark Ottman, Cache Peak, & Rob Adams, Squaw Butte, both did some sawyer training & they needed to be paid. The new USFS person handling the sawyer program is not yet familiar with the payment process. New additional forms were sent to Kay & it became very complicated, but the forms were sent in & payments were finally processed. In the USFS Region 1, Dave Savo replaced Joni Packard who retired.

Kay reminded us that 50% of any year end gain goes into the Legal Fund. Our Legal Fund is now at \$30,900. In 2016 the Board voted that the fund would be \$50,000. Board members will notice that a purchase for flowers from BCHI will show in the next report at the March SBD meeting.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Kathy Kerley, Cache Peak, & was seconded. Motion passed.

It was suggested to hold over the latest CD for one year so our CD's will then renew every other year. Motion made by Lynn Garner, Squaw Butte, seconded by Jill Nebeker, Treasurer Valley. Motion passed.

Public Lands North - (Raenette Didier for Gary Kalmbach)

Gary Kalmbach, North Central Idaho, received an email a couple days before our SBD meeting stating Randy Rasmussen, BCHA, will send the Public Lands Committee a copy of the BCHA formal response to the USFS regarding non-stock users being in Forest Service horse camps. BCHA thinks the document they put together will be a good start, that it will help, but we we will need to keep on top of this issue.

A copy of the USFS Recommended Best Practices paper (4 pages) is attached & is what BCHA has responded to.

The SBD shared where equestrian campsites were in Idaho. Squaw Butte already created a pamphlet (Idaho Trails) that shows many of these sites.

A list from our discussion at the Board meeting will be put together.

Public Lands South - No report

Public Lands East - No report

Education Chair Report.

Lisa Daes, Squaw Butte, is the new BCHI Education Chair. She shared this info.

Many education opportunities are on our BCHI website.

-Basic trail maintenance is on the website

-Clearing, maintaining rock structures

-Educational Videos

-An additional option is talking with people asking what BCH does

-How to list your Volunteer Hours

-If you want to be a BCHI officer

Don't forget to check these & many other education tools on the website.

Mary Beth Conger, former BCHI Education Chair was presented with a fleece jacket embroidered by Julie Bentley with Education Chair & our BCHI logo on it. Mary Beth talked about her commitment to BCH Education & how much she enjoyed doing it. The SBD thanked Mary Beth for the work that she did making Education a top priority for BCHI.

Idaho Horse Council (IHC). State Directors need to encourage members of their chapters to become IHC Directors to champion concerns of BCH & to support the IHC. It has served BCHI well to have BCH members representing us on the IHC Board.

Website Coordinator.

Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley, said BCHI members have been pretty quiet. She has not received any negative comments or frustration with the website.

-Directions are on the website for how to send a photo for the calendar rather than postal mailing.

-If members see something on the website that doesn't make sense, or needs to change, contact Jill.

-There is one page that is password protected for members of the SBD. You can make that password permanent on your computers.

-Jill posted items specifically for Directors, for the September 25th meeting.

-Rod brought up that our online calendar is not getting used. If public gets on but nothing is listed, that is not good.

-Chapters need to add, at a minimum, the time/place of your monthly meetings.

- When you have your annual project list, enter those dates. **ADD YOUR REMAINING CHAPTER MEETING DATES NOW.**

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) (Jill Nebeker for Cheryl Bice)

Jill gave a report for Cheryl Bice, Treasurer Valley, who wasn't able to attend. Their chapter President is a retired fireman & helped to get them 2 AED's. If your chapter wants one, going thru your fire department can help you.

You can take an AED on a horse trip & it will not harm the device. It is easy to use because the device talks you through what steps to take. If you had a satellite phone instead, it still takes 30 min for a helicopter to get to you, depending on where you are located. The AED is easy to use, it will record what's happening & will be available to the doctors once the patient & the AED are at the hospital. Squaw Butte, Cache Peak & Treasure Valley chapters have an AED device.

National Directors Report.

Aline Brinkman, National Director

-BCHA has joined others asking the Biden administration to halt e-bikes from being considered as regular bikes. It is a step by step process.

-Top Trail is an equine organization that is a nationwide group, where people log trail miles. It is online & you can compete with others.

-BCHA wants photos for their website.

Pat Bogar, National Director

-At their last BCHA meeting it was announced that BCHA finances are in good shape.

BCHA has multiple Webinars that are available to everyone. They are;

- Volunteer hours - BCHA would like to have a Volunteer Hours Coordinator
- Membership data - BCH101 gives current info.
- Public Lands - covers e-bikes & the USFS.

BCHA has a lot of committees & they want all BCH members to know you don't have to be a National Director to be on one of these committees.

