



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

July 25, 2023, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 864 7805 6109 Passcode: 671350

TOPIC
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Meeting called to order at 5:00PM Pacific.
<b>Agenda</b> Reimagine recreation. North Carolina
<b>Minutes: June 2023 Minutes</b> <i>Motion to accept minutes as presented, seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.</i>
<b>Financial Reports – June 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Balance Sheet</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Finalizing transferring money to a CD on Thursday.</li><li>○ On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, money was transferred from Legacy to Stifel.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget vs Actual</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Donation information was provided, including the Spur, Social Media line items being changed to Donations.</li><li>○ Expenses provided.</li><li>○ Committee Expenses unchanged.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Accountant</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We have changed accountants from Washington Accounting Services to Gintz Accounting.</li><li>○ Lakeside Administrative will be doing the data entry and reports, Gintz Accounting will be providing oversight and review as needed.</li><li>○ This new process saves money.</li></ul></li></ul> <i>Motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>US Bank</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We had problems with an ACH transfer and found out the account holder names were not correct. It has since been corrected. Signers have been updated.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Chair letter</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The income, cost and net were provided.</li><li>○ Suggested we do a digital chair letter to save on cost.</li><li>○ Operating Chair letter first, September</li></ul></li></ul>



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- Chapter Support Grants in December
- Legacy in Spring of 2024

### Public Lands

- Randy described two current Environmental Assessments (EAs) out for public review that address electric bicycle (e-bike) use on public lands; BCHA (he) will be submitting formal comments on both EAs.
  - The first is a National Park Service (NPS) EA that the courts instructed the agency to prepare after a lawsuit by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. It is a national review of the Nov. 2020 policy change by the NPS that allows park superintendents discretion to authorize e-bike use on any roads and trails where bicycle use is currently allowed. The EA is poorly done and includes troubling statements that hikers and equestrians can seek other trails if they don't want to share trails with e-bikes.
  - The other is an EA from the Tahoe National Forest that proposes to include Class 1 e-bikes on a new 70-mile Pines to Mines Trail System, most of which is currently non-motorized. Randy is working with BCHA to submit joint comments that encourage the Forest to adopt an alternative proposal that does not allow e-bike use on the new trail.
- Randy is traveling to Bend, Oregon, on Thursday to attend a Deschutes (National Forest) Trails Coalition meeting. The group is making recommendations to the Forest on how to address e-bike use on trails, as a substantial number of locals would like access for e-bikes. BCHA and BCH Oregon want to contribute to a solution that keeps e-bikes off important equestrian trails and directs e-bike use to existing "purpose-built" mountain bike trails.
- Mammoth Caves National Park is seeking public comment on a forthcoming Trails Plan. The park has 80 miles of (above-ground) trails, 60 miles of which allow equestrian use. Randy will work with Mammoth Caves BCH (KY) to develop a response.

### Reimagine Recreation

- A platform headed by the forest service.
- 6 sessions over 3 days, titles provided.
- Forest services stating they are putting an emphasis on recreation where it has not been before and how they can do it better.



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- Participants were more local or regional recreation groups. BCHA was one of the only National recreation groups.
- Recognized that BCHA is better at dissemination information top down/bottom up than the forest service is.
- Regional chairs from public lands committees would have been good participants.
- A new term, "Citizen Science", the data the user groups collect. One of the recommendations is for the forest services to rely more heavily on this.
- The three overall suggestions/recommendations on what could happen moving forward.
  - Staffing replacement streamlined, it currently takes too long.
  - Housing for the entry level recreation positions with the forest service. They can't afford to live where they are hired to work.
  - Recreation must be prioritized within the forest service. Underlying hope this series of round table discussions is the first step to this happening.
- Forest Service said they would be sending out a summary of the take a way.

### Committee Updates

Committee Chair meeting happened last week. A few chairs were not in attendance. Light on the Land: Just started working on submissions from October of 2022, it will be a while before we get ours.

### Strategic Business Plan Update

For the most part the chairs who did attend provided some sort of update. Committees who submitted their information for SBP.

- Expansion Committee
- Youth committee.
- Education Committee
- Marketing & Media
  - Survey provided 33 responses.
  - Has completed everything.
  - Working on the website
  - Working to obtain corporate sponsorship.

### 2024/2025/2026 National Board Meeting

- **2024 National Board Meeting**
  - Contract is signed.
  - March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 28, 2024
- **2025 National Board Meeting**



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- Arizona has submitted to hold the National Board Meeting
- **2026 National Board Meeting**
  - Georgia/South Carolina have requested to hold the National Board Meeting

### North Carolina

- \$30 per year as a special use payment for trail use has been suggested for bikers and equestrians.
- 3 Years ago, talked about the illegal bike trails, they are all trackable and all illegal. To date, nothing is being done. They threaten if equestrians get on a trail they could be fined.
- Talking about closing historical used trails by equestrians because they can't maintain them.

**Next Meeting:** August 22, 2023

### Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.*

**Attendance Required:** Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Kathy Young, Sherry Copeland, Craig Allen, Tom Thomas, Jim Allen

**Absent:** Greg Schatz and Dan Key

**Staff:** Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

Meeting URL:

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