

National Director Call Notes

June 25, 2025, 5:00PM Pacific Time

Meeting started at 5:05PM Pacific

Overview of the Executive Committee Meeting last night, the EC approved meeting minutes

Financial Report

The treasurer provided an overview of the May 2025 financial report.

- The assets, liabilities and equity were provided.
- Stifel investment account values provided.
- Donations provided.
- Explanation of the Executive Administrator line and accounting line explained
- Stifel account differences explained, correction of fees.

Public Lands

Public Lands Sell Off – Assisted several BCH states, including MT, NM, ID and UT by providing draft letters targeted to their representatives in Congress in order to:

- a. Thank members of the Public Lands Caucus for defeating a proposal in the House of Representatives to sell off over 450,000 acres of public land as part of the current budget bill, and
- b. Encourage US senators to oppose a broader plan—the sale of up to 3.3 million acres—of public land in 11 western states, as proposed by Chairman Mike Lee of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

BCHA issued action alerts to membership via its monthly email updates and to national directors (on June 11 and on June 19) asking them to coordinate an action plan for congressional outreach within their state in order to push back on Senator Lee's proposal. Randy also worked to include BCHA in two sign-on letters from national and regional recreation and conservation organizations calling for action from Senate leadership and the Western Governors Association to oppose large-scale federal land sales.

Equestrian Legacy Radio – Randy used BCHA's monthly opportunity via the airing of *Saddle Up America* to educate host Gary Holt's audience regarding the high stakes associated with Senator Lee's proposal for wide-scale federal land transfer to the states. The show is broadcast via a number of blog podcasting services, including Spotify. Randy's discussion of federal land transfer can be found at:

https://www.iheart.com/podcast/269-equestrian-legacy-radio-254050507/episode/randy-rasmussen-with-back-country-horsemen-of-america-on-equestrian-legacy-radio-282182044?cmp=ios_share&sc=ios_social_share&pr=false

(note: the interview begins at minute 8:20)

American Horse Council – Randy will be in Washington DC the week of June 23rd to participate in AHC's Annual Issues Forum where he will chair two meetings of AHC's Recreation, Trails and Land Use Committee. The agenda he crafted will weigh heavily on collective actions that can be taken regarding federal land transfer and in demonstrating support for four positive bills in Congress (see agenda on page 2 of this report). While in DC, Randy will meet with members of Oregon's congressional delegation and with the Deputy Director of the National Park Service (see agenda at bottom of page 2).

Committee Updates

Saw: Working almost daily with the Forest Service. There is a lot going on with changes within the Forest Service. USFS is including BCHA in their plans.

Partnership: Trying to get in touch with Back Country Hunters & Anglers.

Chapter Support Grants: Not a lot is going on, but the committee is working on updating the website to clarify grant guidelines.

Volunteer Hours: Sent out an email asking for a point of contact for each state, would like to have a meeting in the near future.

Education Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Fundraising: Have held 3 meetings, working on sponsorship packet and working on other ideas to raise funds. Meeting every two weeks to get things going.

Youth Committee: Allie is now the committee chair for youth. Youth Grants, no one has applied yet.

2026-2027 National Board Meeting: Sherry has been working with the hotel in Kansas City. We have a 2026 contract, and they agreed to keep everything the same for 2027 with the exception of a \$4.00 increase for hotel rooms.