



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO



Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 19, 2022
Hosted by Cache Peak in Burley, ID

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by Chris Reed, Chairman

Roll Call:

Boise: 2 Curtis Elton | Ann Potcher

Cache Peak: 8 Norm McGuire | Kathy Kerley | Mark Ottman | Rick Ramsey | Cari Chandler | Mary Ann Schaff | Karen Ambrose | Jason Musick

Eagle Rock: 4 Aline Brinkman | Joe Brinkman | Sarah Wease | Kris Seamns

Heartland: 2 Linda Hemminger | Barb Baker

North Central: 8 Gary Kalmbach | Pat Enneking | Larry Copper | Terry Kalmbach | Steve Didier | Joe Robinson | Lannette Enneking | Linda Copper |

Palouse: 3 Obsidian VanZant | Bub Latta | Jerry Reese

Panhandle: 4 Jim Kimball | Karen Kimball | Julie Volpi | Cory Dwindel

Portneuf River: 5 Patty Wyatt | Brett Sayer | Steve Hurley | Larry Barkell | Nancy Fox

Priest River: 2 Paul McBride | Louise McBride

Salmon River: 7 Terry Hershey | Teresa Hudson | Sara Johnson | Celeste Bingham | Nathan Eby | Chris French | Karen French

Sawtooth: 0

Selkirk Valley: 0

Squaw Butte: 8 Lynn Garner | Dan Waugh | Rob Adams | Bill Holt | Phil Ryan | Kay Ryan | Bill Conger | Marybeth Conger

Teton Valley: 1 Lacy Garton

Treasure Valley: 5 Jill Nebeker | Cheryl Bice | John Millington | Alice Millington | Josette Beaumont

Twin Rivers: 7 Karen Parks | Ardel Petz | Rod Parks | Mary Sickles | Bob Hough | Pat Hough | Pam Winalski

Read Minutes from September 25, 2021, BOD Meeting by Jill Nebeker

Treasures report: Reviewed by Kay Ryan

2022 Budget Board approved as presented at Friday meeting.

2021 Audit Report: Karen Parks Twin Rivers and Christ – Eagle Rock reviewed accounts and all “A-Okay”

Insurance Report: Cory [presented out of order]

- More events than last year – 19 last year 30 so far this year.
- Changed date for deadline will now be mid-March 2023

- Same restrictions as prior plan.
- Needs to have lead time prefer 30 days or more –
- Can change dates as needed. Weather cancels etc.
- Cory to send out list of exemptions again
- If you want to have an additional public reach out to Cory on pricing

Nominations Committee: Rod Parks presents the following -

Chairman: Chris Reed again

Vice Chairman: Aline Again

Secretary: Debbie Samovar [not an elected position agreed to continue]

Treasurer: Kay Ryan [not an elected position agreed to continue]

National Director 1 (2023-2024): Pat Bogar

Alt. National Director (1 Year): Gary Kalmbach

National Director 2 (2022-2023) Aline Brinkman has 1 year left.

Education chairman report: [Lisa Deas resigned for personal reasons] BCHI need a new volunteer for Education Chair (Note: Lisa Deas has retracted her resignation prior to the meeting and is continuing as Education Chair)
Karen Kimball ---presented Lisa's proposal – Karen Kimball will help the new volunteer.-*separate page*

Resolution at National Board BCHA Legal Fund -attached from BCHC – Aline Brinkman

- There is no actual \$ amount listed, and we need to know what that amount is. Need more information and clarification of all points to it.

Motion: "Not to support this resolution"

Gary Kalmbach, North Central– seconded Karen Parks, Twin Rivers

Vote 25 Yea 0 Nay motion passed

Idaho horse council Report: Dan Waugh – Chair Trail Urban Spaces, Director with Idaho Horse Council

- Goal have Horse Council be a resource for one voice for equestrians across the state. Trail Liaison in Ketchum & a Lady in Moscow
- Need unified voice across the state – 3% of state GDP is recreation dollars revenue – per BSU survey Equestrian is third at \$125 million in 2019.
- Horse census on ID Horse council webpage – not a great census Boise State didn't process it very well.
- Health Issues Strangles and other issues –need contacts across the state.–
- Expand Petit Lake Trail head
- Outfitter Association does a lot of trail maintenance
- Legislative network need to utilize.
- Horse Expo is April 8-10, 2022 -there will be a pack clinic - horse TV air time last year hope to get more this year.