Insurance Report. (Chris Reed for Corey Dwinell)

Our Chairman covered the following;

- the company BCHI was previously working with no longer covers horses.
- Renewal is now May to May. He didn't know if that changes when we send in our dates for a chapter activity. It is the same as far as coverage, etc.
- Coverage will end May 2022 from our current policy that started in April.

2023 Calendar submissions.

When do they need to be submitted? We will ask Debbie to send out an email to members.

BCHI arm patches.

Julie Bentley will send orders when completed to each chapter & chapters are responsible for payment. Chapters need to contact Debbie with their orders so Julie can make them all at once. If you have questions for Julie, here is her contact info; 208-983-2183 or rockingjbbags@gmail.com

Sawyer Program Update.

NOTE: (Rob Adams sent this report to the Chairman after our meeting)

Joe Williams did a crosscut workshop in the Frank Church while clearing trails in June (2 members CC certified). Rob Adams held chainsaw workshops in Emmett in May, in Stanley in June & in Boise in July. The Stanley workshop was both Crosscut & Chainsaw & was for members of the Sawtooth Society & PUG (requested by Sawtooth Ranger District). Mark Ottman assisted with the field day training. In total 17 students were certified. It appears that the USFS is going to again extend current certification due to Covid. We are hoping to hear about an Instructor Workshop in the Spring of 2022, the one being considered for the Fall of 2021 has fallen through.

Ways & Means. (Vice Chairman)

- Aline Brinkmann, wanted to make sure all chapters have the calendars they ordered & they do. Remember that Karen Kimball has a few extra if any chapters need them.
- Aline stated that each chapter needs to have their Volunteer Hours Report & Project Reports in by end of December 2021.

2022 Convention & Directors Meeting. (Kathy Kerley, Cache Peak)

Hosted by the Cache Peak Chapter

March 18-19, 2022 at the Burley Convention Center

Convention theme is 'Open Trails, our Legacy, our Future'

Friday SBD Mtg will be at the same location, starting at 0800 MST

Foundation Meeting will be at the same location

Cost for vendor booth is still \$100

Chapters please send in items for the auction

**Cache Peak is still working on;

Food costs, which will dictate registration price

Hotel rooms prices

Chapter displays are going to be a little different (stay tuned)

Have not decided if they will have a Photo Contest

After their October 12th meeting, they will send out all the info

Convention info will also be on their website

Nomination Committee for March 2022.

Joe & Aline Brinkman will handle the nomination committee for 2022.

Foundation Report. (Alice Millington for Tim Palmer)

Current balance is \$7880 & BCHI received \$182 from Smile Amazon

Last year from March to March Amazon Smile sent \$422 in donations to us.

\$476 is in the Ambassador program

\$7404 is in the General fund.

\$400 received from Bogus Basin (Squaw Butte) donation

Only expenditure was \$56 to Teton Valley BCH

If a Chapter does not have money to purchase a needed item the Foundation can help. On the form explain what it is & the need. Forms are online.

(If already purchased, include the receipt with the form to the Foundation)

Broomtales Report.

Alice Millington, Editor, the most asked member question she gets is, when is the deadline to submit things? There is not a set time, just send in photos & stories whenever you have something.

Facebook is mostly used by chapters to put photos from projects online so members can view them. It also gives Alice another place to choose photos from for Broomtales. Is anybody using something other than Facebook to post to? Alice would like to move away from Facebook.

Honorary Membership.

Rod Parks, Twin Rivers, said his chapter is looking at setting up a Lifetime membership for chapter members. Do any other chapters have them & how do they handle it?

Raenette Didier said North Central Idaho has had Honorary memberships for a long time. Chapter dues & BCHI dues are paid by the Chapter.

They are still members, so they do receive Broomtales & the National newsletter.

Criteria we have used; always willing to hold office or committee slots, have contributed their time whenever needed, always there to work on projects, contributed to the growth of our membership, were integral to the running and growth of BCH & may have been Founding members of our Chapter.

Can a young person be a State Director? (Discussion)

What is the age when a young person can be an independent BCH member?

Chapters need to check their own by-laws. By-laws can vary some from chapter to chapter.

It was asked if the State by-laws can be changed to allow a minor to hold an office. Chapter or State by-laws can be changed by a vote, yes. Currently there is nothing in the State by-laws that addresses this, however Chapters can change their by-laws. Check you own chapter's by-laws first.

Kay noted that the Teton Valley Chapter has it in their bylaws that an individual membership can be granted to anyone who is 18 years of age. Chapters can contact Teton Valley for a copy.

Adjourn.

Jim Kimball made a motion to adjourn, Lisa Daes seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
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