



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda DRAFT

November 26th, 2024, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 858 2590 0427 Passcode: 386543

TOPIC
Welcome & Introductions Meeting called to order: 5:04PM Pacific Time
Agenda Correction to agenda: Next meeting date change to January 21, 2025
Minutes: Approve October 2024 Minutes Fix typo on second page "othe" to "other". <i>Motion to approve the October Minutes as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i>
Financial Reports – October 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The treasurer provided the balance sheet totals.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Investment Accounts○ CD Accounts○ Bank Accounts○ Assets, liabilities and Equity• Treasurer provided the budget vs. Actual balances.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Donations have come in and total provided.○ Hurricane Relief total provided.○ Revenue and Expenses provided.○ Legacy, Legal donations provided. <p><u>Chairman discussed the financial status of BCHA.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added expenses through the end of year that have not been paid compared to the cash on hand as of today.• Expected loss at the end of year.• Included Chair letter donations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1st Chair letter was for the legal fund, this was unsuccessful.○ 2nd Chair letter brought in over \$8000 for operations.○ Some members asked why we are asking for donations when we have \$60,000 in savings.○ Two chair letters yet to go out. The first one will be administration.• We have a CD that will mature on November 27, 2024, asking for permission from the Executive Committee to put this in our checking account to offset some of the loss.• Membership Dues, several states are not going to pay the \$5 per member donation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ One state has said they will not pay the \$5 dues increase.○ Membership is down at this time.



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- Projected we will run out of funds between the last week of February to the second week in March.

Discussion

Membership \$5 per member donation; 1 check for membership, 1 check for donation.

CD's/Savings: Cash in CD or borrow from the savings account. If the savings are less than the CD, then use the savings account.

The 9-month CD will roll over.

Motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Public Lands

BLM MOU: We need to get word out to membership about the renewed 5-year Memorandum of Understanding we have with the BLM nationally. It contains many options for how states and chapters can interact with the BLM, so we need to make membership aware of these.

National Trails Workshop: Randy participated in last week's workshop, held by the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). It had four tracks: 1. Fundraising & Governance; 2. Community Stewardship & Engagement; 3. Trail Operations, Management & Planning; and 4. Advocating for Trails. Keynotes touched on empowering youth and enhancing the visibility of indigenous people/shared stewardship. Highlights include:

- Pacific Crest Trail wildfire recovery efforts (*note: PCTA has a new app with fire/smoke warnings*).
- BLM Inventory, Assessment and Monitoring (and day-long field workshop), which is used to categorize the landscape elements of scenic, cultural, recreational and natural along a trail. Note: some National Scenic Trails (NSTs) and most National Historic Trails (NHTs) do not have management plans; they are linear features that cut through multiple fed agency ranger districts or field offices for which existing management plans often do not recognize the NST or NHT.
- Hike the Hill 2025 strategy session, where we discussed expected changes in priorities of the new Congress and Administration and where Randy emphasized concerns for a return of the Bikes-in-Wilderness bill and renewed discussion of federal land transfer to the states.
- BLM Roundtable, where tentative dates for State Recreation Summits related to the Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation were discussed.
- US Forest Service Roundtable, where the agency's recent hiring pause was discussed, particularly in light of the recent release of its Trails Workforce Capacity Analysis (TWCA). FS personnel present speculated that the hiring pause likely will remain in place



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throughout FY25 and FY26. Details of an exemption process for seasonal hires will be issued Nov/Dec 2024 and likely include exemptions for seasonals hired with non-FS funds (i.e., 100% outside funding sources like grants and agreements). This is important as the TWCA found that 51% of all trail maintenance in FY23 was performed by volunteers and partners, who in many cases need guidance/agreements from FS seasonal employees.

Note: BCHA chapters are encouraged to meet soon with their local FS counterparts to identify the greatest stewardship needs next season versus what projects can be put on hold.

Other takeaways from the TWCA include the fact that about \$60M is spent annually on salaries (517 full-time equivalents, or FTEs) while a shortfall exists of about \$40M to fill current trails-related vacancies. Importantly, 40% of FS Districts do not have a single FTE related to trails.

Reach out to Randy for slides of the Trails Workforce Capacity Analysis, which includes region-by-region breakdowns.

Committee Updates

- **Media & Marketing:**
 - Clean up continues of the website.
 - Suggestion from someone to make our map a Core Map but very hesitant about this, doing more research.
 - Grants for Nonprofit through Google have been approved, potential up to \$10K in ads so we can advertise BCHA.
- **Hurricane Relief Committee:** Consists of Randy Brown, Mike Kinsley, Heather Cox
 - Total donations received to date but no requests yet.
 - Suggested the biggest problem has been the hay shortage.
 - Poll taken during the meeting, all are ok with hay being purchased with donation funds.

Updates from the Chairman

- Saw
 - If saw trainers wanted to have a call to contact Mark Himmel, received several calls last week. May have a zoom call to answer all questions.



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- Emergency Response Teams
 - Talked to National Directors about an incident response team, the first group counties rely on is Search and Rescue.
 - BCHA would like to set up incident response teams in each state.
- “Hush of the Land” Webinar
 - This event was on November 16th, thought it was good. The attendance on the Zoom video was not great compared to those who registered. It was streamed Facebook live and had several hundred tuned in.
- Chapter Support Grants
 - Committee has been chosen and they will pick the Chairman.
 - Available funds at this time are approximately \$3700.

Next Meeting: January 21st, 2025

National Directors Call Tomorrow December 4th, 2024

Adjourn 6:36PM Pacific Time

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

Absent: Heather Cox

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

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