



**TTBCH Meeting Agenda Oct 04, 2023  
7:00-8:15 pm**

**Board members in attendance: \_Paul Forester, Lacy Garton, Melissa Pangraze, Patrick Tracy, Cynthia Stoetzer, and Tim Palmer (member guest).**

2023 TTBCH Board and Officers are as follows:

President:	Melissa Pangraze
Vice President:	Cynthia Stoetzer
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lacy Garton
State Director:	Paul Forester
Alternate State Director:	Patrick Tracy
Social Media Wrangler:	Cynthia Stoetzer
Audit Committee:	Lacy Garton and Maggie Shaw
Public Lands Liaison:	Melissa Pangraze
Volunteer Hours Coordinator:	Maggie Shaw
Education Committee:	MB Conger
Rides (trail boss) Coordinator: <i>Updates the website activities calendar, Is familiar with all the places to ride in the valley, Assures that each ride has a Host, Coordinates with other groups on joint activities/rides, Answers inquiries from other chapters' members about local trails.</i>	<b>CURRENTLY VACANT. Try to fill this position next year.</b>

1. Review of July mtg minutes; loose ends?

2. Reports:

**Lacy:** Latest financial report: Chapter now has a debit card for ease of purchases/reimbursements. Tin cup foundation brought in \$6,330.00. for our chapter. Only our second year participating. Biggest # yet!

Tin cup is a fundraising event that Teton Valley Foundation non profit puts on to help raise money for the Valley's nonprofits like us. A non profit like TTBCH signs up for tin cup and whatever is donated to go to TTBCH, is then matched by a certain percentage b/c of tin cup local challengers & businesses who match/donate.

Improvements for tin cup: **Cynthia** proposed ideas for **booth improvements**: a better way to attach the banner and posters. Stages for the booth. Business card holder. Table cloth with printed info about organization. Name tags for volunteers. Possibly a commercial embroidery skirt for horse. Build a tri-foldout wood board showcasing what we do (keep it simple and easy to read in a couple minutes). Make a reference sheet for talking points to help volunteer inform public about our organization.

**Melissa:**

website updates done (need to **change photos in 2024**). TT BCH is one of 2 chapters that has taken BCHI up on a contract to pay a percentage to the state to get a deal on what we pay Lou Ann Gaskell (Dark horse web design) to manage our website yearly. Cheaper if more chapters jump onboard.

BCHI's 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting for 2023 attended by Melissa. Useful time spent for the long travel to Boise. Met key directors and learned plenty about latest BCH issues. 15 out of 16 chapters attended; either state directors or presidents present.

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BCHI is in need of new secretary. Learned about possible Idaho Recreation Office to be created in future. Information shared about Reminded each chapter to follow 'Robert's Rules of Order' for meetings. See Bylaws and be formal.

Broomtales newsletter has new address to send articles to: [dan.p.waug@gmail.com](mailto:dan.p.waug@gmail.com) AND [editor-broomtales@bchi.org](mailto:editor-broomtales@bchi.org). Anybody can write an article for Spring/Summer/Fall Newsletter!

CALENDARS: 55 BCHI Calendars to sell procured. Still \$20 each. 10% refunded back later to our chapter. Money funds the BCHI admin efforts and supports board trips to national mtgs. **Each board member to get 11 raffle tickets (calendars) to sell.** Sell at Broulins door. Lacy to call for permission.

Calendar has new editors Pat Bogar and Susan Johnson. Digital forwarded to members for summer 2023. Printed versions in future though. If digital only wanted, must request. BCHI depends on us selling to help cover important costs they must pay like legal fund, BCHI operating budget, and sending directors to National mtgs.

**CRITERIA for PICTURES for CALENDAR: send by December, must have equine in it, can be from any state, say which chapter, who took picture, member in picture, location, highest # of pixels.**

**Maggie:** Volunteer hrs should now be sent to Dan Waugh (BCHI Vice Chair). He works w/non-motorized trails initiative for the state of Idaho (meet via zoom 3<sup>rd</sup> tues of every month). Maggie Shaw -our former Secretary- is still our volunteer hrs coordinator for our chapter. Also just sent vol hrs report to Jeremy Kunzman (Teton Basin Recreation Specialist with USFS).

Grant updates: Melissa is **writing reports for the 3 grants** we received in 2023. We need to provide pictures etc to complete grants. **The signs hung at trailheads from a grant need photographs:** mike harris, pole canyon, horseshoe, bovine TH. Maybe do breakfast w/ team, then photo shoot. November to cover grant opportunities for 2024.

