



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Final

October 24, 2023, at 5:00 PST

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TOPIC
Welcome & Introductions Called to Order at 4:58PM
Agenda No additions to the agenda
Minutes: Approve September 2023 Minutes Edit the updates from the Chairman regarding the Missouri Saw Training. "Discussed the support of challenge cost share and saw training for Missouri". <i>Motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i>
Financial Reports – September 2023 The treasurer provided the current balances on all checking and savings accounts. The investment account balances provided, as well as the invested amounts, the quarterly fees will show in the October financials. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal Fund: this is down below our investment. Suggested we transfer this to CD's. Discussed this is a National Board decision and it the value will go up and down regularly based on the stock market and fees.• Legacy Fund: Discussion on why this is not doing what it was meant to do. Suggested to contact Stifel for a performance call in November. <i>Motion to have Stifel attend the next EC call, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i> EC to read the investment policy before next month's meeting so we are prepared to listen and ask Stifel questions. <i>Motion to accept Treasurer report as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i>
Public Lands <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through our 2019 lawsuit and public comment letters, BCHA has raised the bar on how the forest service is analyzing ebike proposals.• Lessons Learned from 3 previous Lake Tahoe area environmental assessments:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If the EA analysis is just about adding ebikes, we are behind the 8 ball. We need to ask during public scoping for the agency to look at the needs of all trail users, unmet demand, and not just ways to accommodate ebike use.○ Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) maps found in most forest plans. They map out the entire forest and have specific zones based on desired



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recreational experiences. Wilderness is always either mapped as Primitive or Semi-primitive non-motorized (SPNM). Often, areas outside of Wilderness can be mapped SPNM and, by definition, the FS should generally not be designating ebike use (a motorized use) in SPNM landscapes.

- Need to insist that ebike EAs include an education and enforcement plan. In its absence, the agency is merely being wishful there won't be user conflict.
- Need to insist also on a Mitigation and monitoring plan: If we know there is a trail being used by a lot of ebikes, then horsemen probably don't want to use the trail. This will result in displacing hikers and horsemen. The agency needs to know that and outline in the plan steps on what they would do if other users displaced by ebike use.
- Randy finishing his duties on board of National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance the end of this year. Applications being accepted for FS Wilderness Stewardship Performance (WSP) grants, reach out to Randy to get more information on goals of WSP as trails are only one of about 12 criteria.
- Video: Motor Free Collaboration (Tom);
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v33UIHtn9IQ>
- Grizzly Bears (Kathy Young) would BCHW willing to support BCHW in fighting against releasing more Grizzly Bears into the forest area. North Cascades and Pacific NW Trail, etc.
 - There is nothing in the documentation regarding recreation while introducing Grizzly Bears. They address everything else aside recreation or people.
 - BCHW does not want access to trails shut down and this will happen if the Bears come into the area.
 - Trail reductions: This is the third time with this topic, they could close trails down "Temporarily".
 - No recommendation from the Public Lands committee at this time. BCHA would like to see a recommendation from the Public Lands Committee.

Committee Updates

- Youth Committee Application
 - Approximately 8 applications, not all approved and not all approved or rejected yet.
 - Next year we should be clearer about the purpose and the mission statement.
 - As of yesterday, the link to the youth grant application is on the website.



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Strategic Business Plan Update

- Letter sent to committee chairs that they need to keep it up to date.
- Quarterly Committee Chair meetings going forward.

Updates from the Chairman

- 2025 National Board Meeting: Prescott Arizona
 - Final stages in reviewing the contract.
 - Every room will have a balcony with a view.
 - 5 Minutes from downtown historical locations
- Wyoming Resolution: Is there a way to speed up a dues increase when needed.
 - Past Chair is Chairing the committee.
 - Engaging Past Chairs in an Ad Hoc Committee for the Wyoming Resolution.
 - This committee will take on other tasks as needed.
- Chair Letter
 - Next Chair letter going out in November, and it is designated to Chapter Support Grants.

Next Meeting: November 28, 2023

Adjourn: 5:56PM

In Attendance: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Kathy Young, Sherry Copeland, Craig Allen, Tom Thomas, Greg Schatz, Dan Key

Absent: Jim Allen

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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