



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

February 27th, 2024, at 5:00 PST

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TOPIC
Welcome & Introductions
Agenda Add under National Board Meeting "Lifetime Achievement" Consideration
Minutes: Approve January 2024 Minutes <i>Motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i>
Financial Reports – January 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance Sheet<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Balance of all bank accounts provided.○ Total Assets provided.○ Investment accounts provided.○ Total current liabilities provided.○ Total Equity provided.• Budget Vs. Actual<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dues, Donations, National Board Meeting, and all other income provided.○ Expenses provided. <p><i>Motion to accept the financials as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>What is the direction for the 7 months CD? It is coming up on maturity. <i>Motion to repurchase the 7-month CD, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
Public Lands EC Call Feb 2024 Public Lands Report <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. E-Bikes<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Pisgah NF: call w BCHNC president. They are collecting factual data.b. Tahoe NF: Pines to Mines EA objections meeting last Friday. Insisted they develop and include in their DN a robust monitoring & enforcement plan. "Raise the bar." Still might have legal recourse to litigate (would be discussed with PLC and EC before next steps).c. Bridger-Teton NF: E-bike proposal for 3 trail systems. Working with WYBCH.2. Congress<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Hike the Hill report:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Got Vol. Drivers Tax Act among Top 6 issues (75 attendees)ii. FS Trail Workforce Gap Analysis complete<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 49% trail maintenance performed by vols/partners2. 778 filled FTEs, yet 410 vacant (\$26M). Operating at 66% FTEs.3. More to come, including webinar, FS website, etc.iii. Asked Sen. Merkley to request GAO study on agency hiring challengesiv. Asked Rep. Zinke (MT) to cosponsor CDT Completion Act



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- v. Rep. Zinke's [Public Lands in Public Hands Act](#) (HR 7430 introduced, Mark at press event in MT)

3. Economic Studies

- a. American Horse Council: Today sent email on this <https://horsecouncil.org/economic-impact-study/>
- b. US Bureau of Economics: updated study, by state. Equestrian at \$6 billion. Summary: <https://headwaterseconomics.org/economic-development/trends-performance/outdoor-recreation-economy-by-state/>

4. American Trails

- a. Skills and training website: www.trailskills.org
- b. North American Trail Census (for volunteers who maintain trails, about 30 minutes to complete, March 31 deadline https://tctrail.ca/2024-north-american-trail-sector-survey/?blm_aid=42272)
- c. Call for equine articles for American Trails newsletter

Committee Updates

- At Large Memberships
 - Receiving requests from people who want to join but don't have a chapter in their state.
 - Suggests we are losing an opportunity to get membership by not offering something to those who can't join a chapter. Example: Wisconsin
 - Asking to get the "At Large Membership" running again.
 - Another good reason; allows them to build to start a state chapter.
 - To be a member, you cannot be a member in a state that has chapters.

Motion to allow "At Large Memberships" to people who are not in a state with a BCHA influence. Seconded.

Discussion: Change the name to something like, "Non-State Affiliated" memberships.

Suggestion membership dues be what the states are required to send to National. \$15 for Individual and \$18 for family. Look for the membership form and update/create a Non-State Affiliated form.

Motion Amended: Motion to allow "Non-Affiliated State Membership" to people who are not in a state with BCHA influence, membership fee of \$15 for individual and \$18 for family, non-voting member. Seconded.

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Updates from the Chairman

- Grants
 - Discussion with the NWSA about how to get a Challenge Cost Share established, a grant we can apply for. Went over the volunteer hours forms and NWSA said we were way over their finances. Another way would be to get a grant and then states would be able to access and submit for fuel reimbursement. A state that doesn't have challenge cost share could use the



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funds from this grant. Chairman is still working on the details of this. NWSA suggested we take this to the Washington office.

- Legacy
 - Chairman attended the Missoula Anniversary party and Legacy came up.

2024 National Board Meeting

- Agenda overview was sent to the EC members and will be showing it to the National Directors tomorrow. No objections to the agenda presented.
- Discussion on how the youth committee can talk to members using youth members.
- Lifetime Achievement Award
 - There are many that are worthy of recognizing.
 - Is there someone in mind for this award? Chuck Miller is suggested.
 - Discussion regarding Chuck Miller history and influence.
 - Suggested to give Chuck the "Lifetime Achievement Award".
 - Present at the Montana State Convention.

Motion to recognize Chuck Miller for his lifetime of service to BCHA with \$1,000 donation to the Legacy Fund in Chuck Millers name. Also, a plaque, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: NBM March 24-27th, 2024

EC Call April 23rd, 2024

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Craig Allen; Seconded by Tom Thomas. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

In Attendance: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Sherry Copeland, Craig Allen, Tom Thomas, Greg Schatz, Dan Key, Jim Allen

Absent: Kathy Young (Excused)

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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