

BCHA State Board Meeting 11/11/2017

The Call to order was given by Chair Craig Allen.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

The Financial report was presented by Bev Heffernan. There is quite a bit of discrepancy going on in each chapter between number of memberships and membership funds turned in. If you as a member are not receiving the newsletter from National, you may not be showing up on the national roster as a member. Financial report Approved

1. Each chapter needs to reconcile their membership list with Moneys turned in and make sure all accounting is corrected. And all names and emails are correctly submitted.

2. Treasurer needs to reconcile members with funds

3. Secretary needs to record in the minutes when money is spent and exactly what for

4. All discrepancies are to be resolved by Thanksgiving, no exceptions.

Volunteer Hours are to be reported to Wayne Ludington by Jan.1st. Go to the BCHA website to record the hours on their excel spreadsheet. You can do it by Hand or email.

The volunteer hours are to be reported to the Forest Service by Oct. 1st. BCH by Jan. 1st. Each has a different year end. One runs on the fiscal year, the other runs on calendar year end.

We can report Stock hauled miles to the job sites ONLY, no trail rides.

We can also count hours for volunteers who are not members of BCH

Chair Report:

The following chapters have been dissolved: Central Utah. As well previously West Desert and Escalante.

NOTE: Members from those areas can join at large.

Dilemma ongoing with chain saw certification and hard work service org. Political issues which the leadership will address.

Chapter reports:

Wasatch Chapter: Building a new campground in Monte Cristo, They submit articles on their work to be published in the local newspapers, calendar of activities in advance on their website, active in parades, offer a youth camp, invite members of other horse clubs, they go after former members, New brochure for recruiting new members , they offer any of us to Plagiarize that trifold

High Uintah reseeding project on backside of Tooele for Kennecott Copper,

San Rafael: Wayne thanked Wasatch for letting them duplicate their terrific brochure

Note: Craig Allen has offered to travel to give presentations in any chapter for any group on BCHA. Idea: FFA, 4 H, local riding chapters, your local BLM and forestry folks

Note: Recruiting ideas: Posters in feed stores and appropriate locations, Thoughts, fairgrounds, racetrack, IFA, Cal Ranch

Note: Placement in ST. George calendar of events for all meetings, work jobs and trail rides! Also get our website and keep our website updated with that information

Note: Calendar of events in St. George Newspaper as well

An idea was presented to have a RENDEVOUS like mountain man rendezvous in Wyoming or we could possibly do one in conjunction with the one at Mountain Meadows annually

High Uintah: Ron reported they needed to work on their relationship with local forest service. Current project is the Kearns project, no trails, all must be reestablished, asked everyone for folks who may be able to come help

High Desert, Kanab, Go after Grants so they hire 18 to 25 year olds to build and clear all trails. Rebuilt the Green log trail over 2 years. Lots of credit and publicity.

Lots of work in the Kaibab district

Pleasant Creek cabin area they built new corrals

Big Kudos for working in AZ area. They want each chapter to learn how to obtain grants.

The grants are submitted thru the BLM after the chapter does the paperwork

Uintah Basin: developing new trail maps putting on website

Highline and Hobbles: Great Forest Service relationship, they take the rangers out on their horses to inspect trails, they have a monthly meeting with local bike club, hike club FS and BLM all together

Moab group: 1355 total volunteer hours, 50 hours in education and meetings, animal hauling logged separately

They have Added photos and GPS of trails on website,

2 day trail ride to medicine lake

4 day endurance ride

Several joint rides with the Wasatch group in the la sal Mtns.

Adding kiosks and signage to certain trails in conjunction with BLM

They have a developed great facebook page. They do membership drive at Christmas party. Chapter challenge is two new members from each member. They also participate in the Keltic festival to get new members.

Logan group: Involve 4h and FFA. They are doing an annual calendar to publish on their sites.

They always carry tools when on a trail ride of any kind.

Count work hours done on those rides and the outside work performed

They also include their local quarter horse club and track their volunteer hours

NOTE: When working on HIGH ALTITUDE TRAILS watch yourself and especially watch for your horse for heavy breathing and signs of stress. They get high altitude sickness and it can be tragic.

A discussion transpired on Gaited Gals riding club and how to get them involved. Out of AZ, NV, UT, ID

Website work is being done by Mark Hammill, each chapter site should be linked in. Get our trails identified and on the site

Develop links to Utah Trail Riders, and any riding clubs in the area

Motto for 2018: SELL THE FUN! The consensus of everyone present was yes, we work and that is our primary purpose, but we also have FUN! So, don't be afraid to promote your trail rides outside of membership.

Duchesne County offers great Pack classes if interested

BCHU facebook page likes and is linked to each chapter facebook page

ELECTIONS Update: Chair and Vice Chair. The secretary and treasurer are appointed. Nominations took place and can still take place. The voting is done in January. Craig and Wayne were asked to agree to run in their current positions, but anyone can be nominated. Chair can hold position 3 years in a row, Craig agreed but is done after this year. Wayne could easily step up to chair, it was suggested we make a change and have two vice chairs.

Richard Webb discussed the Wasatch group organization. They have a Pres., 2 V.P.s, a Public Lands coordinator, 4 trail bosses, and a treasurer and secretary. This seems to work very well for them. They get a lot done.

An email is required from each chapter to Craig Allen the election results in January, with names, phone numbers, and email addresses

Equine Insurance! Offered thru BCHA is only \$20 a year! It is a personal liability insurance. Get it!

Freddy gave an update: A endowment is being created at the national level, 501 c-3 thru Charles Schwab

Public lands- looking at public education and trying to find a common ground

Richard Webb mentioned there is a LDS website he has been part of developing called "Just Serve.org"

It is designed to bring people together into work activities. We may want to use it on a local basis.

Next meeting date is 27th of Jan. in Richfield.

Meeting adjourned

Attendance.

Name

Chapter

John
Gordon Hirschi
JEFF NICHOLS
Susan Hansen
Naomi Wilson
Josh Grober
Heather Dye
RON JENSEN
Beverly Helferman
CRAIG ALLEN
Wayne Ludington
NOEL POE
Mary Poe

Wasatch Front
Uinta Basin
Hi-LINE & HOBBLES
Southwest
Canyonlands
Visitor w/
Bridgerland
Hi Uintas
Mountain Ridge / State
San Rafael
HIGH DESERT
High Desert