



2017 BCHI State Convention Annual Business Meeting March 11, 2017, Hosted by Boise BCH in Boise, ID

State Chairperson, Bob Savage called the BCHI business portion of the Convention to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30. State Secretary, Debbie Samovar, took a roll call of the chapters. The chapter's voting delegates were also declared. All chapters were present with the exception of Sawtooth. Minutes from the 2016 Annual Business Meeting were e-mailed to Directors and Chapter Presidents to read before the meeting. The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed, Bill Conger, Squaw Butte, so moved, Wayne Nishek, Selkirk Valley seconded, motion PASSED.

State Treasurer, Kay Ryan gave the BCHI Finance Report. Cynthia Dixon, Portneuf River, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dottie Yerkes, Priest River, seconded, motion PASSED.

Annual Financial Review - Gretel Kleint, Heartland and Karen Parks, Twin Rivers, reviewed the books and found them to be in very adequate condition. The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the audit report, Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte so moved, Chris Reed, Palouse, seconded, motion PASSED.

Foundation Report – Chris Reed, Palouse, Foundation President, reported that yesterday's meeting was light in attendance and they would like to see more attendance from the Chapters. There should be a representative form every Chapter or at least contact information. The Foundation can not help your chapter sufficiently if you do not have a contact so you can know what the Foundation does for you. Bill Holt passes handouts to the Chapters who did not have a representative at the Friday meeting.

They've worked on a Business Plan to raise their funding level to help with the education for all the Chapters for the training we need. They understand that there is a huge training issue on knowing what the Foundation is, the job duties are and education in general. So they want to work on that. All the officers have decided to retain their positions. Part of their Plan includes Amazon Smile.

You can go to www.Smile.Amazon.com. This brings up the 501(c)3 corporations that Amazon contributes to and they will donate one half of 1% of the sale. The Foundation has been part of this for two years, but it is not automatic, you have to go in and select Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Foundation, Inc. Once you do that, then bookmark it as one of your favorites. The Foundation is going to teach people on how to use this. Need to put a link on the BCHI website. Additionally the Foundation would like BCHI to put a PayPal link on the website for donations.

The Foundation is also working getting donations for auction items. For this year's auction, Twin Rivers brought in a donation of a Tourist .40 Smith & Wesson, with a box of ammunition, from CCI Speer.

Alice Millington, Treasurer, reported: Received Memorial Donations of \$150.00 from Val & Sara Johnson for Mark Bogar, Bernie Lionberger and Bill Clements. Litehouse Trailhead Maintenance Fund had \$692.45 yesterday and paid out \$500.00 leaving \$192.45 and Dale Schrempp is talking to Litehouse to see about getting more funding. Foundation Fund has \$2,784.19 and Ambassador Program Fund has \$935.74 for Total of \$4,619.21

Chris Reed will look into whether or not Litehouse has received recognition from us.

Public Lands Report – South - Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte

Owyhee Initiative, BLM is planning a trailhead in the area of Mud Flat Rd south of Grand View and they are going to build a non-motorized trailhead at Shoo-fly Ck and Perjue Canyon. There will be car areas, pull troughs with highlines and a toilet. They'll break dirt in 2018.

Idaho Sportsman's Alliance, there are 20 groups in this organization and we are the only horse group. There are no access issues affecting recreational stock use from any Fish & Game or the legislative bills this year. HR 845 The National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act – passed Nov 2016. FS will use fire crews for trail maintenance, credits for Outfitters & Guides, standardized training chainsaws and crosscuts .across all regions. Liability for volunteers will be spread out all over entire forest system as opposed to the districts only. In Region 4 we proposed the Selway Bitterroots, The Frank Church & Gospel Hump Wildernesses for increased trail maintenance. Boulder White Clouds Wilderness & Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness Management Plans – letters were sent to the FS offices regarding the limited stock use and tie up restrictions.

Public Lands – There was bill by a UT Senator that he had to cancel, to sell 3.3 million acres in the west, 110,000 acres here in ID. 960,000 acres in WY because it's BLM land and kind of worthless, but it contains the largest coal deposit in the US are there. Just ask, if the state takes back the land, "Who's going to pay for the fires?"

Idaho Sportsman's Show – BCHI had a booth there and the attendance was over 15,000.

Public Lands Report – North – Rod Parks, Twin Rivers

FS Saw Policy – Jerry Lang, Twin Rivers and Joe Robinson, North Central are going to be going out and training people.

Federal Register – have your Public Lands person check the Federal Register for FS, BLM and NPS a couple of times a month.

Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area – this is BLM land located on Blue Creek Bay on Coeur d'Alene Lake. He and Karen Kimball, Panhandle, attended a meeting and voiced concerns over Mountain Bikes using the same trails as stock or running bike trails next to stock trails. One of his concerns with their proposal was that they are going to use IMBA (International Mt Bike Assoc) trail standards for the construction of all the trails. Why is a government agency using a private organization's standards and gave the organizer a copy of the FS standards.