National Directors Report: by Aline Brinkman

- National News Letter, quarterly, everyone getting? If not let Aline know.

- Volunteer Hours Form: Use old sheet with 15 categories vs. new form now down to 6 categories...more to come on this issue.
- Grants out there on BCHA website \$50k available – minimum of \$2k to \$15k cash or in-kind match of at least 20%.
- Horse camps designated as such but others using| Take pictures, notes, License Plate numbers send to parks and rec or FS district office or BLM district. There is a form on the BCHA website and a link on the BCHI home page to help track and report this issue.
- E-bike policy – white letter coming Aline to pass it along once she gets it.
 - USFS is resisting classifying E-bikes same as pedal bikes –
 - BLM lets them go same as pedal bikes.
 - National Parks Service lets them go same as pedal bikes.
 - State of Idaho allowed them, on State Lands, same as pedal bike back in 2020.
- E-Bikes - State of WA, pending public comment, currently temporary option if have Americans Disability Act [ADA] sticker allow them to go where pedal bikes go. Public input deadline is 4/22/22. Twin Rivers sending a letter on this.
- 1.17.22 USFS Prescott CLASS 1 E-Bikes not heard the outcome yet.
- CA took non-motorized and allowed motorized then had to rescind but are now trying to get it back in legally with public comment process.
- BCHA NL sent electronically – what is status of this. Addresses of people for paper newsletter let Aline know for updating with BCHA. BCHI has members that don't have computers so no way to get them online.

Public Lands Reports:

- North: Gary Kalmbach - keep equestrian designated camping and parking spots open to equestrian use. On website – incident report send a copy to all chapters – conference call every 3rd Thursday of the month with NW public lands discussion with all the states CA AK OR WA ID--
- South: No Report
- East: Tim palmer Caribou-Targhee NF Centennials
 - Gold exploration X next 3 years. More congested and noisy
 - Trail head improvements all on hold, because of gold exploration
 - Reroute Lake Creek, Fleming Creek-Big Holes out of Palisades
 - West Fork Mink Creek 2 bridges and 2 culverts upgrade to larger
 - Salmon-Challis Bellas Lake Broadview connector trail start of summer when snow clears Copper Basin area
 - BLM District Manager can allow e-bikes [per BLM website] with written letter for that region in the future, BLM not currently doing this, just need to stay aware and monitor for changes.

Broomtales: Alice Millington

- There is no “deadline” for submission just send as you get them. Alice will write up the article so just send the information, when where who etc. she will compile to an article that fits the size of the newsletter she puts it in. Photos of work need to have members wearing PPE if saws etc. are being used.

Mark Himmel, Vice Chair BCHA, Saw Program Director for BCHA.

- Discussion on volunteer hours form change-it was done over a conference call with 85 people on it. It will come up again this year at BCHA April 10-13 2022. Will discuss form later in the day.
- Steve Didier referenced the fact that the change in the volunteer hours form was not sent to the state organizations or chapters for review speaks to a disconnect in the National Board and the rest of the organization, possibly due to the management team that has been hired.
- Steve Didier asked about why legal fund not same amount as Legacy fund? Sees e-bikes as next issue that will end up in the legal process.
- When members donate to BCHA they can designate where the funds are designated to go example Legacy fund trails forever goes to the grants that BCHA.

Location for Sept 2022 Directors Meeting: hosted by Priest River BCH— on 9/10/2022 - location TBD.

2023 Convention & Directors Meeting March 17-18, 2023 Terry Hershey ---hosted by Salmon River BCH Chapter

- Elks Club w/bar and kitchen - catered food – live entertainment.
- Frank Church Wilderness is in our back yard so considering the theme:
Clearing trails in the back and beyond.
- It will also be the 45th anniversary for Salmon Chapter.

