

**BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting hosted by Boise BCH**  
**March 5, 2011 Boise, Idaho**

Phil Ryan, State Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Phil thanked the Boise BCH chapter for hosting the meeting. Guests and alternate state directors were introduced. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call. All chapters were present except North Idaho. The minutes from the November 2010 BCHI BOD meeting were approved as corrected. Dorothy Bailey presented the BCHI 2010 Annual Report. 2010 BCHI Volunteer hours at a total value saved to government agencies, which includes labor and equipment used in completing 2010 work projects was \$386,272.00. Dorothy gave a presentation on the Volunteer Report Forms and reviewed the instructions to complete the forms.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay Ryan presented the treasurer's report and the proposed 2011-2012 budget. The treasurer's report and the proposed 2011-2012 budget was accepted as submitted. Gary Towle made a motion for BCHI to purchase a Mac Book Pro laptop computer that includes a three year warranty for the State Secretary. Seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion carried.

**National Director's Reports:** Val Johnson reported BCHA is experiencing organizational and funding issues. The BCHA Vice Chair and the Director of Development positions remain vacant. BCHA may be considering creating a smaller Executive Board. Rod Parks reported the BCHA Annual Solicitation Letter requesting donations from BCH members was sent in December 2010. A donation link was added to the home page of BCHA. TMOs were requested from the USFS in March 2010 and were sent to the states and the affiliates last fall after an extensive task of sorting the data by forest and state. Not all states have started working on the data yet. Business Committee: working on doing some reorganizing to make BCHA able to react to issues quicker. The annual national director's meeting attended by 42 national directors to conduct business is too cumbersome. Currently there is an Executive Committee that advises the Chairman, but has no authority. The plan is to give this committee made up of four officers of BCHA at large limited power to deal with issues more timely. The BCHA National Directors meeting is in Butte, Montana, April 26-30. BCHA is working on other groups across the country with similar interests to become affiliate members to BCHA. The list is slowly growing and all the affiliates are listed on the BCHA website. Attempts have been made to contact Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, REI, and Cabelas as sponsors and supporters of BCHA. Discussion was held among the BCHI BOD regarding BCHA's fundraising resources. Gretel Kleint made a motion for BCHI to give a onetime monetary donation of \$1000.00 to BCHA. Seconded by Terry Steiner. Motion carried.

**Broomtales Report:** Debbie Samovar thanked the chapters for sending articles for the last Broomtales issue. Several BCHI members did not receive the most recent issue of the newsletter. Debbie Samovar discussed possible changes with the mailing of the Broomtales issues. She will be reviewing the NOCA mailing list review process.

**Public Lands Report:** Gary Towle reported that BCHI chapters are working on the TCS, reviewing what trail designations may need to be challenged.

**Owyhee Initiative:** Phil Ryan reported the Owyhee Initiative has requested input from BCHI for the location of a new trailhead. Three BCH chapters have scheduled projects in the Owyhee Wilderness area this summer.

**2011 Idaho Sportsmen's Show:** Three BCH chapters, Treasure Valley, Boise and Squaw Butte are sharing a booth at the Boise show March 4 - 6 this weekend at the Fairgrounds.

**Education Report:** Marybeth Conger BCHI Education Chair discussed the request for \$650.00 reimbursement to cover tuition costs from the BCHI Foundation. Cindy and Chris Walker, members of the Salmon chapter plan to attend the Master Training Course as a team at Nine Mile Remount Station in May. Marybeth made a motion requesting an additional \$50.00 for a total of \$650 to cover the actual cost for one attendee at the Master Training Course in Huson, MT. Seconded by Gary Towle. Motion carried.

**Idaho Horse Council:** Raenette Didier reported on the November 2010 IHC meeting. Topics discussed at the meeting included: NAIS, ADT (Animal Disease Traceability), horse slaughter issues, breeding/race industry, and developing a statewide organized emergency call list for equine evacuation related to natural disasters. IHC Coloring books- please contact the IHC 208-465-5477 for free coloring books that they will provide for hospitalized children and for homeless shelters in your area.

