



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2023, at 5:00 PST

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| <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Called to Order 5:02PM, Pacific</li></ul>   |
| <b>Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No additions to the agenda</li></ul>   |
| <b>Minutes:</b> Approve July 2023 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add the Public Lands Report</li></ul> <p><i>Motion to accept the minutes, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>   |
| <b>Financial Reports – July 2023</b><br><b>Balance Sheet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>June 2023 Update: While we were working in July, we realized there was something wrong back in June. Found there were automatic updates in QB, we turned all of them off and found the duplicates that were created by the automatic updates and corrected fixed the June reports. The updated June reports were provided to the EC.</li><li>July 2023 Reports</li><li>Bank account balances provided.</li><li>Accounts Receivable: This includes an amount billed to the USFS. Also includes the promotional items that have been billed.</li><li>Payroll Liabilities: We are temporarily paying these until Intuit (new payroll company) takes over doing this in September.</li></ul> <b>Budget vs. Actual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Income and Expenses were provided.</li><li>Committee Expenses: Additional expense in Marketing &amp; Media for a directory.</li></ul> <p><i>Motion to accept the June and July reports with the update to the Stifel accounts in July, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p> |
| <b>Public Lands</b> <p>E-Bike topic our attempts as a coalition to get further guidance from the BLM were a success. They issued an instruction memorandum urging caution in authorizing ebike use on motorized trails.</p> <p>Ebike reporting form coming soon, to be shared on BCHA website. Michelle will make a version for use on mobile phones, so you can fill out in the field if you have an incident.</p> <p>Participated last month in Deschutes (NF) Trails Coalition dialogue on where and how to allow e-bikes. Consensus seemed to be only on purpose-built mountain bike trails.</p> <p>The FS Trails Program Coordinator, Brenda Yankoviak, will present tomorrow an overview to partners on accomplishments with their 10-Year Trail Challenge (currently in Year 3).</p>  |



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Randy and Craig Ferdig are prepared to join BLM officials and the Foundation for America's Public Lands next month in a meeting with partners to talk about recreation enhancements are furthering our partnership.

The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee passed a large package of public lands bills, America's Outdoor Recreation Act (S.873). Good news! It included the language BCHA asked for in the Biking on Long-Distance Trails provision of the bill that should prevent LD trails (defined as 80-miles or more) be designated on trails important to horsemen.

### Committee Updates

- **Youth Committee Application:** There are funds available for chapters/states to apply for support for youth. Draft application has been provided.
  - Suggested to include a limit on the amount requested for the grant.
  - Take the comments to the Youth committee and re-evaluate them with comments from EC.
- **Marketing & Media**
  - Reaching out to different corporations; Stihl, Tractor Supply Corporation.
  - A grant request was submitted to Tractor Supply for our grants.
  - Mane Street Media: They provide a big directory for the horse community across 5 different regions. We have advertised BCHA in the directory.

*Motion to approve the cost of advertising in Horseman's Directory, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.*

### Strategic Business Plan Update

- The plan is still being updated, last meeting a couple weeks ago with Committee Chairs.
- Youth committee is making good progress in updating.
- Expansion: Suggestion the best way to do this is expansion within BCHA states, adding more chapters.
- Volunteer Hours: Gathering all the information on the short and long form to create a recording on how to process these forms.

### Chair Letter

- Donation letter.
- Change Randy's title to Public Lands Director.
- Chair letter will be emailed this time.
- Suggestion to add why we are emailing the letter in the introduction.

*Motion to approve the Chair letter to be mailed as is, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.*



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### Updates from the Chairman

- **Horse Video**
  - [Watch Video Here](#)
  - Video came from Oregon, what does the EC think.
  - Suggestions: Make it a post on social media and then share it on the BCHA page.
- **BLM Saw**
  - BLM have a number of chapters that go across their land for saw training. The Trail heads are managed by USFS.
- **Exec. Admin Additional Time**
  - Michelle was asked to leave the meeting for this discussion.
- **Saw R-8**
  - Commotion between the State of S. Carolina and training, they wanted C trainers to go through saw training again. All the confusion was resolved.
  - Pete Duncan is retiring; 4 different regions saw program managers have contacted Mark for support in applying for Pete's position. Mark would rather not put anything out there.
- **BCHC SanDiego**
  - Emails sent to the EC regarding the issues in this chapter.
  - Most of the chapter members have canceled their membership in the chapter and state.
  - Most disturbing was how the Unit President was running the chapter.
  - If you can vote members in, can you vote them out? This seems like a good policy for states to adopt. This is a bylaws issue per state and chapter.

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2023

**Adjourn:** 6:35PM, Pacific

**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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