



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Hosted by Palouse in Moscow, ID

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 8:12 AM by Aline Brinkmann, Chairman

Roll Call:

Boise: 3 Arlynn Hacker, Jill Mohn, Ann Potcher

Cache Peak: 3 Holly Imbach, Jim Pierce, Mark Fields

Eagle Rock: 4 Aline Brinkman, Joe Brinkman, Sarah Wease, Tim Palmer

Heartland: 2 Linda Hemminger, Barbara Baker

North Central: 8 Todd Brown, Linda Cooper, Steve Didier, Gary Kalmbach, Jessica Meyers, Pat Enneking, Lannette Enneking, Jo Hardy

Palouse: 8 Obsidian VanZant, Bub Latta, Jerry Reese, Hannah Ruffridge, Chris Reed, Carlee Reed, Cherise Goude, Teri Remsburg

Panhandle: 4 Jim Kimball, Karen Kimball, Tom Knoll, Russ Rantz

Portneuf River: 2 Jill Svoboda, Debra McFarren

Priest River: 4 Mike Pilkington, Robin Pilkington, Pat Trask, Jana Ostler

Salmon River: 4 Teresa Hudson, Melba Baker, Celeste Bingham, Cindy Dean

Sawtooth: 1 Nancy McAfee

Selkirk Valley: 0

Squaw Butte: 4 Phil Ryan, Kay Ryan, Rob Adams, Bart Baer

Teton Valley: 0

Treasure Valley: 4 Jill Nebeker, Maureen Jackson, Josette Beaumont, Bill Murphy

Twin Rivers: 6 Pat Bogar, Mary Sickles, Ardel Petz, Pamela Winalski, Bob Hough, Pat Hough

Minutes: There are no minutes available for the March 18, 2023 meeting.

Treasures report: Reviewed by Kay Ryan

2025 Budget Board approved as presented at Friday meeting.

2024 Audit Report: Pam Winalski and Bill Murphy presented the audit report.

Recognition: Aline recognized Debbie Samovar for all her years of service to the BCHI.

BCHI Rendezvous: Presented by Arlynn Hacker. The proposal was pulled from the agenda, and a committee will be created. Please see the website for more information.

Saw Certification: Presented by Todd Brown and Rob Adams

- They did 5 Classes this year – Reminding everyone that if you run a saw on Federal Land, you must be certified. Every forest has a certificate coordinator.
- All cards will be electronic starting this year – good for 3 years, but your CPR/FIRST AID is only good for 2 years.
- Battery Powered Saws – OSHA does not distinguish between battery or gas – still needs a certification to use.
- PPE is required.
- Cross-Cut Saws – gloves are optional.
- Trainings in May for Class A, B & C

Foundation Report: Tim Palmer presented the overview from the Friday meeting.

Three grant requests were approved:

- Teton Valley - \$500 for a remote camp for school kids
- Priest River - \$300 for 2 pop up tents
- Boise - \$35 for CPR training

Volunteer Cost Share Agreement- \$17,000 for 2023 and \$19,000 for 2024

Projects approved by USFS with a list of all the volunteers can request reimbursement. All the money goes to the volunteer, not the chapter. Additional information and paperwork will be coming soon.

RAC Funding – Keep using this grant when available.

Public Lands – East: Tim Palmer presented his report:

- Piney Mountain Trail – Palisades Ranger District invited BCH to join their trail crews
- Eagle Rock – Will assist with five bridges to make sure they are horse-safe
- Aston – Spring box at Coyote Trail head with Teton Valley
- Rails to Trails – State Parks is planning to pave the system and there does not appear to be any room for discussions.
- Jackson Hole Area – discussions started on allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails

Break at 9:27am, meeting resumed at 10:06am.

Public Lands – North: Gary Kalmbach presented his report:

Road into Gospel-Hump Wilderness was washed out about 70 miles before the trailhead

- The Wilderness Act requires access to be kept open.
- USFS Engineers have been made aware.
- Can the National Guard help

Public Lands – South: Arlynn Hacker presented her report:

- Management plan – motorized trails
- 37 miles of non-motorized
- Enforcement issues

Broomtales: Pat Bogar presented a report for Susan Johnson:

- Six chapters did not receive Broomtales
- Send updated mailing list to Mailing List Coordinator at newsletter-mailing@bchi.org
- Deadline is June 1st – mailing list and articles

National Directors Report:

Director 2 – Joe Brinkmann presented his report:

East coast issues with harassment of equestrians –

- Use the incident report from the BCHA website.
- Alert local law enforcement if there is any assault

Director 1 – Pat Bogar presented her report:

Wind River, Wyoming presented a resolution for using COLA to increase dues.

- Second time this has been discussed
- Increases need to be decided at the chapter level

Does BCHI want to give BCHA the right to increase fees without chapter consent?

Steve Didier moved that BCHI should vote no to the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded and passed with roll call vote:

Boise, Cache Peak, Eagle Rock, Heartland, North Central, Palouse, Panhandle, Portneuf River, Priest River, Salmon River, Sawtooth, Squaw Butte, Treasure Valley and Twin Rivers all in favor.

Selkirk Valley and Teton Valley absent.

No opposed.

The National Directors were directed to vote no on the fee increase.

Chapter Reports:

Eagle Rock – presented by Sara Wease

Heartland – presented by Linda Hemminger

North Central – presented by Steve Didier

Palouse – presented by Chris Reed

Panhandle – presented by Tom Knoll

Portneuf River - presented by Debbie McFarren

Priest River Valley – presented by Jana Ostler

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Additional Discussions:

Tom Knolls suggested a magnet for vehicles with the BCHI logo – similar to what Panhandle has for their members.

Pamela Winalski moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 am. Chris Reed seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by: Robin Pilkington, Secretary