



BCHA
Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Noon ET
VIA Conference Call
(701)801-1211 or (855) 212-0212, ID 150-883-249

Members attending: Don Saner, Jim McGarvey, Freddy Dunn, Roy Cornett, Doug Bechen, Alan Hill, Darrell Wallace, Mack Long, Ginny Grulke
Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn

Actions:

- ✓ Motion to approve the consent agenda. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to approve the Executive Director's Report. APPROVED.

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Outstanding Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Don Saner (2 min.)	Changes & additions to the agenda Review consent agenda
	Don Saner (3 min.)	Consent agenda: Minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting. Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Lands Update • Education Report-included • Management & Transition Report-included • Headquarters Report Trails Forever Donor & Donor Update Motion to accept the consent agenda and reports.
Finance	Roy Cornett (10 min)	Financial report as of end of December. Deferred until another later in the month. Does the changes affect the ProForma? They should not. Budget- Discussion
Strategic Agenda		Discussion Strategic Plan review National Board Meeting Membership process Follow up – emails, etc. Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's Report • Executive Director's Report • Committee Adoption Update • Public Liaison Report

Adjourn		Next meeting date February 21, 2017.

Chairman's Report – Donald Saner

Was asked by the Wyoming BCHA to talk to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to see if the RMEF would be willing to work with WY. BCHA on a position against the transfer and sale of our National public lands to the states.

I talked to David Allan CEO. of the RMEF .for some time if RMEF would be willing to work with WY. BCHA.

David said he would be willing to work with WY BCHA and in fact he like to talk more about working with BCHA on the issue.

He did say that he did not think there no chance of the Transfer of public lands to the States that it was a smoke screen covering up bigger things.
In stead of worrying about Transfer that we need to look at ways of improving management of said lands.

We have a planned call in about to week after he talks to his board.

Called and made a appointment to meet with Superintendent David Vela Grand Teton National Park in mid. February.

If you remember, during the Shift conference I talk to Bob Radcliff (NPS) who told me I need to make sure Superintendent Vela got a good introduction to BCHA. That David he felt was on the fast track to Washington DC.

I was invited to speak at a public meeting that was hosted by the Wyoming Hunters and Anglers, Wyoming Wilderness Association and Trout Unlimited.

The subject was on the Transfer and Sales of public lands and on me serving on Wyoming public lands Initiative board. Good turnout with around 50 or 60 folk there.

Call with Executive Director Jim and Director of Public Lands and Recreation Randy on upcoming events that BCHA need to be involved in to help develop a budget on projected travel.

Conference call on NBM. With Jim, Randy, Erica, Mark Himmel and myself to work on agenda.

At the end of National board meeting when the new chair is passed the gavel one of his first duties is to present the outgoing chair with his "Chairman Pin" this was not done between Jim and myself. I found out at the last minute that there was no pin the maker of the pin was no longer making them.

I asked my wife Karen if she could look into this and find a jeweler that could make the pin. A job much more difficult than I thought it would be. After a search and visiting with may jeweler we found one that could meet our schedule and price that didn't seem out of this world. The first pin, plus making the mold is \$ 495. And each pin after that would be \$ 395. If we move forward the jeweler is asking for a \$ 200 Deposit.

Executive Directors Report- Jim McGarvey

Secretary of Agriculture has appointed Jim McGarvey to the Region 8 Recreational Advisory Committee.

Attended BCH Alabama. Membership is growing. Forming a membership committee to look at retention and growth.

Looking for a chair for \$5 month club.

Public Lands Update- Randy Rasmussen

Forest Trails bill

With the permission of the EC, BCHA participated in placing full-page ads in Wyoming and Minnesota newspapers thanking Trails bill sponsors Rep. Walz (MN) and Rep. Cynthia Lummis (WY) and Sen. Enzi (WY) for introducing the bill. Those ads ran over the holidays, when these members of Congress where home. We also secured permission from BCH Colorado's chairman to submit letters to the editors (LTEs) to two Colorado newspapers thanking Sen. Bennet for his help introducing the bill.