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail – it goes from Glacier NP to Olympic NP. If there are Mt bike or motorized trails on it now they will look for ways to put trails around those for stock and hikers.

Pack Support for the Selway Bitterroots Frank Church Foundation - Brandon Breaux, Boise reported that we received a list of projects from them that they are seeking pack support. *(See Yellow Highlights on Attachment #1)*

Education Chair Report – Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte, presented the BCHI Education and Recruitment Video. that will soon be on the website for chapters to download to use at public outreach events. The goal is to introduce our organization to the public and to grow our members. Robbin Schindele is the creative person who put this together and it was our members who submitted the photos. It is currently on YouTube.com.

With the assistance of Karen Kimball, Panhandle, Marybeth had some fabulous door prizes she gave away to Delegates who could answer questions about LNT. Leave No Trace training is based on a pyramid, Master Educators who go to the training and they are certified to train Trainers. Then the trainers go to the Train the Trainers course who are then able to go out and do LNT training to members, the public and lead awareness workshops. We have all the training syllabus on our website.

Marybeth called up the volunteers who want to be Master Educators, Aaron Krebs, Squaw Butte and Aline Brinkman, Eagle Rock. They both felt there was a need to educate the next generation and those who are out on the trails doing things they shouldn't be doing.

Marybeth called upon Paul McBride, Priest River, who went to the BCHW Regional Leadership Training in Moses Lake, who talked about the training modules. Marybeth and Karen Kimball will work on a Training Module for ID. The people who currently have the positions on the State level will be doing the training. *(See Attachment #2)*

Sawyer Certification – Joe Robison, North Central, has agreed to help gather information on this. He and Jerry Lane, Twin Rivers, are going to White Bird in April for a workshop.

Bob Savage, Chairman, congratulated Marybeth on all her efforts and recognition from BCHA.

Idaho Horse Council – Raenette Didier, North Central, distributed the 2015 Idaho Equine Censes that comes out every five years showing how much income the horse industry brings into Idaho. The majority is from recreational use. *(See Attachment #3)*.

They heard about the BCHI comment letter to the Sawtooth NF on the Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds Wilderness Management Plan and voted to send their own comment letter.

IH Board Grants, \$3.00 from each brand inspection goes into a fund from which they give out grants. It's a one page application on their website and the filling deadline is the 1st of December. The priority for grants is for youth organizations and horsemen groups.

Proposal Regarding State Fund Raiser – Raenette Didier, North Central. Based on comments from chapters who don't want to sell the calendars, they did not want a proposal to come up to do away with the calendars and be stuck with trying to come up with a way to raising money. If in the future, a chapter puts forth a proposal comes do away with calendars, that proposal must also have a replacement means of fund raising.

A vote by the Delegates will be taken and if it passes then it will be in the books, that whatever our fund raiser is,

now or in the future, that there be a replacement there before we drop it.

Raenette read the Proposal in full. A question was asked regarding paragraph two, that if their chapter does not support the calendars, then they're out? North Central wanted other chapters to know, that when things are passed at the State level from Directors or the Delegates, that's speaking for that chapter. So when they come back to the chapter and say this passed then that is how it will be. A good example is a dues increase. Whether you chapter voted for it or not, if it passes at the State level, then all chapters have to abide by it. *(See Attachment #4)*

A break was taken so the North Central Delegates could discuss the concerns of the other chapters. The first addressed the BCHI By-Laws, where the chapters support the charter and mission of BCHI. That's an admonishment. It doesn't mean it's going to happen; it's what chapters are expected to do. When you write a proposal, this is the format that BCHI has used for years, the "Whereas" and such. The actual proposal is the "Be It Proposed" and that is what the vote will be on.

Brandon Breaux called for the vote. 51 Yea's, 23 No's, Proposal PASSED.

501(c) Proposal – Boise brought forth a proposal for the SBD to take obtain a 501(c) tax exempt registration number. As the Directors voted on getting a 501(c)4 on Friday, Boise withdrew their proposal. The Treasurer then explained what transpired at yesterday's meeting. This is for the State only and not the chapters.

Calendar Prizes – Phil Ryan, Squaw Butte made a motion that we reduce the Grand Prize from \$6,000 to \$3,000 for the 2018 calendars, Alice Millington, Treasure Valley, seconded, Brandon Breaux called for the vote and Paul McBride called for the question, 71 Yea's, 3 No's, motion PASSED. It was noted that it is a Calendar Raffle, not Calendar Sales. It was asked if we could submit photos from out of state for the calendar. Discussion was tabled to the September SBD's meeting.