**BCHI Website:** Rod Parks encouraged the 15 chapters to post their monthly events on the BCHI and Chapters' Interactive Calendar of Events. An instructional step by step handout was provided to each chapter to give to their chapter's contact person who has access to the BCHI website Calendar of Events. [www.bchi.org](http://www.bchi.org)

**Life Flight Network Discounted BCHI memberships :** Rod Parks reminded the Board of Directors to remind their chapters that Lifeflight Network will be sending annual renewal letters directly to BCH members.

**Trail Classification Standards Update:** Rod Parks and Steve Didier discussed with the BOD the importance of each chapter to review the TCS to help preserve our access to trails to accommodate pack and saddle stock. Each chapter should review the TCS data base, trail classifications, designed use and managed use categories. Rod presented the TMO (Trail Management Objectives) review guidelines and suggested the chapters to use this reference when reviewing the TCS regarding the clearance heights and clearance widths. Each trail has a TMO reference sheet (design parameters of the trail).

**Trails can have only one designed use, but can have multiple managed uses.** If the trail is designed for pack and saddle, it is encouraged for the trail to be listed as managed for pack and saddle. If a trail is designed for pack and saddle stock and it is not listed as pack and saddle stock: be proactive, discuss and encourage your local USFS office to add and/or change "managed for use" for pack and saddle stock for the trail classification designation. The change must be listed on the USFS TMO documents. Rod will send additional information to the chapter's TCS contacts. Each chapter gave a TCS progress report.

BCHI Chapter	Chapter TCS Contact	Idaho National Forest
Boise	Bill Murphy	Boise
Cache Peak	Pike Genzmer	Sawtooth
Eagle Rock	Connie Bowcutt /Phoebe Pelot	Caribou/Targee
Heartland	Al Becker	Payette
High Desert	Kathy Kerley	Sawtooth

<b>BCHI Chapter</b>	<b>Chapter TCS Contact</b>	<b>Idaho National Forest</b>
<b>North Central</b>	Steve Didier	Clearwater/ Nez Perce
<b>North Idaho</b>		Kanisku
<b>Panhandle</b>	George Miller/Debbie Samovar	St Joe /CDA
<b>Priest River</b>	Dale Schrempp	Kanisku
<b>Salmon River</b>	Val Johnson	Challis/Salmon
<b>Sawtooth</b>	Jo Heiss	Sawtooth
<b>Selkirk Valley</b>	Merle Olsen	Kanisku
<b>Squaw Butte</b>	Robbin Schindele	Boise
<b>Treasure Valley</b>	Jim Freeland	Boise
<b>Twin Rivers</b>	Rod Parks	Clearwater/ Nez Perce

**Video Conferencing for BCHI Board Meetings:** Ken Nungesser discussed the video conferencing at the University of Idaho satellite offices for the BCHI July 2011 BOD meeting, date to be determined. The facility fee is \$25.00 per hour/ \$200.00/day. The cost would be \$80.00 per chapter. All of the 15 chapters will be responsible for the cost of the use of the video conference facility fees. Locations and proposed chapters in a regional area attending the BOD meeting in a central location to reduce the cost of the facility fees were discussed. Tentative date for the July BOD meeting is July 8 or 9. Treasure Valley BCH will be contacting the chapters with the date, addresses of the locations and meeting times, Remember that the start time of the meeting will be in two different time zones, Pacific and Mountain.

**Video Conference Locations**

Salmon  
Idaho Falls  
Twin Falls  
Caldwell  
Moscow  
Coeur d'Alene

**Chapters**

Salmon River  
Eagle Rock  
Cache Peak, High Desert, Sawtooth  
Boise, Treasure Valley, Squaw Butte, Heartland  
Twin Rivers, North Central  
Panhandle, North Idaho, Priest River Valley, Selkirk Valley

**BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic Update:** Robbin Schindele gave an update on the progress on the Squaw Butte 2011 BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic, August 14-21, 2011 at the Grandjean Trailhead, Sawtooth Wilderness. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$600.00. Fifteen participants have registered for the clinic. Registration deadline is June 1, 2011. Squaw Butte BCH is offering a scholarship for one of their members to attend the clinic.

