

National Directors Meeting Notes

August 23rd, 2023, at 5:00PM. PST

Zoom Video/Call

Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting started at 5:05PM, Pacific.

Financial Reporting

- Balance Sheet totals provided.
 - Purchased 2 CD's.
- Budget vs. Actual totals provided.

Public Lands Report

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 e-bike use on motorized trails. BLM offices need okay from DC office to designate e-bikes on non-motorized trails. See: <https://www.blm.gov/policy/im-2023-051>

E-bike 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 the field if you have an incident.

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.

USFS Trails Program Coordinator, Brenda Yankoviak, today presented an overview to partners on accomplishments with their 10-Year Trail Challenge (currently in Year 3).

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/trails/10YTC> They are making great progress, have new infusions of funding and keep pointing back to the 2016 Trails Act (which BCHA championed) for much of the impetus of this momentum. They welcome volunteers to help with monitoring the condition of trail bridges. Email Randy for details.

American Trails has new website full of good trail-related info, including trainings. See: <https://www.trailskills.org/training>

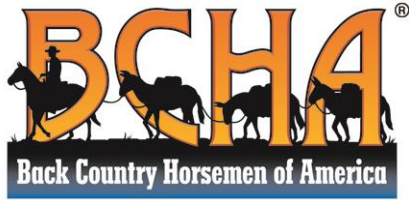
Youth Committee

Submitted draft application to EC for approval.

A couple of changes requested.

If you would like to apply for youth funds, it will be posted in the shared drive or on the website. A notification will be emailed when it is available to apply.

Still deciding what the limit will be.



Strategic Business Plan

We are tracking the progress of the SBP on the shared drive where you can access the form to see what is going on.

Youth Committee has made great progress in getting their forms set up.

Marketing & Media: We continue to make updates to the website and we have reached out to corporations such as Stihl and Tractor Supply. Stihl will look at this in October for next year. Applied for a grant from Tractor Supply.

Expansion Committee: We are maxed out on the states who have a use for BCHA. We will be targeting chapters in each state to see if we can expand chapters within states.

Volunteer Hours committee: They will be recording a video as a step-by-step guide to the volunteer hours forms; short and long.

Link to the drive where the file is stored.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QhGEG_o3QoaQmffCLuGa7GUttalm7eEc/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105598970569614959232&rtpof=true&sd=true

Chair letter

- Should be out within a week.
- Subject is donations for operations.

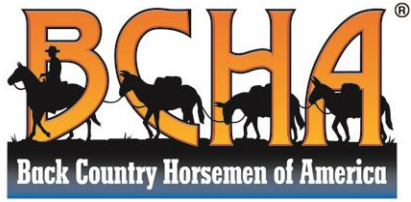
If members/chapters ask: What does BCHA do for us? let them know that in terms of public lands, BCHA's recent efforts (with partners) have been crucial in moving the BLM and USFS to issue policies that direct field offices to proceed with caution and involve the public in decisions about e-bike use on non-motorized trails. Plus, we were reminded today by the USFS that their 10-Year Trail Challenge came in response to BCHA's pushing for the 2016 Trails Act. These things should help to make our volunteers' jobs easier.

Discussion with states

Any discussion from the states they would like to discuss with the National Directors?

Comment: Very proud to be part of BCHA.

Utah: Three levels of people missing in the USFS so projects have come to a halt.



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Next Meeting: September 27th, 2023