



BCHA
Executive Committee Agenda
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Members attending: Freddy Dunn, Ginny Grulke, Doug Bechen, Alan Hill, Darrell Wallace, Sherry Copeland, Yvette Rollins, Don Saner

Staff: Randy Rasmussen

Absent: Becki Krueger, Erica Fearn

Actions taken:

- ✓ Consent agenda MSP.
- ✓ Motion to receive and file the financial reports. APPROVED.
- ✓ Motion to utilize the tagline “Keeping Trails Open”. APPROVED.

Topic	Accountable	Topic & Discussion
Welcome	Freddy Dunn	Changes & additions to the agenda Review consent agenda Consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the October meeting • Leadership Reports: • Public Lands • Public Liaison Report Headquarters Report
Finance	Sherry Copeland	Financial report as of end of November. Q: Darrell - was budget adjusted? No The \$223,615 budget number Doug: Can \$5k surplus be used for NBM? Sherry: Investigating with the IRS the need for financial audit. May not be necessary and would save money if we don't have to do full audit. Yvette: May be more cost effective to do it yearly because grant donors probably require audited financials. Darrell: That is not their experience in Washington. IRS Update: Sherry: Might be some BCH states still using BCHA's federal identification number. Working on this. NBM: Daily rate of \$79 discourages locals from attending. Should only charge for the meal if they are eating.

		<p>Freddy: Want to make Public Lands Workshop at NBM very informative for members, perhaps fewer agency speakers. Nothing set in stone. Welcome your thoughts on agenda.</p> <p>Sherry: Split into groups/committees to discuss regional issues?</p> <p>DOUG: Is there anything that we can do at this time to better expedite or remove barriers or become more efficient at contacting our Congressmen?</p>
Strategic Agenda	Darrell Wallace	<p>Business Plan</p> <p>Two things: Budget reminder is that the Business plan calls for a \$30,000 increase in donations. Freddy appointed Doug and Alan to review the Business Plan w/ Darrell.</p> <p>Committee Action Plans</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zdAVSEa1C5thQKlL5SwwcZbM_JPLHNJ</p> <p>The Action Plans were reviewed briefly and comments made. The request for \$7,000 by fundraising committee was denied.</p> <p>Membership Report:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1luSYjEFfc9N88HL8Ecl2BeAUnzSgs_5K4_PUuit4cn0/edit?usp=sharing</p>
Adjourn		<p>2018 Meeting dates: January 23, February 27, March 27, April 22 (at NBM, 4PM PT)</p>

Email string protocol (circulated by Erica)

Give each topic a new subject line

If it requires multiple back-and-forth emails, think instead of using the phone

Public Lands Update

HR 1349, Bikes in Wilderness bill

The past few weeks saw a flurry of activity on BCHA's current #1 public lands issue--fighting HR 1349, which would allow mountain biking in all Wilderness areas. As part of a strategy and response coordinated among BCHA's five organizational partners, we:

- Crafted talking points and a template for use by members as public testimony.
- Wrote and circulated a total of four action alerts for BCHA's general membership and targeted BCH states in order to generate a strong turnout of public testimony both prior to, and following, the December 7th congressional hearing.
- Encouraged BCH states to sign-on to a national letter opposing HR 1349 being circulated by The Wilderness Society.
- Inundated members of the House Natural Resources Committee with polite written testimony, under the mastheads of BCHA and 16 individual BCH states corresponding with members on the Committee (plus many letters/testimony from BCH chapters from several states)—despite the fact that public notice was provided only one week in advance of the hearing.

Importantly, BCHA's strident opposition was noted during the hearing by the ranking member of the Federal Lands Subcommittee. In her opening remarks regarding H.R. 1349, Representative Colleen Hanabusa (HI), declared that "this bill is opposed by more than 200 Back Country Horsemen of America chapters...and we have received dozens of letters in opposition to this bill."

The day of the hearing, an editorial attributed to Randy and Mack Long of BCH Montana appeared in [The Hill](#), a daily news publication on Capitol Hill that is received by all members of Congress. In the editorial, Randy and Mack describe the values of Wilderness and defend the Wilderness Act's (intentional) prohibition on mechanized travel—that is every bit as valid today as it was when Congress passed the Act in 1964. We argued that the primitive experience of Wilderness would be destroyed if HR 1349 were enacted into law.

There has been a flood of reporting on the nefarious intentions behind HR 1349, spurred by BCHA's organizational partners in this campaign, including articles that appeared in today's [LA Times](#), last week in the San Francisco [Chronicle](#) and from an [organization](#) of BLM retirees. Unfortunately, the Committee voted last week to pass HR 1349. The fight now moves to the House floor, when all representatives will be asked to vote on HR 1349 (at a date and time yet to be determined).

Public Liaison Report

- Jim McGarvey and Mike McGlenn have joined the committee
- Committee we be reviewing Advocacy Partner registration form.

- Jim will be looking at partnership with the Breed organizations AQHA, Paint Horse, Gaited breeds, Mule
- Mike will be checking on Advocacy partnerships listed on our website and other like mind organizations
- Donald will be evaluating partnership TWS, AHC, etc.
- Trail partners- PCTA, CDTC, Appalachian

I be attending a Wilderness Study Area training hosted by TWS in Lander WY. TWS will be covering transportation and meal cost. I be covering my motel cost. This relates to the work I been doing on the local board (Tenton Co.) of the WY Public Lands Initiative.

2017 Store products sold (does not include NBM sales.)

Row Labels	Count of Quantity
BCHA Brochure	2
BCHA Newsletter Advertising for Winter Newsletter	1
Brown Ballcap - Adjustable	3
Dutch Oven Cookbook	1
Equisure Liability - Family	27
Equisure Liability - Individual	24
guide book	1
Insulated Lunchbox	1
Jean Wrangler Vest	1
License Plate Holder	11

Long Sleeved TeeShirt	1
Men's Suede Vest - (final sale)	1
Metal Water Bottle	1
patch	1
Patch - Large/Grey	2
Patch - Medium/Blue	3
Patch - Small/Grey	5
Reflective Ballcap - Adjustable	1
Reflective Vest	3
Stainless Steel Coffee Mug	2
Sticker - Small	3
Trailer Decal - Large	23
Veterinary Medicine for BCH Pamphlet	2
Volunteer Hours Patches	7
Womens Wrangler Dark Wash Denim Shirt	1