

Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting began at 5:05PM, Pacific.

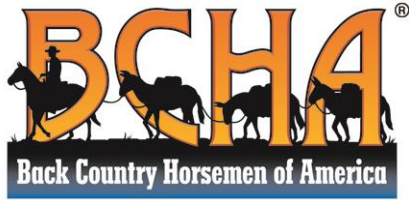
EC Call: Meeting minutes from June were approved.

Financial Reporting

- End of June balances of the checking and savings accounts were provided.
- Balance of Stifel accounts provided, Legal and Legacy Funds.
- CD's purchase has not been completed, will be finished tomorrow.
- Donation line items: TFF will be reported as Chapter Support Grants and SPUR and social media is reclassified as Donations. Legacy is still in its own line item.
- Changed Accounting Firms, Christopher Gintz will review and support when needed and Lakeside Administrative Services will do the day-to-day tasks.
- Fundraising is back at the EC and there are three chair letters scheduled to go out over the next year.

Public Lands Report

- Randy described two current Environmental Assessments (EAs) out for public review that address electric bicycle (e-bike) use on public lands; BCCHA (he) will be submitting formal comments on both EAs.
 - The first is a National Park Service (NPS) EA that the courts instructed the agency to prepare after a lawsuit by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. It is a national review of the Nov. 2020 policy change by the NPS that allows park superintendents discretion to authorize e-bike use on any roads and trails where bicycle use is currently allowed. The EA is poorly done and includes troubling statements that hikers and equestrians can seek other trails if they don't want to share trails with e-bikes.
 - The other is an EA from the Tahoe National Forest that proposes to include Class 1 e-bikes on a new 70-mile Pines to Mines Trail System, most of which is currently non-motorized. Randy is working with BCH



CA to submit joint comments that encourage the Forest to adopt an alternative proposal that does not allow e-bike use on the new trail.

- Randy is traveling to Bend, Oregon, on Thursday to attend a Deschutes (National Forest) Trails Coalition meeting. The group is making recommendations to the Forest on how to address e-bike use on trails, as a substantial number of locals would like access for e-bikes. BCHA and BCH Oregon want to contribute to a solution that keeps e-bikes off important equestrian trails and directs e-bike use to existing “purpose-built” mountain bike trails.
- Mammoth Caves National Park is seeking public comment on a forthcoming Trails Plan. The park has 80 miles of (above-ground) trails, 60 miles of which allow equestrian use. Randy will work with Mammoth Caves BCH (KY) to develop a response.

The US Forest Service definition for an e-bike is that it must have 2 wheels. It is as defined in FS Manual 7700 (March 2022) as follows: "Electric Bicycle (E-Bike). Also referred to as an electric mountain bike (eMTB), a type of motor vehicle with two wheels attached to a frame, one behind the other, equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes..."

Reimagine Recreation

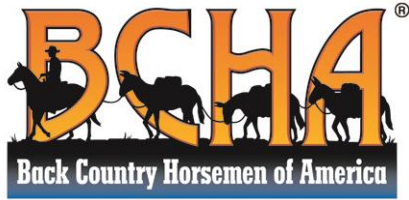
Forest Service recognize they need to concentrate more on recreation and this has been a national charge to the forest service. They asked for input on how to accomplish this. A new term is “Citizen Science” data collected by non-forest service personnel. There is a push to have the forest service accept this data.

Two main points were to help implement these progression changes.

Staffing replacements need to be streamlined. When a position needs to be filled it can take two years to fill this position

The forest service needs to prioritize recreation within the forest service.

The outcome is hopefully the forest service will try to implement some of the suggestions.



National Directors Meeting Notes

July 26th, 2023, at 5:00PM. PST

Zoom Video/Call

Committee Chair Meeting

- Committee Chair meeting was held last week. Strategic Business plan was discussed as to what each committee has been working on.
- Expansion provided an update; we are in just about every state that we don't have a conflicting group with.
- We are working on developing a relationship with Tractor Supply and Stihl.
- We are working on the youth grant process.
- If objectives have been met in the strategic business plan, make new goals to meet.

2024 National Board Meeting

We are now under contract with Ramkota Hotel in Casper Wyoming. The dates are March 24-27, 2024.

2025: Arizona is working on holding the National Board Meeting

2026: Georgia/South Carolina would like to hold the National Board Meeting.

Discussion with states

States were able to bring up events, issues, and accomplishments in their area.

Other

Next Meeting: August 23rd, 2023