Elections – Bob Savage, Chairman, introduced the new Officers and National Directors who were elected at the Friday SBD meeting.

Chairman – Bill Conger, Squaw Butte

Vice-Chair – Rod Parks, Twin Rivers

National Director – Amy Lyman, Portneuf River, for a two year term

National Director – Sam Duncan, Palouse, for a one year term.

Alt Nat Director - Marybeth Conger, Squaw Butte, for a one year term.

Web Coordinator – Jill Nebeker, Treasure Valley

Both Kay Ryan and Debbie Samovar have agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary

Karen Kimball present to Bob Savage with the BCHI State Chairman's pin for all of his dedicated service of 2 years.

Adjourned at 11:57 MT



2017 Volunteer Projects

For more information, please contact Courtney Wall, SBFC Program Director: courtneywallselwaybitterroot.org or 406-880-1927 or visit: www.selwaybitterroot.Org

6/14-6/20 Upper Yellowjacket

Salmon Challis National Forest

TH: Access via FS Rd 112

Volunteers will meet at the Historic Yellowjacket Guard Station the evening of the 14th. The following day the group will hike about 4 miles to the worksite and set up camp in a wild part of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Group gear, food, and tools will be packed in by the Forest Service stock. Work will be a re-route around a bog that will make the Upper Yellowjacket Trail passable again- Lots of digging! This project will be a continuation of work that began in 2014; we need your help to finish it! Enjoy the serenity of the wild Frank Church Wilderness while helping SBFC and the Forest Service reclaim this important wilderness trail.

Rating: 2 (Fairly Easy) Pack Support:
USFS

7/1-7/3 St. Mary's Peak

Bitterroot National Forest

TH: St Mary's Peak RD (Stevensville, MT)

Come join SBFC as we continue our tradition to open the trail to the iconic St. Mary's Peak Fire Lookout Learn how to use traditional tools such as cross-cut saws and axes to clear trees from the trail. We will also repair and maintain water-bars. This is a great way to do some trail work above tree line in one of the most scenic areas in the Bitterroot.

Rating: 2 (Fairly Easy) **Car Camping**

7/12-7/18 Marble Creek

Payette National Forest

TH: Volunteers meet at Yellow Pine General Store & caravan

join us to perform annual trail maintenance on the Idaho Centennial Trail near Marble Creek. Volunteers will use crosscuts and single-bit axes to clear downed trees. Pulaskis and pick-mattocks will also be used to repair tread where needed. This project is located in a remote part of the Frank Church Wilderness. Pack support will be provided for group gear, tools, and food.

Rating: 3 (Moderate)

Pack Support Needed

7/13-7/16 Blodgett Canyon

Bitterroot National Forest

TH: Blodgett Camp Rd (Hamilton, MT)

A major thoroughfare for American Indians, trappers, and mountain travelers, Blodgett Canyon remains one of the most popular trails on the forest. Full of geological features, the trail threads through a glacier-carved canyon and provides a stunning backdrop for a wilderness experience. Volunteers will camp at the 7-mile meadow and will use crosscuts and single-bit axes to continue clearing the remains of a microburst that occurred in the Fall of 2015. If time permits, the neglected High Lake Trail will be cleared as well. Pack support will be provided to carry group gear, food, and tools.

Rating: 4 (Challenging)

Pack Support: Bruce Scott (BCH)

7/22-7/29 South Fork Big Creek

Bitterroot National Forest

TH: Accessed via Big Creek Trail Rd/Bell Crossing (Victor, MT)

Sierra Club/Closed to public

Basecamp will be at the edge of the beautiful (and huge) Big Creek Lake about 9.5 miles in from the trailhead. We will work on clearing any downed logs on the way in to basecamp. Then we will be working on the So Fork trail towards South Fork lake. The trail is about 3.3 miles long. We will be clearing and repairing any tread or drains that need attention.

Pack Support Needed

7/26-7/31 Cove Lakes

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

TB: Big Fog Saddle

5.5 miles to basecamp

Volunteers will clear trees on trail #3 up to Cove Lakes for a rewarding basecamp on the edge of the lake. Gain experience using traditional tools such as cross-cuts and single-bit axes to continue clearing past the lakes towards the Eagle Mountain trail #206.

Rating: 3 (Moderate)

Pack Support Needed

8/8-8/14 Walton Lakes

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

TH: Access via FS Road 362 (Powell, ID)

Imagine soaking your feet in a crystal-clear lake at the end of a nice, long day on the trail. Join volunteers to clear the Walton Lakes trail #79 with crosscuts and single-bit axes. The rewarding views at each of the lakes will give you a good dose of Wilderness.

