



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 864 7805 6109 Passcode: 671350

TOPIC
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Called to Order: 5:05PM Pacific</p>
<p>Agenda</p> <p>Add Facebook in Financials.</p>
<p>Minutes: Approve August 2023 Minutes</p> <p><i>Motion to accept minutes as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Financial Reports – August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance Sheet: Assets, Investment value as of today, liabilities and net provided.• Budget vs. Actual: We are right on target with the budget. Donations from the chair letter came in. <p><i>Motion to accept the treasurer report as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook: We received a notification from Meta (new platform for Facebook) regarding their new donation platform. They do collect donor information and they don't intend to use it but they can if they choose too. This needs to be an EC decision if we are going to subscribe to the new FB Meta Terms. Decision: Keep using Facebook/Meta and agree to the terms.
<p>Public Lands</p> <p>Foundation for America's Public Lands</p> <p>Randy and BCHA Vice Chair, Craig Ferdig, traveled to Las Vegas in early September at the invitation of the BLM and its new Foundation for America's Public Lands. The Foundation was chartered by Congress to serve as a non-governmental fundraising arm for the BLM. https://americaslands.org/</p> <p>Their first action plan, called a "Blueprint," focuses on outdoor recreation access challenges, partnerships and public land stewardship—all three being important to BCHA. https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/our-strategy</p> <p>Randy and Craig participated in a day-long roundtable discussion along with dozens of other partner organizations. One key aspect of the in-person meeting was for them to meet with BLM's new leadership, including the Division Chief for Recreation and Visitor Services and the Assistant Director for National Conservation Lands, who among other things can help to renew BCHA's Memorandum of Understanding with the agency.</p> <p>For those of you interested, the Foundation will host a free, virtual roundtable discussion on Zoom, October 5th. It will be 9am-11am Pacific time. For more information, see: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blm-blueprint-for-21st-century-outdoor-recreation-virtual-roundtable-tickets-718678435547?aff=oddtcreator</p>



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US Forest Service 10-Year Trail Challenge

The Forest Service's National Trails Program Coordinator, Brenda Yankoviak, last month presented an overview to partners on accomplishments with their 10-Year Trail Challenge (they are currently in Year 3).

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/trails/10YTC>

They are making great progress, have new infusions of funding from Congress and keep pointing to the 2016 Trails Act (which BCHA championed) for much of the impetus for this momentum. Among other programs, they welcome volunteers to help with monitoring the condition of trail bridges. Tom Thomas was certified in trail bridge inspection.

US Forest Service Southern Region Proposal for Increases in Camping and Trail Use Fees

We're hearing from BCH chapters in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina about proposed fee increases in local national forests. This is part of a regional trend. Use the following link to view data about each forest affected and whether public comment is still being accepted:

<https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=72a44f7743c948b69e9b273c6cfc5f60>

We're hearing from some chapters that they don't necessarily oppose modest fee increases, but we are hearing concerns about:

1. Some horse camps on national forest being converted to general public use; and
2. Some trails use fees would apply only to equestrians and bicyclists, but not people on foot.

Horse Camp Reporting Forms

Next month, an intern with American Horse Council will process and analyze two years' worth of BCHA data and provide summaries on trends observed to date. Julie Broadway, President of AHC, hopes to share the findings with the national Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (<https://recreationroundtable.org/>) so they are aware of the issue and might be tapped to help identify potential solutions to the problem, which is: campers without stock occupying horse camps on public land.

Ujoin has been discontinued due to cost and lack of use.

Committee Updates

- Youth Committee Application: We have had three applications submitted; one has been approved so far. Other two are still under review.

Strategic Business Plan Update

Strategic Business Plan is in the shared drive and will be on the website in documents.

Updates from the Chairman

- Promotional Items: We decided we are not going to do any more clothing but will keep the trinkets. Clarification does the EC want to do away with all of them.

Motion to continue the promotional item inventory, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

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- Radios: Mark is working on getting radios from the Forest Service to help chapters/states who don't have radios. Contacted Brenda Yankovich. A poll will be taken on the National Director call tomorrow night regarding which states have access to radios.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2023

Other

Jim Allen volunteered on the Legacy Trails Program, the grant application process opens on October 2nd, 2023, and can be found on the American Trails website. Will discuss it during the National Director call tomorrow.

NWSTA is doing a similar program. Webinar in mid-October that will highlight both these programs.

Adjourn

6:05PM Pacific Time

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

Absent: Craig Ferdig (Excused), Dan Key

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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