Volunteer hours report - Rod Parks

- New form eliminated a lot of info that was documented on the old form. Our mission statement was used in the creation of the original form.
- New form eliminated miles, community service, education administration
- Eliminated number of stock so numbers are not showing accurately what resources were used on a given project.
- Draft letter put on overhead screen and read. Steve Didier and Rod worked through draft for a final copy to send to BCHA National Board Meeting. *[copy included with these minutes.]*

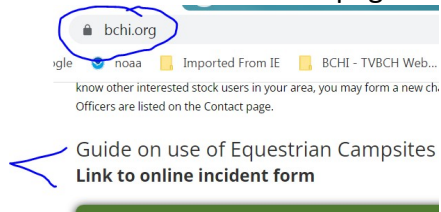
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BCHI Website Coordinator: Jill Nebeker

- Showed how to see link and email address on hyperlinks on website.
- Explained that emails on website have a forward on them so the displayed email will show Chairman@BCHI.org will forward to current chairman address. These are updated as changes come in.
- Website added on home page link



- Here is electronic report form link on BCHA site. <https://cdn.jotfor.ms/220378164958062>
- Link to article from FS on Best Practices for Managing Stock Use Sites at Developed Campgrounds and discuss with local USFS Staff. <https://www.bcha.org/blog/2022/03/05/bcha-encourages-chapters-to-review-usfs-memo/>
- If you find an error or typo or something that does not make sense please let me know.
- Amazon Smile how to set up the Foundation for your selected Charity will be added to the website on the foundation page.

Ways and Means: Aline Brinkman – sell calendars to keep us going.

Volunteer hours form hard to figure out what was received into the new form did the best I could. Will get final numbers turned in to Debbie once refigured and get final number from missing Chapter.

Calendars/Chapter Counts:

- Boise – 50 Cache Peak – 100 Eagle Rock – 50 Heartland – 50
- North Central –225 Palouse –50 Panhandle –125 Portneuf River – 50
- Priest River – 80 Salmon River –40 Sawtooth –35 Selkirk Valley –[25*]
- Squaw Butte – 250 Teton Valley – 50 Treasure Valley –170 Twin Rivers –350
- Total Commitment: 1700 will print 1700 --same number as 2022

[*not present used same # as last year] Selkirk has already paid for 2022 calendars

Not paid as of today: Cache Peak, Eagle Rock, Pan Handle Priest River Valley, Portneuf River, Salmon River, Sawtooth, Squaw Butte, Teton Valley, Twin Rivers, Teton Valley paid. Kay will send receipts out as payment received. Kay will invoice all chapters that have not paid. Once all paid she will send out rebate checks.

Rendezvous Proposal Carl Gates get in touch with him. Carlgates@yahoo.com

Founding Members of BCHA- Chris Reed

Val Johnson and Steve Didier were founding members of BCHA and also past National Chairman from the state of Idaho. Val passed away and BCHA did a \$300.00 donation, in his honor, to the Salmon Public Library.

Paul Kleint from Heartland passed away on 3/14/2022, please keep them in your thoughts.

Chris French - Salmon River Chapter - He made the Broomtales article this fall article about his horse wrecks. He had two first one in June and again October. In October ended up with a broken neck and air flight to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. He is back riding again skjoring photo in the back room. He got letter and cash donation for medical bills. He thought about how he could help someone else, notifying the members of BCH gives everyone an opportunity to pay it forward, so just asking if there can be something put in Broomtales or a notification to keep members updated to come together in times of need. Thank you to Chapters and members who donated to his cause. Recommendation would be to send info to the Chairman to start the process. THANK YOU!!

Letter to BCHA - Volunteer hours form

Rod Parks- Read updated letter and it was unanimously approved, Chris Reed signed it and gave it to Mark Himmel.

