



TTBCH Board Agenda/Meeting Minutes WED, May 10, 2023 1 ½ hrs long

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Lacy Garton, Melissa Pangraze, Paul Forester, Patrick Tracy, Cynthia Stoetzer

2023 BUDGET REPORT: *Lacy*

Lacy to update budget and share with team in the next couple weeks

PRESIDENTS REPORT: *Melissa*

2023 TTBCB RIDE CALENDAR

We all need to **look at ride calendar** to host some rides this year so we can get calendar together. ****SIGN UP FOR RIDE HOSTING ASAP!**

HOW TO HOST A RIDE DATE AND PLAN? June 17. 9-12. Horseshoe trail. Patrick and Paul. Take 1/2hr pre-ride to show interested volunteers the steps to volunteer host (paperwork on website, announcements, etc to share, then take a ride and show people how to 'guide'. First aid kit- That is on the list for purchase! **Debit card for the chapter is needed. Lacy to get this.**

SPRING SOCIAL DATE AND PLAN?

Spring Social- when paul was down south, the tetonia owner asked him to lock in dates of event. There was not enough time or discussion to make that decision.

We should still do a spring social but just more casual.

Discussed a 'meeting' included but decided to keep casual.

Spring Social on June 2nd clinic at Hapi 1-5pm, then TTBCB Spring Social 6-8pm at Tetonia Club. Paul to talk to Tetonia Club owner.

Melissa and Cynthia to chat with Julie on a possible booth at hapi clinic june 2nd.

June 3rd national trails day- **Melissa to get a hold of TVTAP** and possibly coordinate. Want vols to be at trailhead(s) to do outreach for TTBCB and trail etiquette. Trailhead TBD. Possible first ride of year?

Possible Vet Clinic? (Health care for horses)

Maybe the new Teton Equine mobile vet? **Cynthia will call her** 208-881-7753

Another Clinic idea - equine dentist Curt Laird 480-223-3832 is coming to the polo field in Jackson. Maybe invite to do a clinic in idaho? **Paul will follow up.**

TIN CUP CHALLENGE:

SAVE YOUR BOARD MEMBER YEARLY DONATION FOR TIN CUP TIME TO MAXIMIZE \$

- \$3,562.50 tin cup gift in 2022. Has paid for many costs including website fees, convention travel and registration fees, food for events, business cards, banner, etc.
- June 15 TIN CUP giving period opens, July 21 closes.
- Mandatory booth **July 15th; Volunteers(3): Patrick Tracy & Cynthia, Lacy & Patrick.**
NOTE: Pack trip may need to move due to snowpack. We prefer Pack trip on 21-23 of July, but need to **hear back from USFS first on date change.**
- Volunteers to plan event: need 1 or 2 tables, 3 chairs, cooler for drinks for volunteers, booth box of signs/banner/supplies, xcut saw and field tools on display, horse corral panels, and horse (Lacy's cute colt?)
- Bring clip board to collect emails of potential members.
- **DO Photo/video/quote by this coming monday! Melissa to do**
- **Cynthia to become active on Facebook** soliciting donations throughout giving period.
- Use 'flat tinny' on any of our rides and post to Facebook. Refer to Media Kit for help.
- Pick up business cards at Peak Printing. Good on promotion carabiner stock.

INSURED EVENTS:

- National BCH has more events (30+) reported by chapters than last year (19).
- This year TT BCH put in for insurance coverage on:
 1. "Obstacle Learning Course" in June. Do ride clinic and obstacle course together? No.
 2. "Parade", Memorial Day or July 4th? Decided none this year. **Melissa to cancel date.**
 3. Service Project Pack Trip 1 CHANGING DATE TO JULY 14-16 or 21-23
 4. Service Project Pack Trip 2 AUG 18-20
- We can change dates as needed. Weather cancellations, etc.
- NO DOGS allowed on these insurance covered events, including the pack trip. Safety concern.
- Health Issues (Strangles and other issues; Consider safety for horses at our clinics/events, ie. water buckets be personal, etc.)