## **Chapter Reports**

**Boise:** Curtis Elton reported the chapter will be hosting a Poker ride on June 11, as a fundraiser for the St. Jude's Benefit Ride. Prizes will be awarded for the best poker hands. Concessions will be available, Cowboy Campground has camping spaces available and corrals for horses. BBCH will have a dance on Saturday night after the ride.

**Eagle Rock:** Connie Bowcutt reported the chapter will be hosting a Spring Fling Horse Tune Up at her residence in May, and in September, date to be announced, the chapter will be hosting the Harriman State Park Fall Ride at Island Park.

**Heartland:** Linda Hemminger reported the chapter has been meeting with the FS and the Payette Forest Coalition. The chapter has been working with the Payette Ranger District on trail classifications. The chapter will be hosting a Mountain Trail Challenge in June and in August, the Council Mountain Trail Maintenance project is planned to work on their adopted trail.

**High Desert:** Susan Vance reported the chapter had their annual chili feed and auction, which is the chapter's main fund raiser and they had three new members join the chapter. The chapter's first work project is on National Trails Day. The project is scheduled for June 3-5 at Porcupine Springs to construct new horse corrals near the new campsites. The chapter will be hosting a Poker Ride in April at Niagara Springs in Buhl.

**Panhandle:** Karen Kimball reported the chapter viewed a Scot Hansen DVD on "Self Defense Training" at one of their fall meetings. It's a movie on protecting yourself while trail riding. They had a meeting with mountain bike riders to discuss sharing the trail and what they should do when approaching horses. When they have a race or gathering PBCH asked that they advertise it and let our club know so we don't haul to ride at that trail head on the day of the event. December was our Christmas party which included dinner, entertainment from the Lake City Harmonizers, acknowledging old and new officers, gave out awards (some fun awards). At the January meeting the chapter viewed a slide show of the Pioneer Mountains in Montana where some of their members have packed into. The chapter is planning to help clear Marie Creek and spray it for weeds and we usually go to Red Ives. The chapter has been working on the Trail Classification with the USFS

**Priest River:** Terry Steiner reported the chapter has a Poker Ride scheduled in June, and a Mountain Trail Challenge in July at PeeWee Creek. There is work parties scheduled with the Priest Lake Ranger District and the Sandpoint Ranger District in the summer months. The chapter has been working on the Trail Classification project.

**Salmon River:** Sara Johnson reported the chapter is planning their summer activities, work projects and fun rides. The chapter has been working on the Trail Classification with the USFS and RAC sponsored youth group logistic support. The chapter will be sponsoring a Mule Packing Demonstration at the mule sale in April.

**Squaw Butte:** Marybeth Conger reported the upcoming chapter events include Arena Night Rides, a Fun Ride at the Snake River Birds of Prey. In April the chapter will have a Wilderness First Responder First Aid Class at the Emmett Ranger District, and a BLM Owyhee Project. In May, a ride - AQHA & BCHI (Co-Sponsored Ride) Hard Trigger Canyon & Wilson Creek, near Murphy, HWY 52 Spring Cleanup and a NSFS Sawyer Certification Class. In June, the chapter has a Trails Project planned as the National Trails Day event at the Warm Spring Guard Station, near Lowman. The chapter has been working on the Trail Classification with the USFS.

