

**BCHA Executive Committee Conference Call  
March 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m. Pacific time**

***MSP – Motion made, seconded and passed***

Participants: Alan Hill, Mack Long, Darrell Wallace, Don Saner, Roy Cornett, Randy Rasmussen, Erica Fearn, Jim McGarvey, Chuck Miller, Freddy Dunn, Tom Thomas, Peg Greiwe

*USA Today ad - \$3450 pledged and some received.*

Chair Don Saner started the call around 9:05 a.m. Pacific Time.

**Minutes** –Minutes approved by Executive Committee via email vote.

**Treasurer, Freddy Dunn**

- P&L February – reviewed
  - P&L Jan-Feb – reviewed
  - Balance Sheet – reviewed
  - Budget – will vote in April.
- MSP to accept Treasurer’s Report.**

***Change April meeting to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Executive Committee April meeting – special notice***

**ProForma** – postpone because of last minute updates

**Transition Report**, Erica Fearn – looking good; everyone working hard.

**Chair’s Report, Don Saner**

- Education Committee Chair – appointed Mack Long to replace Pete Kriger
  - Expansion Chair Steve Lindsey working hard; will have applications at April meeting.
  - Professional Trail Builders Assn – Mike McGlenn will be talking to them about a possible partnership. (Bobby & Joann Mitchell are active with this group.)
- MSP to accept Chair’s Report.**

**Executive Director, Jim McGarvey**

- Trails Forever Fund – overarching name for whole process.  
\$5 club – perhaps hand out oversized cards – Jerry Bentz volunteered to be chair  
Estate Planning w/Crescendo – 75-25 (endowment 75%; operating 25%)  
BCHA Education Foundation – talked to Mylon Filkins; would be happy to do grant work for Trails Forever Fund. Give split to Foundation.  
Discussion/comments were shared. Crescendo Contract would be one year renewable. Do a three year commitment.
- MSP to accept the \$5 month club under the auspices of Trails Forever Fund.**

**MSP to enter into contract with Crescendo starting 4/1/2016 for one year for \$5500 and approve an additional \$3000 for other related expenses.**

**MSP that a percentage (said percentage to be determined annually by the BCHA Executive Committee) of the monies raised annually to the Trails Forever Fund be given to the BCH Education Foundation for its Trails Forever Grant program.**

**MSP to set the percentage allocation to the Trails Forever Grant program for 2016 at 30%.**

Thank you, Jim, for doing all this work!

**MSP to accept Executive Director's report.**

**Strategic Plan Discussion** – Erica will look at it again and see what else needs to be done to finish it off in preparation for “dreaming” at the NBM.

**Director Public Lands & Recreation, Randy Rasmussen**

- USFS issued draft Strategy for Sustainable Trails. They will hold series of virtual meetings this month on aspects of the strategy. Randy sought input of ED, Mike McGlenn and Dennis Dailey; arranged their comments in a matrix to be used to guide BCHA input during the virtual meetings.
- Trails Bill – another co-sponsor yesterday, Sen. Dan Sullivan, Alaska; 11 other senators added the week prior. Now have ¼ of US Senate on board. Our coalition sent letter to Senate Ag Committee requesting mark-up of the bill (S. 1110). Expect to see movement on bill shortly.
- Senator Wyden's yet to be introduced recreation bill. Want to be in position to support if we can. Emphasizes health and benefits of outdoor recreation and economy. Includes all federal land managers not just the 4 that we typically work with. Includes trails (took 2 provisions from Trails bill) and adds new fund for trail maintenance in priority areas. Comprehensive recreation bill; streamlines permitting process for special uses, elevates visibility/management of national recreation areas.
- Chuck Miller – bill appears to include new recreational use fees? Randy – not how I read it; tries instead to streamline process for getting existing passes for fee areas on both state and federal public land; but will double check with Senator's staff.
- BLM MOU – requested from BCHA members nominations for favorite trails to highlight on BLM website; got lots but nothing yet from Montana or Idaho.
- NPS – Mt. Rainier Wilderness Stewardship Plan – submitted joint scoping comment letter late last month with BCHWA. They have good relations with park and we are optimistic that the plan will revisit the mass closures of trails to stock use enacted in 2002.
- NBM – keynote will be Dr. Robert Keiter, University of Utah School of Law – transfer of public lands to states, independent noted scholar. Will arrive Wednesday evening for Bristlecone social, speak following day during Public Lands Workshop.

**Peg – make reservation for one night at hotel on April 20 Wednesday?**

- Other NBM speakers include BLM NV director and wilderness leads from NPS and USFS. Friday agenda to include USFS saw policy discussion (note: final saw policy to be released this month).
- Mack Long – USFS national recreation directors recently adopted new model as to how to allocate trails funding across the country; changed percentages. 40% based on trail use; gives greater weight to urban areas not backcountry trails-sends signal that backcountry trails are no longer a priority; Region 1 (MT, ND, ID panhandle) trails budget will take a 30% hit, phased in over 3 years. Work crews on trails will be reduced or eliminated. Regions 3 and 8 will get a boost. Randy – adjustments being made for regions with bridges – most expensive to maintain, with Region 6 having ¼ of all trail bridges in USFS. To be seen how it goes.

**MSP to accept Director, Public Lands & Recreation report.**

**Public Liaison, Alan Hill**

Major 2.6 million acre designation for National Monument in California – most does not have infrastructure for recreation; represents opportunity for recreationists to get on the ground floor for development. BLM is becoming a more important partner with BCHA. Money on recreation side for BLM that we haven't seen in other agencies FS, NPS.

Had semi-annual meeting with public land managers/partners to better coordinate work on PCTA. Status of Buffalo Soldiers re-enactment; 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NPS; BCHA has committed to helping with the start of the trail in San Francisco; San Joaquin Valley trail couple days; wind up in Yosemite NP at the end of 10 days. All in development/conceptual phase. Started as a smaller event but is growing.

**Nominations**, Alan Hill – will take nominations from the floor at National Board Meeting; nominations to date.

Vice Chair, Freddy Dunn UT

Treasurer, Roy Cornett KY

Chair, Don Saner WY

EC Board – Darrell Wallace WA, Ginny Grulke KY, Alan Hill CA

**MSP to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.**

*Peg Greiwe*

Executive Secretary