Idaho Horse Council:

Dan Waugh Director

- Goal: Horse Council to be a resource for one voice for equestrians across the state.
 - Need unified voice across the state – 3% of state GDP is recreation dollars revenue -- 3rd is Equestrian @ \$125 million in 2019 per BSU survey.
 - Horse census on ID to occur; prize incentives.
- Melissa will forward this email to members.

BCHI Foundation Report:

by Tim Palmer

TTBCH grant funded!

- Teton Valley

2023=\$425. Garmin Mini2 satellite communicator

2022=\$520.Katanaboy Saw and replacement blade.

• Amazon Smile donation down a little this year. 😊 Please see instruction sheet on website on foundation page for how to set Amazon Smile for your default Charity on all your Amazon purchases.

BCHI Website Coordinator:

Jill Nebeker

*Password for Board Members page is “Members”

• Melissa worked with Maggie to get correct numbers reported. Looking to get Jill to update BCHI website with new/correct numbers. (BCHI’s Volunteer Hours Form was showing sheet inaccurately; Mike Hamill to talk to national about accurate uniform volunteer hours report sheet). The data that the volunteer hours form generates is important as its used to put forth an argument to FS to show the validity and value of the volunteer hours working with BCHI and its member states.

Broomtales:

• Alice Millington doing. • There is no “deadline” for submission just send as you get them. JUNE/SEPT. Alice will write up the article so just send the article including: when, where, who, etc. She will edit to an article that fits the size of the newsletter she puts it in.
• *Photos of work need to have members wearing PPE if saws etc are being used!
• Patrick Tracy volunteered to do ‘June’ article on National Conference experience.

BCHI Raffle Calendars:

50 available this year (given out in late Fall season to sell). Important to sell calendars to keep BCH Idaho Foundation running.

*Reminder that BCHI Fndt. is set up to help the chapters so funds pass thru to chapters that need help to obtain items (think grants!).

2023 BCHI Convention & State Director Meeting in Salmon, ID

Attended by TTBCCH State Rep Paul Forester March 17-18, 2023 (hosted by Salmon River BCH Chapter). We (TTBCCH) are on the list to host the convention in 20??

***Highlights from the trip:**

Paul said half day was foundation board, other half was general meeting. Big difference is foundation is the grant arm of BCHI. Highlight from foundation meeting was that they went through all the applications and voted for grant recipients. Teton valley got \$350 for garmin mini2 satellite communicator! YAY! Buy it, give receipt to BCHI and they will send a reimbursement check.

Carol from BCHI, said the forest service would like to convert over to a statewide agreement with Idaho BCH, the volunteer agreement and cost share agreement. All 16 chapters have each been doing the volunteer and cost agreements. BCH wanted to vote on this but an individual called out that there must be a 60 day grace period for review. The forest service does not have enough manpower to clear all the trails. University of Idaho has volunteered to assist with grant money.

Per Paul some chapters generate 20-30k for a cost share agreement with forest service. They are actually getting paid for gas. Funds can also come from spraying weeds and building bridges etc. Our chapter has only done *volunteer work*, no monetary. FYI \$10 of each membership goes to the state. Will look into in the future to possible get money for major efforts.

2023 BCH National Board Mtg/Conference in Kalispell, MT

Attended by TT BCH State Rep Alt Patrick Tracy April 16 -19, 2023

*Highlights from the trip:

Patrick's debrief...

National convention was awesome. 32 states have BCH. They are raising national membership. Patrick was able to meet many different contacts from all over the country. There was a breakout session called, strategic business plan- in a nutshell, education, etc. Patrick went on the youth and education portions. There will be a zoom call in 30 ish days to continue knowledge sharing. These different units, really for where BCH is going. Emphasized having a relationship with forest service. BCHA will not be having any marketing. That will be up to the local/state level. We can do hats etc on our own. Biggest take away is the BCH 'share drive'. Patrick to share this if possible. 50th anniversary. Newsletters will be digital AND hard copy still.- this was a hot topic.

