



BCHA
Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Members attending: Freddy Dunn, Don Saner, Ginny Grulke, Darrell Wallace, Sherry Copeland, Becki Krueger, Yvette Rollins

Staff: Erica Fearn

Tentative:

Absent: Randy Rasmussen, Doug Bechen, Alan Hill,

Recommendations:

Actions taken:

- ✓ Motion to approve the consent agenda reports. Approved.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the financial report. Approved.
- ✓ By consensus, Randy Rasmussen will be funded to attend the NETC. We will not be sponsoring. Approved.
- ✓ By consensus, approve \$325 for registration fees to the 4-H Volunteer Connection, September 27-30, Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, GA.

| Topic | Accountable | Topic & Discussion |
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| Welcome | Freddy Dunn | Changes & additions to the agenda Trail Education for Youth-Ginny Grulke Governance Policy NETC Discussion NBM email Grant writer information Review consent agenda |
| | Freddy Dunn | Consent agenda: Minutes of the February meeting Leadership Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Lands & Recreation • Headquarters Report |
| Finance | Sherry Copeland | Financial report as of end of February. Net income of Budget proposal. We will need to have a separate call for the EC to pass the budget. |
| Strategic Agenda | Freddy Dunn | Chairman's Report Update on calls made to the national board members. Fundraising Report Both spring and fall letters will go to all in list Legacy funding- Sherry and Ginny will review. NBM Agenda Review |

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| | | Legacy Award- no award for 2018 BCH Foundation – technical support for grant emails NETC Discussion-we will send Randy to present. No sponsorship. Membership Report: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1luSYjEFfc9N88HL8Ecl2BeAUnzSgs_5K4_PUuit4cn0/edit?usp=sharing Committee Action Plans https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zdAVSEa1C5thQKIL5SWWcZbM_JPLHNJ |
| Adjourn | | Next meeting date April 22, 2018 at the National Board Meeting. |

Public Lands & Recreation Update

HR 1349, Bikes in Wilderness bill

No updates other than we are attempting to submit letters-to-the-editor of newspapers in southwest Colorado, southern California and eastern Washington expressing opposition to HR 1349. The targeted news outlets are located in districts of key members of the House of Representatives in an attempt to discourage advancement of the bill toward a vote on the House floor.

US Forest Service Blasting Program

Background: The former Chief told BCHA in mid-February that an internal working group would develop recommendations on the future of the agency’s blasting program (ordnance and dynamite, which is used sometimes for trail construction or maintenance, building fire line, etc.).

Update: Received the following update via email on March 7th from the agency’s director of engineering:

...“we have taken your concerns and observations very seriously as we work through the business case analysis for using in-house blasters on the National Forest System.

“The working group believes with a clear line of accountability and oversight, the Agency can mitigate the risks to an acceptable level and are **looking at using in-house blasters and supplementing with National Guard Bureau expertise.**

“We will be presenting this information to the Chief and others later this month with program compliance and reducing vulnerabilities as our primary focus. I will share your letters of support with the Chief and keep you in the loop as we progress.”

US Forest Service Trails Budget

Background: The Forest Service’s current annual budget to manage its trails program is \$80 million (as passed by Congress late last week), down from a high of \$85 million in 2010 and 2011. While most organizations are trying to prevent further cuts to the trails budget, **the 2016 Trails Act once again presents an opportunity to request an annual funding increase.**

Update: Initiated and reached agreement with allies TWS and PNTS to formally request, in our respective communications with congressional appropriators, an increase to **\$100 million for the USFS trails budget (CMTL-Trails line item)** for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Randy submitted a formal request to Senator Merkley (D-OR), who sits on the Appropriations Subcommittee for Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (note: the US Forest Service is a “related agency”). Drafted and/or encouraged the submittal of identical requests that were submitted by officers of BCH California, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, Missouri, Montana, Utah, and Washington to their respective member(s) on the House and Senate appropriation subcommittees.

Headquarters report:

- Over the course of the month I have liaised with the following committee chairmen: Fundraising, Public Liaison and Advocacy Partners, Volunteer Hours, Marketing and the treasurer.
- Membership
 - New members receive a welcome email from BCHA with their login and password information. It has cut down on the number of requests via email for login information (from 10-15 per week to 2-4.)
 - Continue to improve the members only site.
 - Drafted new membership database upload process for states.
- National Board Meeting
 - Added resources to the members only site
 - Created and emailed letter to NBM and state presidents
 - Reviewed NBM hotel rooms vs registrations (we sold out of our room block.)
 - Posted nomination committee report and candidate resumes to the members only site
- Attended committee chairs meeting.
- BCHA Marketing
 - Updated store with new category “Marketing”, added BCHA branded pens and magnets.
 - New membership brochures are at the printers.
 - Tradeshow booth used in Washington for the first time

Fundraising Report

| | December 2017 | January 2018 | February 2018 |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Trails Forever Fund | | | |
| Number of Donors | 73 | 58 | 50 |
| Amount of Donations | \$2395 | \$875 | \$615 |
| Spur Fund | | | |
| Number of Donors | 178 | 88 | 37 |
| Amount of Donations | \$13070 | \$11554 | \$2290 |

(see <https://vcoss.weebly.com/>)

I have been asked to submit a proposal for a talk at this conference.

Deadline is April 1. (I just got the notice!)

This is an opportunity for:

1. Trail Education for youth
2. Promoting BCHA
3. Making leadership connections for future 4-H Youth partnerships

I gave a Trails Talk - branded with KyBCH - at our state conference in February. (Attached)
This could be modified to --

1. Put more emphasis on care of trails and community service
2. Brand BCHA on each slide
3. Add a slide all about BCHA and its interest in youth involvement.

I would be glad to cover transportation and incidentals if BCHA could cover the cost of conference fees (\$325).

It is possible we could find a small grant to cover the conference fee.

Ginny Grulke