LETTER:

ATTN: BCHA National Directors and Executive Committee Members,

Volunteer Hours Form was developed using the Mission and Purposes of BCHA as the blueprint for its design. As a result of that design and the data that was compiled from it BCHA has been the recipient of numerous awards for its volunteerism from the USFS. Most notably USFS Chief Jack Ward Thomas awarded BCHA an inscribed slate shingle from the Aldo Leopold house in Washington DC for outstanding volunteerism in excess of any other volunteer organization.

BCH of Idaho members share a great concern regarding the new volunteer hour reporting form provided by BCHA.

In an effort to provide clarity and transparency regarding our volunteer hours, we would like to bring to your attention a few concerns with the calculation of true volunteer hours of value:

1. Elimination of reporting "Wilderness Trail" miles and "Other Trail" miles
 - Specifically, no record of mileage performed by volunteers.
2. Elimination of Community Service hours and reporting these hours under one category as "Other Volunteer Hours"
 - BCH Mission Statement specifically indicates Education and Outreach will be a high priority within the organization. Currently this new form has no record of our educational hours or attendance at public meetings nor administrative duties.
3. Elimination of actual number of stock utilized on projects.
 - For example, currently if you have 8 stock utilized on a 3-day project, it would be identified as only 3 stock days. It does not take into consideration the actual number of stock

needed to complete the project. The old Volunteer Hours Form would have recorded 24 stock days with the same example.

As a result, the BCHI Annual Convention assembled delegates demand that BCHA return to the Volunteer Hours Form used prior to this condensed form from BCHA in 2021.

Chris Reed - Chairman of BCH of Idaho

3/19/2022

CC: Pat Bogar

Aline Brinkman

Gary Kalmbach

Debbie Samovar

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Sawyer Training: Region 1 Todd Brown, North Central & Region 4 Rob Adams, Squaw Butte

- Forest Service getting out of business of Saw Training. New program, Volunteer Saw Instructor new course called “Developing a Thinking Sawyer” emphasis on risk management, human factors, and sawyer safety.

FS saw training and trails

- Brian Burbidge Region 4 Saw Program Manager- resources for fire support
- Larry Velarde Region 4 Trails/Dispersed Recreation & Travel Mgmt. Program Manager –
 - Saw program –close to filling position permanently with someone who won’t be pulled away during fire season.
 - Power point presentation
 - Todd Brown BCHI Region 1 N of Salmon River
 - Rob Adams and Mark Ottman Region 4 S of Salmon River
 - Quarterly calls with partners 35 organization to keep all partners on same training page with updates as they come out.
 - Partner workshop “train the trainers” all operating under the same program recertify all the extensions and recertify trainers and continue it through the fire season.
 - Nationally new saw policy that should be signed soon.
 - Changes ability for designated B sawyers to instruct and evaluate A sawyers that will allow for more instructors.
 - Way in which partner programs get recognized to sign their own cards. Old system very convoluted new process more streamlined
 - PowerPoint –Volunteer agreement trained, evaluated and certified in accordance with saw policy #2358 to get cards.
 - 30 different programs currently working with which include BCH of Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah.
 - Added PPE requirements in the chainsaw portion.
 - National database still being developed in the works for the past 6 years

- Course will be the same across the board no matter what region you are in.
- Course has been in development for the past 4 years. You will be able to select the modules for what certification you are working on.
- Still in the works not yet finalized but getting closer maybe by fall will have new modules with new videos.
- Big picture-consistent message across the board all have same understanding and safety training and processes.
- Why to provide a sustainable system of trails,
- Shared trail stewardship act signed into law in 2016.
 - Need to Increase volunteers by 100%
- Central Idaho Wilderness complex –area of enhanced trail maintenance
 - 2018 issue been aware of this and trying to send more funds that way
 - If have positions filled will be able to put more toward trails
 - Currently seasonal hiring process is broken
 - They lose many of the positions that are filled in Sept for start in May and then the hires find another position leaving the seasonal positions unfilled.

Chris Reed:

That concludes all the business for BCHI. Unless there is any unfinished business we will turn it over to, Cache Peak.

Transcribed and by Jill Nebeker [for Debbie Samovar]