TWS appreciates the fact that BCHA's EC approved up to \$1,500 be spent on these ads, which included logos of TWS, BCHA and AHC. However, **Paul Spitler was able to cover cost of the ads** with his own funds and asks that BCHA consider funding instead Colorado-specific ads – **only if our LTEs are not printed.**

We are reconsidering the need for holding an event in Washington DC (date undetermined) to formally thank Trails bill sponsors. It's now unlikely that such event will be held if we can find other low-key ways to thank bill sponsors (e.g., a commemorative plaque for their offices is one such suggestion). Lastly, in late December BCHA issued an email action alert to BCH members whose U.S. senators and/or representative were among Trails bill cosponsors. Our alert asked BCH members to call and thank their member of Congress for doing so.

Spoke with USFS WO representatives, then convened conference call with allies to develop a strategy for assisting the USFS in Act implementation. For example, the Act creates a 6-month deadline for the identification of 9-15 priority areas for enhanced trail maintenance.

National Board Meeting 2017

Drafted and submitted speaker invitations for BCHA's NBM Public Lands Workshop, to be held April 21, 2017. Developed draft agenda for the workshop.

Acronyms used:

AHC = American Horse Council

NBM = National Board Meeting

TWS = The Wilderness Society

USFS = US Forest Service

WO = Washington (DC) Office

BCHA EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

January 10, 2017

Mack Long Chairman

Craig Allen Vice-Chairman

The Education Committee has been working on developing ways to bring the multitude of educational information into a format that can be utilized by the BCHA membership nationwide. Our current task that we are working on is to "Refine and evolve the BCHA Education Architecture" which will separate education, resource and training materials into a retrievable (electronic and hard copy) format in an easy to use online location.

We continue to work on several tasks that were developed at the last NBM that will be included in the above Architecture. Some of these topics include saw training, how to work with the USFS, Forms that can be used nationally for project requests and reporting, training requirements, Defensive Horse Safety etc.

Headquarters Report:

National Board Meeting

Online registration is open, A NBM home page has been created that includes a file library of pertinent information. Page can be accessed by logging into BCHA.org.

A letter has been created (attached) for National Board Members.

Membership Dues

The 2017 Membership Dues notice was sent out the last week of December. Two states have paid. We will be tracking dues on a google spreadsheet: [2017 National Dues](#).

Membership List Process:

Created a membership list submission process. Sent to EC. Have not had a response back.

Donations:

Chairman's letter has brought in \$19,585 in to date.

Please not donations do not include any made prior to April 1, 2017.

Options	Donation Fund Name	Status	Goal	Amount Received
   	Trails Forever Fund	Active	\$13,485	\$5,645 (41.86%)
   	BCHA Spur	Active	\$78,000	\$36,385 (46.65%)
  	The General Fund	Active	NA	NA
   	USA Today Ad Fund	Active	\$10,000	\$8,000 (80.00%)
  	Education Foundation	Active	NA	NA

Follow up:

International Trail Symposium in Dayton, Ohio, May 7-10

Email: patolivatigger@aol.com

URL: <http://Trail%20Riders%20of%20Today>

Comment:

Hello, This is Pat Oliva. I am trying to find out if any horse organization will be present at the 2017 International Trail Symposium in Dayton, Ohio, May 7-10? Trail Riders of Today from Maryland was to sent someone but the cost is far beyond our budget. I talked to the American Horse Council and they are not sending a member to speak up for the horseman. To my knowledge there will not be anyone to represent the horseback rider.

I know it is still early and there may be later. This is important!

We will work to get Yvette Rollins there.

Randy presented two years ago.

They will have a horse caucus event.

If Yvette can't go Jim McGarvey will attend.

Trail Master Class

On Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 7:43 AM Ginny Grulke <gabby.grulke@gmail.com> wrote:

The attached article and survey will be in the next AERC magazine, I thought you all would be interested. Amazing overlap in the trail maintenance direction of AERC, and BCHA. One thing I do think BCHA should do which AERC is already doing is hosting "Trail Master" classes. Could use some of the Foundation funds to underwrite, via grants to the states.

Ivan Books – do we want to order for NBM?

Expansion Committee – Doug reported that Ohio may come on. Freddy reported Minnesota doubled their membership. North Dakota has also grown.

Public Liaison – Alan Hill reached out to Australian Horse Association. Back Country Hunters and Anglers have approached Alan for a closer relationship. Teddy Roosevelt Coalition. BC Hunters and Anglers are having their program April 7-9 Montana.

Business Plan – Darrell Wallace, will need time on next month's agenda.

State Public Lands – Roy Cornett, Florida has had some horse/mountain bike interactions. Florida will have a new chapter.