



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

October 22nd, 2024, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 858 2590 0427 Passcode: 386543

TOPIC
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Chairman commented on the communication between BCH members and the comments, no politics on the EC or National Director calls, Michelle will mute you.</p> <p>Meeting called to order at 5:01PM Pacific</p>
<p>Agenda</p> <p>No additions to the agenda.</p>
<p>Minutes: Approve September 2024 Minutes</p> <p>*Page 2 should change the word lobby to contact.</p> <p><i>Motion to accept the minutes with changes, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Financial Reports – September 2024</p> <p>Treasurer provided the financial report as of September 30th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance Sheet<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bank account balance provided○ Total current assets provided.○ Total other assets provided.○ Liabilities provided○ Equity accounts provided○ Total Liabilities and Equity provided.• Budget Vs Actual<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing has changed that needs to be noted.○ Gross profit provided.○ Professional services○ Net Revenue provided.• Value of investment accounts provided.• Budget Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Suggestion to do a membership drive, help states and chapters increase their membership.○ Go back to external fundraising. Funds from outside the organization.<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Put the membership ideas out in the next monthly update. <p><i>Motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Public Lands</p> <p>Letter from the Chief in the Pacific NW, saying we understand your concern but be assured each Forester has discretion on how to go about this.</p>



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Suggested the Forest Service is doing this on purpose so that we go complain to the Senate.
Comment: Spotted Bear forest service, they are optimistic and said they should be better off in 2025 compared to 2024. They have money to use. Some of this is the remaining of the GAOA funds.

Comment: Hearing they are going to be fine and mentioned that there was some sort of shock factor in how this information was delivered.

Forest Service funding could be in jeopardy, they have made it clear they are going to look into funding to keep from laying off forest service employees.

If the house cuts the agency much deeper then they will need to be more conservative. The house senate could come to a resolution to avert a disaster.

They may have a lot of money to do a lot of projects not necessarily for payroll.

In the senate appropriations bill, someone has put in a national hiring authority for parks service, this should be applied to the forest service as well.

We need to start talking about the trail work in the hurricane effected areas. There are hundreds of legacy trails that may be affected regarding opening again for horses.

Ebike Update: Tahoe National Forest and the new project there, we submitted scoping comments, and we think we have leverage in the upcoming one.

Objections period for the lake Tahoe basin for ebike authorizations. Would like to have a conversation with Public Lands as to what we might do as far as precedent setting. Where do we forcefully play a roll. We need to do an assessment.

Bottom line, they say E-bikes are no different than any other bikes.

Updates from the Chairman

- Saw, Hurricane recovery
 - Letter from Region 8, which was basically a volunteer stand down letter. If you are doing work in the forest, you must leave the forest.
 - Chairman talked to a forester and was told they are not in the forest yet; they are still delivering necessities to affected areas.
 - System trails will get the work, but non-system trails may be in trouble.
 - Chairman has been in constant communication with the National Forester, there is no plan yet on clean up. The problem between municipalities is preventing them to get to the forest.
 - Forest Service asked about saw teams to assist. Last time they were only taking C Fallers, not sure if they will do the same thing in Region 8.



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- We should make a statement to our members about using caution without Forest Service liability.
- Long term national interagency management group has been mobilized to assist in all areas in the southern region. Impacted by the hurricane. Another team mobilized to NC primary mission to perform road clearing and assessment.
- Heather from NC would like to start setting up assistance to start clearing trails that are open to clear.
- National is going to come up with a guideline for disaster recovery.
- Other Saw
 - Colorado finally got their letter.
- Hurricane Helene Funds
 - Accepting Donations
 - We don't know how many funds we will have to disperse
 - Suggested to handle this like how we do youth grants.
 - Anticipating the need to fund people to get there to help and get more equipment such as saws, and PPE.
- Website: Asking all EC to look at it and provide your thoughts.
 - Please look at the website and provide feedback.
 - Guidestar: Do we want to continue? We need to provide financials.
 - Comment: to get outside funds we need GuideStar.
- Youth
 - Colorado Chairman looking for ideas to get youth more engaged.
 - Suggestions from the EC, Keep older members more helpful to the younger members, push that the younger members are the future.
 - Discuss this on the National Director call because this is a problem across the county in BCHA states.
 - Encourage bringing kids, grandkids and have kid friendly activity available. Such as crayons and horse coloring books. For older youths, include them in conversation and get them involved, give them projects.
- Museum
 - Smoke Elser is on the committee for the forest service historic national museum in Missoula, they would like to offer a display for BCHA. 20 feet of display and it will be high tech. They were not asking for any money at the moment. The presentation of this facility was provided during the National Board Meeting in Kalispell.
 - They are going to have 2 live mules at the museum at all times.
 - Any donations to the museum *may* be there permanently, no returns.



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Next Meeting: November 26th, 2024

National Directors Call Tomorrow October 23rd, 2024

Adjourn 6:25PM Pacific

Attendance Required: Mark Himmel, Kathy Young, Sherry Copeland, Greg Schatz, Jim Allen, Brad Pollman, Dana Chambers, Heather Cox

Absent: Craig Ferdig

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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