



BCHA
Executive Committee Agenda
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
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, Ginny Grulke, Doug Bechen, Alan Hill, Darrell Wallace, Mack Long
 Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn

Actions taken:

- ✓ Motion made to receive and file the 2016 financial report. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the January 2017 financial report. APPROVED. Motion to accept the Executive Directors report. APPROVED.
- ✓ By consensus, to no longer have a chairman's pin. APPROVED.

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	Don Saner	Addition to agenda: Timeliness of minutes. Review consent agenda
	Don Saner	Consent agenda: Minutes of the January 24, 2016 meeting. Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman's Report • Public Liaison Report • Education Report • Management Report-included Trails Forever Donor & Donor Update
Finance	Roy Cornett	Financial report as of end of December. Financials were reported combining 2015 and 2016. Profit and loss statement shows a \$3,500 loss for two years. Freddy will draft a Q&A for the NBM to be sent Budget- Discussion, action tabled.
Strategic Agenda		Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director's Report • Business Plan Report – Darryl Wallace • Minutes – timeliness Minutes will be sent to EC members the day after or week of the EC for approval via email. Procedure – a no reply will be considered a positive vote.

		Once approved the minutes will be emailed to NBM and state leaders.
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Chairman's Report – Donald Saner

Appointed new Market and Media committee chairman, Mark Himmel, Montana. I announced the appointment earlier. I asked Mark to focus on:

- Website
- Working with AR and Marty.
- National New letter
- Communications

Mark brings drive and energy to the position.

Talking to past M & M chair Robbin Schindele. I thanked him for all the work he has done. Robbin want to stay involved with the committee working on the art and design end of thing.

Attended business plan call, chaired by Darrell Wallace.

Hosted a call with Paul Splinter, TWS and Larry Durant. Larry a member of the Cloud Peak BCHA chapter in Wyoming. Larry serves on a board that will be making a recommendations on the road less plan on the Bighorn National Forest. This seems to be driven by the logging industry in the area. Wyoming BCHA has come out against the recommendations from the board and will be campaign against the change. We keep you informed as this develops.

Have talked to members looking for better communications from National. They don't like going to the web site prefers an e-mail type of communications.

Talk to Mark Himmel on saw certification class at NBM, not a lot of interest in the class.

Been invited to attend a meeting with Dan Smitherman, Wyoming TWS. Representative in Laramie, Wyoming with the TWS leadership out of Denver CO. and BLM. I will be calling on Randy for advice once I see an agenda.

Also received a invitation to attend the Montana state meeting but had to decline. I had an engagement already schedule.

Also received an invite to a meeting hosted by the Westerners County Commissioner Assoc. in regard to the Wyoming public land initiative. I sit on a board looking into making recommendations on two Wilderness Study Area in Teton County, Wyoming.

Received an invite to meet with a member of the STC. in Teton county. I have declined the invitation.

Finance Report:

Included in the board materials is the 2016 end of year financial report and January 2017. Changing the format of the Profit and Loss statements was discussed. In 2017 we will use a simplified chart of accounts and class reporting.

Headquarters Report:

Membership

State	Single Memberships	Single Memberships	Family Memberships	Family Memberships	Dues Total \$	Number of Chaj	# of New chapte	# of chapters Lc
Alabama	64	\$960.00	77	\$1,386.00	\$2,346.00	4	0	1
Arizona	36	\$540.00	87	\$1,566.00	\$2,106.00	3	0	0
Arkansas	32	\$480.00	35	\$630.00	\$1,110.00	1	0	0
California	668	\$10,020.00	921	\$16,578.00	\$26,598.00	21	0	1
Florida	57	\$855.00	64	\$1,152.00	\$2,007.00	3	1	0
Illinois	0	\$0.00	8	\$144.00	\$144.00	1	0	0
Indiana	32	\$480.00	31	\$558.00	\$1,038.00	1	0	0
Kansas	24	\$360.00	28	\$504.00	\$864.00	1	0	0
Michigan	47	\$705.00	44	\$792.00	\$1,497.00	1	0	0
Minnesota	14	\$210.00	17	\$306.00	\$516.00	1	0	0
Missouri	116	\$1,740.00	197	\$3,546.00	\$5,286.00	10	0	0
Montana	318	\$4,770.00	385	\$6,930.00	\$11,700.00	17	1	1
New Mexico	134	\$2,010.00	85	\$1,530.00	\$3,540.00	8	1	0
North Carolina	112	\$1,680.00	111	\$1,998.00	\$3,678.00	7	0	0
North Dakota	33	\$495.00	27	\$486.00	\$981.00	1	0	0
Saratoga (NY Affilia	20	\$300.00	5	\$90.00	\$390.00	1	0	0
South Dakota	21	\$315.00	33	\$594.00	\$909.00	1	0	0
Utah	200	\$3,000.00	209	\$3,762.00	\$6,762.00	13	0	0
Washinhgton	820	\$12,300.00	635	\$11,430.00	\$23,730.00	31	0	1
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Equisure Liability Insurance

18 members took advantage of the program to date. John has been fielding questions. We are directing all questions to Equisure.

Michigan

As a new state, Michigan (and Alaska) were not properly on boarded when they joined. We need to develop a process to ensure that we serve new member state and chapters.

National Board Meeting

Registration is coming in, 36 registered. Below is the list and states. A reminder email with list of items BCHA needed from the states was sent the week of February 6. We have had concerns with the pricing structure. Pricing was briefly talked about on an EC call, no definitive action was taken.

No resolutions have been received.