Rating: 3 (Moderate)

Pack Support Needed

8/23-8/28 Middle Fork Trail Salmon Challis

National Forest

Join us to perform necessary annual maintenance on the longest and most heavily used trail on the Salmon-Challis National Forest The trail follows along the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Volunteers will use crosscuts and single-hit axes to clear trees in the corridor and Pulaskis and pick-mattocks to repair tread as needed.

Rating: 4 (Challenging)

Pack Support: Joe Williams

9/5-9/10 Northern Frank Tour/Harrington Ridge

Bitterroot National Forest

TH: Salmon Mountain (Magruder Corridor)

Come help us clear portions of this loop in the Frank Church Wilderness. Volunteers will meet and camp along the Magruder Corridor the evening of the 5th The following day the group will hike approximately 10 miles into Swet Lake Cabin from the Salmon Base Camp trailhead. Food, tools, and group gear will be packed into the cabin with Forest Service stock The crew will be based out of the cabin for a few nights to begin clearing

Rating: 5 (Very Challenging)

Pack Support: USFS

9/20-9/24 Stanley Hot Springs

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

TH: Access via Wilderness Gateway/Boulder Creek (Powell,, ID)

At this point in the season, temperatures are often comfortable during the day, and cooler during the evenings The perfect recipe to perform trail work all day and soak in the hot springs all evening. join us to clear, brush, and tidy up the trails surrounding the Boulder Creek Trail. It will be the perfect balance of hard work and relaxation!

Rating: 1 (Easy)

Pack Support Needed

Rating Scale 1- Easy

2- Fairly Easy

3- Moderate

4- Challenging

5- Very Challenging

Backcountry Horseman membership training

Time	Room A	Room B	Room C
8:30 – 9:00	Sign in , coffee, donuts, welcome		
9:00- 10:00	Running a meeting & Roberts Rules	Newsletter Editor	Foundation
10:15 – 11:15	Secretaries & Legal documentation	Project Coordinator & Trail boss	Education/LNT
11:30- 12:30	State Director & Alternate State Director	Ways and Means	Treasurers
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:20 – 2:20	President & Vice President	Volunteer Hours	Membership Growth roundtable
2:30 – 3:30	Chairman & Vice Chairman	Website/Social Media	Membership Growth

photographer Pamela Beattie
and Jockey is Nikeela Black



IDAHO EQUINE FACTS

- Expenditures associated with equine totaled \$122 million, including \$49 million in hay, straw, and grain, \$23 million in veterinary and farrier expenses, and \$10 million in horse trailers.
- Equine owners had a total of \$1.4 billion in assets related to their equine, including the value of the equine, barns, and equipment.
- 14% of Idaho households own equine.
- Of those households that own equine, 43% belonged to a horse or equine related organization in 2015.
- Idaho has an estimated 221,000 equine, including riding horses, draft horses, ponies, miniature horses, donkeys, mules, and other equine.
- The Idaho Horse Expo is held each April at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa, ID. The Horse Expo promotes the horse industry and western lifestyle, and is a great attraction for horse enthusiasts and the general public alike.
- The Idaho Horse Council offers college scholarships to students interested in pursuing equine-related careers.



PROPOSAL

The North Central Idaho chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho presents the following proposal to be reviewed by the state Board of Directors on March 10, 2017 and request that it be brought before the convention delegates on March 11, 2017 for a vote.

WHEREAS: BCHI is a member driven organization. Members, consisting of Chapters, who agreed when they accepted their Charter to support the mission & purpose of BCHI. Therefore, any Chapter who chooses not to support BCHI is in violation of their Charter and that Charter may be revoked.

WHEREAS: BCHI operates by consensus, per Roberts Rules of Order. A vote taken at the State Directors Meeting or at the annual State Convention, must be supported by all Chapters regardless if a Chapter voted against the measure or if a Chapter did not have representation at that meeting.

WHEREAS: All BCH State organizations obtain monies necessary to run said organization, from the collection of dues from their individual Chapters. The only other means to assure the State has adequate funding is through money making events or donations.

WHEREAS: The calendar sales have made the State organization financially sound & calendars also provide promotional & educational material on the mission & purpose of BCH. Chapters have no longer had to sell raffle tickets annually for a minimum profit to BCHI. Additionally, chapters no longer need to support the annual silent auction with 5 high value items, from each chapter, with the total proceeds going to BCHI, rather than to the Chapter hosting the annual Convention.

BE IT PROPOSED: If a proposal to stop the calendar sales as a State fund raiser is submitted, the chapter sponsoring that proposal must put forward a replacement fundraiser in the form of a proposal. That proposal must contain the anticipated return to the State & what commitment is needed from each Chapter to accomplish the goal. The proposal must be voted on, and passed by a majority vote, at the annual convention.

Submitted by: North Central Idaho State
Directors Raenette Didier & Gary Kalmbach