



BCHA
Executive Committee Minutes
November 28, 2017

Members attending: Freddy Dunn, Ginny Grulke, Doug Bechen, Alan Hill, Darrell Wallace, Sherry Copeland, Becki Krueger, Yvette Rollins

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn

Actions taken:

- ✓ Motion to accept the consent agenda. APPROVED.
- ✓ Approved the updated format for financial reporting. By consensus.
- ✓ Motion to accept the National Board Meeting budget. We will look for funds to close the budget gap. APPROVED.

Recommendations:

- Create a corporate sponsorship program for BCHA. Forwarded to the Fundraising Committee.
- National Board Meeting committee should review the opportunities of working with a national trails conference as a partner host.
- Determine why members are not renewing. Forwarded to the Ad Hoc Membership Committee. (Jeff, Utah may be able to assist.)

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Discussion
Welcome	Freddy Dunn (3 min.)	Changes & additions to the agenda Review consent agenda
	Freddy Dunn (5 min.)	Consent agenda: Minutes of the October meeting Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Lands and Recreation Report • Headquarters Report
Finance	Sherry Copeland (20 min.)	Financial report as of end of October. IRS Update National Board Meeting Budget
Strategic Agenda	Freddy Dunn	Committee Action Plans were reviewed. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zdAVSEa1C5thQKIL5SWWcZbM_JPLHNJ Membership Report: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1luSYjEFfc9N88HL8Ecl2BeAUnzSgs_5K4_PUuit4cn0/edit?usp=sharing
Adjourn		Next meeting date December 19, 2017.

Public Lands Update- Randy Rasmussen

American Trails new campaign, *Trails Move People*. Recommendation that BCHA take part in the campaign. No financial commitment.

Bikes in Wilderness Bill (HR 1349) – May be a public hearing in the next few weeks in Chairman McClintock’s Federal Lands Subcommittee.

50th anniversary of the National Trail System Act – October 2018 National Trail System Conference, Vancouver, WA. <http://pnts.org/new/event/2018-national-trails-conference/>

Also will explore ways for BCHA to support or sponsor Trails 50 Campaign www.trails50.org and for BCH states/chapters to conduct 50th anniversary-related events during National Trails Day (June 2, 2018). These are events to amplify our national discussion about the need for, and benefits of, trails and for Congress to better fund them.

Trails Stewardship Act Implementation

Wrote, gathered sign-on organizations, and submitted a trails coalition letter to new Forest Service Chief requesting he move quickly to announce the agency’s selection of priority areas for increased trail maintenance accomplishments. Letter was signed by BCHA’s chairman and included the logos/signatures of American Hiking Society, American Horse Council, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Partnership for the National Trail System, and The Wilderness Society. TWS and Don Saner also worked with Senate bill sponsors (Sens. Enzi and Bennet), who submitted their own letter asking the USFS to move forward with implementation of the Trails Act.

National Forest “Health” Bills

Performed research on pros and cons of various national forest health and wildfire-prevention bills currently before Congress. Held several discussions on this topic with BCHA’s chairman, vice chair, BCHA’s Public Lands Committee, and others. The Committee agreed that monitoring and commenting on forest health/wildfire prevention bills appears to fall within BCHA’s mission and interests.

SHIFT Summit

Participated in the annual SHIFT Summit in Jackson, WY, along with BCHA recent past-chairman Don Saner. Made contact with the deputy chief of the USFS and several potential charitable foundations, corporate partners, and non-profit allies.

Storer Foundation

Wrote and submitted 6-month progress report for Storer Foundation grant. Met with Liz Storer in Jackson, WY, to discuss progress and seek advice on possible strategic alliances in opposing federal land transfer.

BCHA Headquarters Report

Fall fundraising letter is out. Had difficulty with the mailing list. Issue has been corrected.

Liaised with committee leaders. Participated in Committee Chair conference call.

Training on YourMembership.

Spur thank you notes are complete to date.

Completed design of trade show booth graphics and ordered printing.

Ongoing work with states on membership lists.

Store – number of orders has increased.