"Idaho Equine Rendezvous" Proposal:

Carl Gates Boise chapter

- proposed location for Rendezvous in Bear Valley. Idea to move it around the state yearly or every other year.
- Other suggested locations: Bull Trout Lake? Need input from members. Take back to chapters to get feedback and get in contact with Carlrgates@yahoo.com with members who would like to participate on the committee.

OTHER REPORTS TO READ ABOUT:

Location for Sept 2023 State Directors Meeting: hosted by Priest River BCH on 9/10/2023- location TBD. *Melissa will try to attend this one.

National Director's Report:

by Aline Brinkman

- State membership data is good.
- National Newsletter is quarterly, Is everyone getting snail mail/electronically? If not, let Aline know!
- BCHA Grant for our TT BCH chapter received \$590. for trail etiquette signage! Already ordered 12 signs.
- Horse camps designated as such but others have been using them nationally. Fill out report form (see below) if you see this...Take pictures, notes, License Plate numbers and send to

Parks and Rec or FS district office or BLM district. There is a form on the BCHA website and a link on the BCHI home page to help track and report this issue.

- A lot of problems of jobless/homeless people camping in wilderness areas and areas are being trashed. Notify proper authorities. Need to contact land agencies and also loop BCHA into it as well.
- USFS is resisting classifying E-bikes same as pedal bikes
- BLM lets them go same as pedal bikes.
- NPS lets them go same as pedal bikes.
- State of Idaho allowed them on State Lands, same as pedal bike back in 2020.
- E-bikes - In New Mexico agreement has been determined no e-bikes on FS land.
- State of WA, pending public comment, currently temporary option if have Americans Disability Act [ADA] sticker allow ebike to go where pedal bikes go.
- As of 1-17-22 USFS Prescott CLASS 1 E-Bikes have not yet heard the outcome yet.
- CA took non-motorized and allowed motorized then had to rescind but are now trying to get it back in legally with public comment process.

National Education Chairman Report:

- Lisa Deas is continuing as Education Chairman. Great resource!!
- Still looking for an Education Committee Volunteer for our chapter. [Cynthia to put a call out on Facebook. 831.402.7482 muledaze@yahoo.com](#)

Sawyer Training Report:

2021 or 2022? certified Sawyer's in chainsaw: Melissa, Paul, Mac, Dennis, Wilson, Lacy.
Region 4 Rob Adams @Squaw Butte Sawyer Contact

- Forest Service getting out of the business of Saw Training. New program, Volunteer Saw Instructor new course called "Developing a Thinking Sawyer" emphasis on risk management, human factors, and sawyer safety. Program is directed at non-fire crew sawyers. Sawyers will run the classroom and field and sign the cards. Forest Service out of the loop except for the train-the-trainers. Will have C sawyers mentor B sawyers and B sawyers' mentor in training and in the field. (C is who signs cards). New videos coming as some that are now being used are from 1960s. Would like to get new instructors in the pool

- Need more instructors

(3 in region 4). Mark Himmel, saw instructor from BCHA.

- Need more trainers – FS is getting out of saw training.

Battery chain saws for non-wilderness: You still need PPE and they won't stop as fast with chaps-it takes longer than gas powered chain saws. Battery are direct drive not clutch driver like gas powered chain saws.

- First aid being current is on you. Saw certification is 3 years. First Aid is 2 years if deferred by COVID need to get FA updated now! If you want to train, Region 4 will reimburse trainers for travel saw gas and oil and little bit of per diem.

• Certification date goes from date completed class out 3 years. Class in Stanley in May and in Emmett in May.

- Classroom must be on Forest Service to be covered.
- Brian Burbidge Region 4 Saw Program Manager

- Larry Velarde Region 4 Trails/Dispersed Recreation & Travel Mgmt. Program Manager
 - *Per Melissa, if people want to do sawyer training, Melissa can demonstrate/educate volunteers, then they can then use the x-cut saw. Melissa to clarify with her boss on this as far as USFS volunteer agreement.

Adjourn:

"I move to adjourn"

Motion Made By: melissa

Second: paul

Motion Passed.

Next board meeting June 7th at 7 pm.