

Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting began at 5:07PM Pacific.

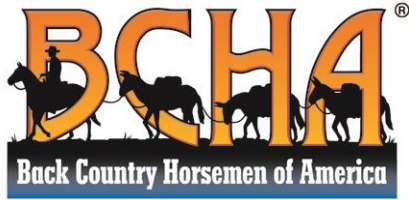
Chairman provided an update for the saw training he was attending during the May meeting.

Financial Reporting

- Treasurer provided an overview of the financials including the bank and investment account.
- The balance sheet and the P&L Budget vs. Actual were provided to the National Directors. National Directors will receive these financials the morning after the EC approves the reports.
- Changes in line items provided and the net income and expenses provided.
- We are moving Legacy money into the investment account.
- Reserve Account is going to be put into a CD to earn interest.
- We are looking into changing accounting firms.
- Questions and Answers session.

Public Lands Report

- 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.



National Directors Meeting Notes

June 28th, 2023, at 5:00PM. PST

Zoom Video/Call

- 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 Chair Meeting

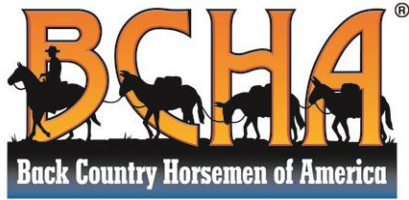
- Next meeting is being held on July 17th, 2023.
- We are working on the Strategic Business Plan and pulling all chairman together during this meeting to gather the information.

Newsletter

- The next newsletter will go out around August to September.
- If you have a project for the newsletter, please submit it to Michelle at michellewade@bcha.org.

2024 National Board Meeting

- Being held in Casper, Wyoming.
- Chairman stayed at the hotel and it was a very nice venue.
- We have had some issues with the availability of the hotel, we are looking at either March or May.



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- Will we be doing webinars for the new people coming in, such as volunteer hours? We will be discussing it during the Committee Chair meeting.
- Reminder: Training tools are on the education page on the BCHA website. <https://www.bcha.org/education/>
- Strategic Business Plan communication will also be addressed during the committee chair meeting.

Next Meeting: July 26th, 2023