**Treasure Valley:** Bonnie Fox reported the New Year's Day Ride was a huge success! TVBCH members and guests from the, Tennessee Walking Club, 32 members in all, converged on Wilson Creek to take a ride and enjoy a warm fire and a hot chili lunch. On January 22, chapter members attended the TVBCH End of the Year Banquet. A silent auction was held prior to and during the dinner. The chapter raised \$500.00 thanks to the generous donations from High Country Plastics. A surprise presentation was made to long time member Whit Whitham for his valuable service to the chapter and BCH. Whit was awarded a vest and given a life time membership to the TVBCH chapter. Tentative Projects/Events for 2011: Saddle Fitting Demo at the April membership meeting, Horse Expo Booth, April 15-17, Poker Run for chapter members in May, National Trail Day project in June packing out tires at Celebration Park. In July, 44 Cabin Project is planned to replace the bottom logs on the cabin. In August the chapter has a summer picnic planned. In September, the chapter plans on working on the Elk Cree Trail Clearing.

**Twin Rivers:** Rod Parks reported in November the chapter had the concrete pad for the Memorial Shelter at Hellsgate State Park Equestrian Trailhead poured and plans are to finish the shelter when weather permits. The chapter has been meeting monthly with Army Corps of Engineers, Hells Gate State Park Staff, Idaho F & G, hikers, mountain bikers, and other users of Hellsgate Park over the trail system. With compromise from all involved agreement has been reached to close 40 % of the trails in the habitat area that connects to the park. There will still be 13 miles of trails to ride. All the trails in the area were user created and heavy use was affecting wildlife in the area and part of this area is wildlife mitigation land from Lower Granite Dam Reservoir. In December, sixty members attended the Christmas Dinner. Jim White from the Marines gave our chapter a certificate of appreciation for our participation in Toys for Tots. We have done this for many years at our Christmas Dinner. In February we held our annual Chili Ride. Seventeen riders enjoyed the brisk air. It was 11 degrees when we left the trailers and climbed up to 18 degrees when we returned two hours later. We hustled up to the Kuther Shop for a little heat and some Hot Chili and Hot Spiced Wine. We have had multiple meetings on the Trail Classification Surveys, with our chapter members, BCH of NCI and the Forest Service. We hope to be finished by this month.

**Ways and Means Report:** Robbin Schindele presented a suggestion for a BCHI state fundraiser as a formatted picture book (Print on demand Memory Book) of the BCHI Pack Clinic for students to purchase. Other ideas for a state fundraiser include BCHI Collection of Campfire Cooking Recipes. Robbin volunteered to work on the project.

Mark Bogar led a discussion regarding the calendar sales as the state fundraiser.

Discussion among the state directors – the 25% reimbursement of BCHI calendar sales to the chapters did not create an additional incentive to sell the 2011 calendars. Terry Steiner made a motion for the chapters to receive 10% reimbursement of the 2012 calendars. Seconded by Val Johnson. Motion carried.

Phil Ryan will deliver calendars to the chapters south of the Salmon River. Mark Bogar will deliver the calendars to the central Idaho chapters and Karen Kimball will contact the chapters in the Panhandle region.

Mark asked the chapters at this meeting to commit to the number of calendars for each of their chapters. Unsold calendars cannot be returned to the state. The calendars belong to the chapters and the chapters cannot give them back to the state. The number of calendars that each chapter made a commitment to are to be paid for in full by each chapter, \$20.00 per calendar at the March 2012 meeting. Money to be turned in to the state treasurer. Each chapter's 10% reimbursement check will be issued from the BCHI state treasurer at the March 2012 meeting.

**Chapters and Number of 2012 BCHI Calendars as a commitment by each chapter**

Boise	75		
Cache Peak	75	Priest River	90
Eagle Rock	30	Salmon	75
Heartland	75	Sawtooth	20
High Desert	150	Selkirk	85
North Central	250	Squaw Butte	250
North Idaho	not present	Treasure Valley	150
Panhandle	200	Twin Rivers	400

**2012 BCHI Calendar Photos:** Debbie Samovar has sent the Photo Submission form for the 2012 Calendar to the chapters and provided helpful criteria for the chapters, such as camera settings, etc. Deadline to submit the photos for the 2012 calendar is April 1, 2011.

