



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2023, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 864 7805 6109 Passcode: 671350

TOPIC
Call to Order: 5:00PM Pacific
<b>Agenda</b> No additions to the agenda.
<b>Minutes:</b> Approve May 2023 Minutes <i>Motion to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes: seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i>
<b>Financial Reports – April/May 2023</b> <u>April Financials</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrections for the year end reports April 2023 have been completed.</li><li>• Yearend Balance Sheet totals provided.</li><li>• Budget vs. Actual totals provided and what line items were over/under budget.</li><li>• Expenses over budget primarily due to cost of accounting services.</li><li>• Newsletter was over budget in expense.</li></ul> <i>Motion to accept the April Financials as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i> <u>May Financials</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance Sheet and Budget vs Actual was provided.</li><li>• Currently there is \$10,000 we can transfer to Stifel, should we move this money?</li><li>• The reserve receives very little interest, it is proposed the money be moved into a CD to obtain higher interest.</li></ul> <i>Motion to approve the May Financials as presented, move \$10,000 to the Stifel Legacy Fund and to move \$20,000 to a 12-month CD. Seconded. 8 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.</i>
<u>Washington Accounting Service</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Had some troubles with the reports.</li><li>• Michelle gained access to QuickBooks, we could see some errors and corrected them.</li><li>• Services terminated with Washington Accounting Services.</li><li>• Michelle has been doing the data entry.</li><li>• Talked to a new accountant to handle oversight monthly and do our year-end taxes.</li></ul>



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### Public Lands

Two topics to discuss: 1) partnerships and 2) policy (in this case, e-bikes).

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Mark and Randy attended American Horse Council's annual meeting earlier this month in Denver. AHC represents the broad equine industry, from animal welfare to horse racing, from state horse councils to breed associations. Randy chairs on behalf of BCHA AHC's Recreation, Trails and Land Use Committee.

He invited USFS National Trails Program Manger Brenda Yankoviak, who lives in Denver, to be a guest speaker. Brenda touched on the buzz of activity the agency continues to undergo to address the trail maintenance backlog, including new funding sources and a 10-Year Trail Challenge that help to focus agency priorities and resources on trails. Randy said the agency has never given trails such a high priority.

Randy also discussed with the AHC committee current legislation before Congress (America's Great Outdoors Act, Biking on Long-Distance Trails, LAKES Act, etc.) and BCHA's take on these bills. He also provided an e-bike update, some details of which are included below.

**POLICY:** It's all about electric bikes (e-bikes)! As a result of a lawsuit by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the National Park Service last week issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) that broadly addresses their 2019 policy change to allow individual park superintendents to authorize e-bike use on existing trails where bicycle use is currently allowed. The EA looks at potential impacts (physical and social) at a national scale and not individual parks. So it fails to delve into details about potential conflicts and safety issues with other trail users. In fact, the EA is somewhat insulting as it concludes that hikers and equestrians can go elsewhere if they don't like the fact of sharing trails with e-bikes. Randy will prepare public comments, which are due by July 21, on behalf of BCHA.

The Tahoe National Forest last week issued an EA for a 72-mile trail, Pines-to-Mines, that stitches together several existing non-motorized trails (plus 20 miles of new construction) to make a continuous route that is proposed to include Class 1 e-bike use. The EA claims that adding e-bike use will help to reduce user conflicts on these trails because new trail segments will be designed for multiple uses. Hogwash. Randy will work with BCH California unit to develop public comments.

### Committee Updates

Committee Chair Meeting will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Strategic Business Plan Update

We are going to use the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to get this together and sending a reminder to the committee chairs to put together their final business plan.

### 2024/2025 NBM

It is scheduled for Wyoming but we can only have the dates March 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Look at May dates.

### Next Meeting: July 25, 2023

National Director Meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.*



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

**Staff:** Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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