



BCHA
Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Noon ET
VIA Conference Call
(855) 212-0212, ID 318-249-114

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 to accept the consent agenda and minutes, with changes to the minutes. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the financial reports. APPROVED.
- ✓ By consensus, to post minutes and Presidents' Call notes on the members only portion of the website. APPROVED.
- ✓ By consensus, to have Jim McGarvey visit a property in South Carolina. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to accept the Chair's Report, Executive Director's Report, Public Liaison Report, Public Lands Report, and Transition and Management Report. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to approve Jim McGarvey's travel to the Certified Horsemanship Association's Annual Meeting. APPROVED.
- ✓ By consensus, to have a Certified Sawyer Class by National Forest Service the day before the National Board Meeting. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to approve the accounting firm of NR Smith to represent BCHA as power of attorney in regards to the 2014 990 filing. APPROVED.

Alan Hill

Tomorrow is the first day of the National Saw Policy. Mark Himmel, MT offered to have a Sawyer Certification before the NBM.

Public Liaison Report

Update on Ann Lange and the destruction of her home by forest fire. The family is rebuilding. Her contact information has changed.

USFS MOU needs to be sent to J. Stephens. Hill and Saner.

Interest in the 21st Century Service Corp legislation. Not sure if it will pass. Western groups have found funds to leverage with volunteer time. (California is using to expand CC program.) Building two to three year grants for back country programs.

Partnership trip will be three days in August if anyone is interested. Alan will share the dates.

Ivan the Mule sells for \$10. An opportunity to have BCHA recognized. BCHA would receive \$6 of \$10.

Books will be ordered and distributed to executive committee members. We could sell the book at Equine Affaire.

Copies will be sent to executive committee.

Dennis Serpa will be in the Rose Bowl this year.

Discussion on connection between expanding in the east and 21st Century programs and training opportunities.

Randy Rasmussen

Public Lands Report

Congress in recess until Labor Day. We don't expect much action. Reached out to see if there would be an omnibus bill, word is that there may not be. Likely a continuing resolution to fund government programs into the next year.

USFS Saw Policy – Federal Register today included a notice that the policy is final as of today. Manual 2350 will be changed, age limits on chainsaw and crosscut, CPR and first aid requirement (waived?). Volunteers wanting to be sawyers on national forests will need to be certified within one year if their chapter is operating under formal agreements with the agency.

The Bikes-in-Wilderness Bill has been introduced by Utah senators. S.3205, highly unlikely for it to proceed in this Congress. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3205/all-info>. The bill would amend the Wilderness Act of 1964 and would tilt the field in favor of forcing bike use on most wilderness trails. Recommend we

	Erica Fearn	<p>come up with well-thought out response; not look to issue press releases and jump onto the web/blog debates at this time.</p> <p>Why are bikes in the wilderness a bad thing? See BCHA's Summer 2016 newsletter and article on this topic.</p> <p>GOP 2016 platform approved yesterday includes a call for Congress to act for the immediate mass transfer of federal public lands to the states.</p> <p>We need to use the unique voice of BCHA, in a public way, to get our voices heard in defense of keeping public lands in public hands.</p> <p>Discussion on Pittmann-Robertson funds and how, in eastern states, they continue to be used by state game & fish departments to purchase land that becomes closed to horseback use. How do horsemen respond?</p> <p>Management & Transition Report</p> <p>IRS Letter 2014 Penalty-update.</p>
Adjourn		Next meeting date August 16.

Chair's Report:

I spent 4 days visiting with Land Manager and members of Missouri BCHA. The land managers I visited with was Jonathan Brooks Wilderness & Trails Manager USFS Kent Wellner Program Manager USFS, Mark Bethke Director of Planning and Financial Resources USFS, Larry Johanson Superintendent Ozark National Scenic Riverway NPS, Eric Gregory Natural Resource Manager 1 Missouri State Parks.

All of the national land managers had past experience with BCHA across the country and spoke very highly of BCHA. It was a pleasure talking with them on the work they have and are planning to do with Missouri BCHA. Larry Johansson was very interested to having a stronger partnership with Missouri BCHA possibility of a MOU with the State organization and is working on opening up more trails, I was able to bring a National view and all the work we have done and are doing with the NPS and Forest. Larry was very pleased to see someone from the National organization there showing their support for Missouri BCHA, in fact all the land manager made that comment during our talks.

On the Land Manager ride we rode a part of the Ozark Mt. Trail that Missouri BCHA had repaired after heavy run off had damage the trail. They hauled several tons of gravel and installed water bars it was a massive under taking Missouri BCHA along with USFS is planning a weekend of training at the same area, trail design & layout, trail maintenance certification on saws it sounds like a big event. The State parks has a great relationship with the folks there in Missouri BCHA. Working hard on installing more horse camp and putting more miles of trails open to horses. It was a great ride and a working lunch that Missouri

BCHA put on. They are a bunch of real go getters I was very impressed with whole Lands Manager Day.

Sherry Copeland , Masha Copeland, Mary K. spent the next day talking Karen and I out showing us several of the State Parks that had horse camps that they have been doing work in also they have area Horse camp set up at trail head like the one we stayed at called Bushy Creek. The folks that managed the Bushy creek provided Karen and I with our Mounts "Fox Trotters " at no charge and also provided the mounts for the public land managers and staff at no cost.

I spent the next two days visiting with the Missouri BCHA membership going from camp to camp talking about the thing they are working on and how BCHA is there if needed Saturday night we had a dinner at the Lodge and I gave a presentation about BCHA and what we are working on. The weather was a little hard on this O-boy from Wyoming they have a bit of humidity there in Missouri.

Marsha , Sherry, Marry K. ,Becky and the rest of Show Me BCHA where great host. they where all very grateful for the support and help by sending me to Missouri.

BCHA is as strong as ever in Missouri and I am very proud of all they have done there.

Executive Director:

As you know, I represent BCHA as a board member of the Certified Horsemanship Assoc. CHA's annual convention is Oct. 19-23 at Middle TN State University – easy driving distance.

The Conference fee: \$295 (\$100 less because I am a board member)

Hotel 5 nights: \$770 (\$154 more because I am a board member – for board meeting day)

Total: \$1,065

Additions to the agenda:

IRS Penalty for not filing 2014 990. We have received a third notice from the IRS. The 2014 990 was mailed by Peg in March 2016. A second notice was sent by IRS to BCHA at West Hartford address. I immediately resent the 2014 990. Last week we were sent a penalty notice (\$5k). Karen has reached out to the accountant to see if they can assist. For them to assist they will need a power of attorney form completed. Attached is the form that will need approval so that the accountant can work on the issue. Action needed: Approval for the accountant to have power of attorney in regards to the IRS.

Annual Report to IRS. BCHA's 501C3 status includes a group exemption for our state and chapters. We have asked the states for their leadership and have not received a response from Alaska, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Saratoga NY. We will send out the list with the reminder for the Presidents' Call. Action needed: Do we know what states have their own 501C3 status? (I will reach out to Steve Lindsey as well.)

Notes not part of minutes:

Items for email blast:

Update on Trails funds

update on USA Today funds

Saw Policy

Press releases

Saw policy-press release-Mark, Randy and Phil for quotes

Ivan the Mule press release- and how it supports BCHA

Press release on Rose Bowl Parade