



Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Members attending: Darrell Wallace, Sherry Copeland, Mark Himmel, Freddy Dunn, Mike McGlenn, Brad Pollman, Tif Rodriguez, Dennis Serpa

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn

Absent: Ginny Grulke

Actions taken:

- ✓ Motion to accept the minutes with changes. APPROVED.
 - Remove the fundraising off the agenda & minutes
 - Investment Policy Development Taskforce
 - Change spelling to Rodriguez
- ✓ Motion to approve funds from the Legal Fund not to exceed \$3,000. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motions to approve the recommendation from the Public Lands Committee for Randy Rasmussen to seek legal council with the purpose of determining if BCHA has a case in regards to the Central Cascade US Forest Service permitting process. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to accept the Public Lands Advisor's report. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the financial report. APPROVED.

Action Items:

- ✓ Erica to Resend link - and create list of member benefits. Headquarters will send out a link to the member benefits. (190723)
- ✓ Mark Himmell will reach out to the newsletter to make space for member benefits to be listed.(190723)
- ✓ Chairman Wallace to reach out to the Public Lands Committee regarding the Oregon chainsaw. (190723)
- ✓ Chairman Wallace has appointed an ad hoc committee for creating an investment policy. (190625)
- ✓ Erica to review the certified receipt to confirm IRS received the 990.(190528) Confirmed delivered.
- ✓ Kim to send treasurer notes to Sherry for review. (190528)
- ✓ Mark to go over Financial Policy in later EC Call. (190528)
- ✓ HQ to create the application and send it to Freddy Dunn to be reviewed. It will then be discussed at the next meeting.(190528)

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Discussion
Welcome	Darrell Wallace, Chairman	Changes & additions to the agenda
	Darrell Wallace	Consent agenda: Minutes of the July Meeting

		Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Lands Committee Report
Treasurer Report	Mark Himmel, Treasurer	Treasurer’s Report July 2019
Strategic Agenda	Sherry Copeland Randy Rasmussen	2019 Budget Discussion Central Cascade Wilderness Strategies, Public Land Committee request for funding to discuss the situation with an attorney. USFS is making decisions without public input/comments.
	Parking lot	Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8 PM ET.

Public Lands Committee Report

The BCHAPLC met August 19, 2019 in a special session. All of the regional co chairs were on the call. We discussed the situation with the Central Cascades and the implications it has for all of BCHA. The committee voted unanimously to ask the EC to grant us funds and allow Randy to discuss the situation with a lawyer to determine if we have a case for fighting the final decision.

Jerry Bentz, Committee Chairman

Public Lands & Recreation Update- Randy Rasmussen

Pending Policy Changes to Allow E-Bikes on Trails (for background, see July 2019 update) –

- BCHA and its allies earned media coverage regarding our national sign-on [letter](#) (submitted July 26) to federal agency leaders from the trails and recreation community. The letter expressed opposition to any policy change that would authorize motorized vehicles (e-Bikes) on non-motorized trails. Media coverage included:
 - *Energy & Environment News*, titled “Horsemen, green groups: No e-bikes on motorized trails.” In it, a National Park Service spokesperson confirmed the pending change in policy.
 - [snews.com article](#), titled “Conservancy organizations rise up against e-bikes.”
 - [Bicycleretailer.com article](#), titled “With possible e-bike land regulation changes on tap, sides defend their position.”
- BCHA and its allies learned that our national sign-on letter served to place a “chill” on Park Service exuberance to implement the policy change, although the chill is probably temporary.
- Based on the coalition effort, the National Parks Conservation Association submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Park Service seeking any and all memos, correspondence and meeting notes with e-Bike proponents and manufacturers that may have influenced the pending policy change.

- Tahoe National Forest: Last month, the Tahoe NF quietly [advertised](#) it had designated more than a hundred miles of e-Bike trails, some on non-motorized trails.
 - Local horsemen were not consulted nor were they notified of this pending change.
 - The agency’s decision was done without public involvement and analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
 - Representatives of the Tahoe NF characterized this change as a “trial” for more such changes by other national forests, including the Tahoe Basin Management Unit (as described in this local news [article](#)).

US Forest Service Proposed NEPA Rule –

- Submitted BCHA comment letter on the U.S. Forest Service’s rulemaking proposal to revise its NEPA regulations.
- As a member of their Advocacy & Policy Committee representing BCHA, worked with the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) to shape their comment letter on the NEPA regulations.