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First_Nam	Last_Nam	Primary_Group	Which BCHA state am I represen
John	Aliberti	Newsletter : Comped Members	Staff
Steve	McClintoc	State Organizations : BCH of Arizona	Arizona
Bob	Magee	State Organizations : BCH of California	California
Dennis	Serpa	State Organizations : BCH of California	California
Yvette	Rollins	State Organizations : BCH of Indiana	Indiana
David	Beary	State Organizations : BCH of Iowa	Iowa
Ginny	Grulke	State Organizations : BCH of Kentucky	Kentucky
Roy	Cornett	State Organizations : BCH of Kentucky	Kentucky
Connie	Kleinhard	State Organizations : BCH of Michigan	Michigan
Russell	Wright	State Organizations : BCH of Minnesota	AZ
Mary K	Church	State Organizations : BCH of Missouri	Missouri
Rebecca	Krueger	State Organizations : BCH of Missouri	Missouri
Sherry	Copeland	State Organizations : BCH of Missouri	Missouri
Mark	Himmel	State Organizations : BCH of Montana	Montana
Sandy	Himmel	State Organizations : BCH of Montana	Montana
Ron	Ries	State Organizations : BCH of Montana	Montana
Brad	Pollman	State Organizations : BCH of Montana	Montana
Chuck	Miller	State Organizations : BCH of Montana	Montana
Jan	Koval	State Organizations : BCH of Nevada	Nevada
John	Fite	State Organizations : BCH of North Carolina	BCHNC
Julie	Hahn	State Organizations : BCH of North Dakota	North Dakota
Randy	Rasmusse	State Organizations : BCH of Oregon	Staff
Freddy	Dunn	State Organizations : BCH of Utah	Utah
Diane	Cherry	State Organizations : BCH of Virginia	Virginia
Ken	Carmichael	State Organizations : BCH of Washington	Washington
Barry	Reiswig	State Organizations : BCH of Wyoming	WYOMING
Carol	Genaro	State Organizations : BCH of Wyoming	Wyoming
Paul	Franklin		Nevada
Wilma	Fite		BCHNC
Loretta	Serpa		CA
Brian	Hahn		North Dakota
Deborah	Reis		Montana
Ronald	Fitzpatrick		Montana
Nancy	Pollman		Montana
Darrell	Wallace		Washington
Dick	Kleinhardt		Michigan

Education Committee- Mack Long:

Work is continuing on the development of putting our education and training materials on the website. Mark Himmel is attempting to update as much as possible on the current website. Announcement of the Packing scholarship will be on the website soon as well. Our plan is to have a rough rollout of the new Education architecture by NBM.

Executive Director Report- Jim McGarvey

AHC Webinar on climate change and its effect on equines. NOAA speaker, professor from veterinary school, and Jim.

Expansion – Doug Bechen

Wisconsin would like to form a chapter. Ohio has dropped again.

Alan Hill-

Cavallo will be attending the NBM.

Back Country Hunters and Anglers – three people attending, need a spot on the agenda.

Nominating committee – looking for thoughts and suggestions.

South Dakota Land Grab– Doug Bechen

Bill has been tabled at this time.

Public Lands Update-Randy Rasmussen

Forest Trails Act

Taken leadership role in implementation of the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act. Objectives include facilitating dialogue with the USFS and to demonstrate unity among the broader trails community. The agency must first identify 9-15 “priority areas” for enhanced trail maintenance opportunities. In refining criteria for the agency’s selection of priority areas, BCHA reached out to, and included the input of, the following partners: TWS, AHS, International Mountain Bicycling Association, National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, American Motorcyclist Association, and BlueRibbon Coalition. Criteria developed will be forward to the USFS WO.

Hike the Hill

Traveled to Washington DC to participate in the annual Hike the Hill lobbying week, sponsored by AHS and PNTS. Topics of mutual interest included Forest Trails Act implementation, LWCF and the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act.

Met with several key congressional offices and, importantly, with staff of each of the four Forest Trails Act sponsors, to thank them for their leadership and to provide updates on Act implementation. Explored opportunities for further actions to address the USFS trail maintenance backlog, including actions to enhance agency resources via its annual trails/recreation budget. Met with USFS Chief, Tom Tidwell, to receive his thanks to BCHA for its longstanding record of service in maintaining forest trails and for its efforts to raise awareness and to inspire action to address the USFS trail maintenance backlog. Thanked Chief Tidwell for his leadership in shaping a series of Trails Connect dialogues, completing a new saw policy, and for engaging the public in the soon-to-be-released *National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System*. Met also with USFS WO representatives to discuss timeline and implementation of the Forest Trails Act and other opportunities for continuing our partnership.

Met with allies to refine a course of action should the “Human-Powered Uses in Wilderness Areas Act (aka, “bikes-in-wilderness” bill) be reintroduced in Congress.

Other

In concert with **BCH Nevada** and TWS, submitted joint letter to BLM Elko Field Office expressing our interest in shaping and participating in their trails- and recreation-related planning efforts for Lincoln County, NV. Suggested that BCHA and TWS might work jointly with the BLM in order to “promote hiker and horseback riding opportunities” as per our new (2016) three-way MOU. Coordinated with **BCH Alabama** and the USFS Region 8 Trails Program Manager in response to agency deliberations that could result in the elimination of existing bridges and the use of wagons in the Sipsev Wilderness.

Acronyms used:

AHS = American Hiking Society

BLM = US Bureau of Land Management

LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund

MOU = Memorandum of Understanding

PNTS = Partnership for the National Trails System

TWS = The Wilderness Society

USFS = US Forest Service

WO = Washington (DC) Office