**Forest Service Agreements:** Discussion among the state directors regarding Challenge Cost Share Agreements and the Sponsored Volunteer Agreements variances among the USFS districts. The USFS cannot commit to liability protection. If anyone would like a copy of the Value of Volunteer Hours and Treatment under Challenged Cost Share Agreements letter, contact Rod Parks for a copy of the letter.

**BCHI State Secretary's Duties:** Raenette Didier, past BCHI Chairman and Sara Johnson, past BCHI State Secretary/Newsletter Editor, discussed the expanding responsibilities of the state secretary. They have reviewed the workload that encompasses the state secretary position, and how additional assigned duties have increased over the past several years. In the past, the BCHI Annual Report was the responsibility of the chapter that was hosting the Annual State Convention. The host chapter compiled the information from the chapters and printed the report. Currently, the chapters submit their information by an assigned timeline (6 weeks, prior to the March BOD meeting). The report is compiled by the State Secretary, and 20 CDs are needed for the March BCHI BOD meeting and an additional 50 CDs are needed for the April BCHA National Directors meeting. In the past, the Annual Volunteer Hours Report was compiled by one of the State Directors. Raenette suggested this report should be reassigned to a State Director. Bob Williams suggested the Annual Volunteer Hours Report should be a responsibility of the Vice Chairman. The BOD suggested to restructure some of the reports and the duties i.e., the Annual BCHI Report and the Annual Volunteer Hours Summary Report. Terry Steiner suggested an annual stipend for the state secretary's position. Raenette requested the chapters to review the types of reports and give their input to the State Chairman and recommendations/changes in the workload of the secretarial duties will be discussed at the July BOD meeting.

Raenette Didier presented the following proposal regarding the Trail Finder on the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department Website:

### **Proposal**

The Squaw Butte Chapter of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho presents the following proposal to The state board of directors.

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of members of BCHI (Back Country Horsemen of Idaho) that Idaho state agency, Idaho Parks and Recreation, is expending considerable effort and monies to support all recreational trail user groups except horsemen.

As example is the newly created state wide trails web site at: <http://trails.idaho.gov/#> . The site does indeed show, and provide details for, most trails in Idaho, but in its detailed descriptions of non-motorized trails does not include horsemen.

While it is understood the above public resource was paid for from funds generated by motorized user licenses and fees, we believe the exclusion of any user group is contrary to the Idaho Parks and Recreation mission.

WHEREAS: The said website is composed of information obtained from the Federal National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management as well as Idaho state agencies and the said Federal agencies are mandated by law to include all user groups in their use of resources, the exclusion of equine users in the site's descriptions is a matter of considerable concern.

BE IT PROPOSED: That the chairman of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho write a letter expressing such concerns to the Director of Idaho Parks and Recreation and the Chairman of the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board.

By the Squaw Butte Chapter, BCHI

(Robbin Schindele & Phil Ryan State Directors)

Discussion among the BOD regarding this significant and important issue. Val Jonson made a motion for the BCHI Chairman to send a letter to Nancy Merrill, Director, and Troy Elmore, Idaho Dept of Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Bob Williams. Motion carried.

**2011 BCHI Slate of Officers:**

Mark Bogar, State Chairman  
Karen Kimball, Vice Chairman  
Rod Parks, National Director for a two year term, 2011-2012  
Robbin Schindele, Alternate National Director  
Dorothy Bailey, Secretary  
Nancy Kay Ryan, Treasurer

Terry Steiner made a motion to accept the 2011 slate of officers by acclamation.  
Seconded by Val Johnson. Motion carried.

Raenette Didier, past BCHI Chairman presented Phil Ryan, BCHI Chairman, with a BCHI State Chairman's pin for his outstanding dedication and volunteer service as the BCHI Chairman for 2009-2010.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dorothy Bailey, BCHI State Secretary



