

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began at 5:07PM Pacific.

Chairman Mark Himmel will not be able to attend due to being on location for saw training. Vice Chairman Craig Ferdig led the meeting.

Dues Increase

Local chapters and states will receive short talking points for you to use to discuss the dues increase.

It has been 10 years since BCHA has raised our dues, We continually evaluate the expense side of our budget, but we can only cut so much before it adversely affects operations. Be assured we are ALWAYS looking for extra income, but at the same time we do not want to compete with chapters for fundraising, Strong Chapters make a Strong Organization.

Thank you for your understanding, we look forward to supporting the BCHA Mission today and far into the future!

Website

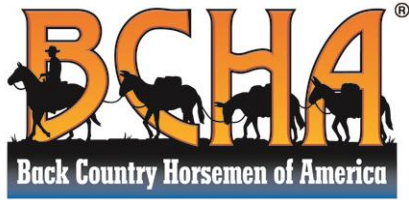
We are looking for feedback on the website, please provide it if you have any. We are sending out a survey to all members for their input. We will be doing some maintenance and updates in the meantime.

Financial Reporting

We will not be able to do financials this month due to the yearend clean up. But all financials will be provided to the National Directors and a report next month.

Public Lands Report

- Trails coalition submitted testimony to the Senate Subcommittee on Interior, Environmental and Related Agencies, which determines annual appropriations for all federal land agencies. For 7 to 8 years, we have supported and helped shape the request that is sent to both the House and Senate appropriations committees. During the last decade, funding has been consistent for trails with small increases.



National Directors Meeting Notes

May 24, 2023, at 5:00PM. PST

Zoom Video/Call

However, new leadership in the House wants to implement across-the-board spending cuts for all federal programs.

- A new bipartisan bill in Congress for US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) facilities, “The Lakes Act”, Lake Access Keeping the Economies Strong (S.1358). BCHA supports this bill, which: 1) would allow COE sites to retain public recreational use fees and apply them to recreational improvements (including trails); and 2) would allow the agency to enter into Challenge Cost-Share agreements with non-profit partners.
- BLM Rule Making process “Conservation Rule”. Emphasizes conservation mission of agency’s multiple-use mandate. Decided to pass on commenting regarding this.
- American Horse Council annual meeting is in June in Denver. Randy and Mark (Chairman) will be attending.
- Equestrian Legacy Radio, Randy and Mark were on in May. “Saddle Up America” link is

https://d1at8ppinvdju8.cloudfront.net/1/222/show_12223578_2023_05_04_18_47_44.mp3 Scroll to minute 1:07:45 for the BCHA interview.

Other

During the monthly National Director calls, we will be reporting on the Strategic Business Plan and the processes.

2024 National Board Meeting

We will have the location/venue determined for next month’s meeting.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2023