Back Country Horsemen of America

National Directors Meeting Notes

September 27, 2023, at 5:00PM. PST Zoom Video/Call

Welcome

Meeting started at 5:07PM Pacific.

Meeting minutes can be found in the NBM2024 shared drive folder.

Financial Reporting

- Balance sheet
 - o Income, liabilities, and net were provided.
- Budget vs. Actual:
 - o Donations from the chair letter are going well, just under \$5,000.
 - o We are well within budget for this time of year.
 - o Expenditures provided.
 - o Revenue provided.
- Facebook/Meta: Changing the way they are doing donations; terms have changed and if we don't agree they take away our donation ability through Facebook. EC approves. The EC approved us to keep using donation links through Facebook. They will be collecting donor information.

Public Lands Report

Randy and Craig Ferdig traveled to Vegas for a foundation round table to set up the foundation. BCHA was invited as public land stewardship. Headed by a former governor from Montana. One key aspect was to meet the BLM leadership, recreation.

American Trails, Legacy Trails Grant program. The application portal is on the American Trails website and opens October 2 and closes December 1st. 2-year grant so you have 2 years to get the work done and strictly on national forest land. The max grant is \$100,000 and minimum is \$5,000. Americantrails.org and click on the trail funding program to get the grant application information. There is a recorded webinar on how to apply for these grants.

Youth Committee Applications

- Grant application links were sent out.
- 3 chapters and/or states have submitted for grants and 1 has been approved. 2 states are pending review.

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Strategic Business Plan

It is on the shared drive and is updated as information comes in. Committees are up to date and doing their part.

Challenge Cost Share

This can be used for states or chapters or standalone agreement (individual).

Promotional Items

No longer offering clothing after we run out of t-shirts.

We will continue the smaller items and brochures.

Radios

We should all be able to use radios for safety reasons. A forest service radio has the option of going directly to dispatch or use the repeater to go to the district. We think every chapter should have a radio or access to radios. And get the training in how to use it.

Discussed with Brenda Yankovich and she brought it up with regional saw program managers, and they were not sure how many BCH chapters/states have radios. She is now curious as to how bad this problem is in BCH.

Next Meeting: October 25th, 2023