**Tim:** What is the BCH Idaho Foundation? – Per Tim this is a separate non profit. Separate from the ID State BCH. The foundation is a top run organization. The foundation gives away a certain amount of money each year in grants. They also allow other chapters that don't have 501 status to run money through the foundation. This helps with tax purposes. Money comes from: amazon smile, individual donations, State convention, and random donors. There is a potential contract coming from forest service coming from Carol H; she is pushing a deal for 17K for all the chapters who could apply for it for per diem for work trips. This is approved by forest service. The Chapter has to sign a volunteer agreement for insurance purposes. Each of the forest service super independent signs off on a this so each office can't argue about it. About 1K for each chapter. 10% off the top goes to foundation.

BCHI BOD mtg & State Convention will be in Moscow in 2024 (March 15-16). The second BCHI BOD mtg is in late Sept.(date to be announced). Paul or Patrick are the State Director and Alt State Director Representatives and choose which mtg they each will attend to represent our chapter. (the National Board mtg in Casper will not be attended Mar 24-27, 2024 to save chapter money). Folks can still go of course, but won't be reimbursed. Report of Mtg highlights to be conveyed by State Director at chapter board meeting later. **See BCHI meeting minutes for all extra details.**

**Note:** Treasurer Lacy's reimbursement form should be filled out and submitted after each conference. Non profit gas reimbursement currently at .14 cents per mile (not realistic with current economy!). May see a change in this at the federal level soon. Hotel and gas agreed to be covered by chapter for now. For future board attendance trips, our chapter will have to come up with a food per diem in order to afford continued attendance. Melissa thinking \$50./day for food coverage.

Riding Liability discussed: MB brought concern about legality of waiver and guest rider joining a member on a regular ride (not an insured public included event). Note each chapter gets 2 insured rides per year covered when we apply by mid Feb w/BCHI insurance coordinator. Insured rides are service projects or any ride with public. Question remained: So can a guest go or not after signing our waiver? Is there liability still? MB concerned about Covering our Asses (per previous conversation with Melissa). Melissa led discussion: Everyone at BCHI board meeting in Boise (representing 16 chapters) when asked said any guests need to be a member. Melissa brought up if member has guest, is that member the only one exposed to law suit or is it the chapter or Foundation or BCHA on the line if accident happens? Lacy stated Idaho is an at will to ride at own risk state and it would be difficult for liability. Tim stated that there is some leeway with this. A member can have a "private" ride (Eagle Rock chapter hosts private rides). **Tim to consult an Idaho Lawyer.** It was proposed by Lacy that our board continue our conversation with Tim's further research and vote on how to handle this for our chapter at next meeting.

**MB Conger:** Education committee chair on our chapter. Thank you TTBCH members for your ideas regarding future educational topics. Here is a list that I plan to work on initially:

- Created “Come Join Us” flyer to enhance public awareness with a message that supports our mission. **This flyer will be placed on both the TTBCH website and Facebook page. MB to get this done** (from the website, members can download for use at public outreach events and on the trail). **Melissa suggests hanging in stores around town too.**
- Promote ideas that minimize impact on the trail. **Melissa suggests maybe plan ideas for National Trails Day in June, 2024.**
- **Share tips on setting up and manning a public outreach booth (do w/Cynthia).**
- Develop suggestions for youth engagement after I interview several young equine enthusiasts.

After completion will identify other educational topics.

On 9/16/2023, I applied for the BCHA Youth grant as it pertains to TTBCH’s 2024 bi-annual Youth Focused Pack Clinic. If awarded, the \$500.00 grant will be used for marketing and supporting the event such a purchasing a 6ft folding table, a purple tent canopy, and being able to provide food and bottled water for attendees.

On a personal note, Bill and I are hoping to start building in Freedom sometime in 2024, but who knows. After all, we only got half of the perimeter fence done. October 7, we leave for Congress, Arizona. Feel free to contact me via phone, text or email. If any of you will be close to Congress this winter or spring, let’s try and meet.

**Cynthia:** social media update; facebook followers are up! Working on **instagram set up**. Can **promote on other backcountry horsemen pages.**

**Paul:** Made flyer for upcoming fun social event... **Paul will make new edits to flyer.** Western Country Dancing Night at Tetonia Club. Nov 4th. Line/Swing dance 1 hr lesson w/BJ Reed plus music provided. \$10 cover discussed. Half of profit to be given to Scott (owner of club) and chapter voted to pay BJ \$100.

### 3. OTHER business:

- Teton Valley News article printed; recognizes our chapter for our volunteer hrs donated for trail improvements, lumber hauls up Teton Canyon, and coordinating with fellow non-profits for trail efforts. Lots of good press and pics!
- August event: (youth and adult public plus members): **obstacle open class course** at Teton Cty fair hosted by TTBCH and Hapi Trails. Big success and fun; 12 people entered challenge (\$10 x 12). Lacy & Melissa were judges. **Use photos hapi trails shared.**
- Two 3-day pack trips completed in coordination w/ USFS (July and Aug). Part of the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) trails grant we received. Cleared our TTBCH adopt-a-trail of trees and put a sign up at Moose Creek trailhead recognizing our work “this trail adopted by ttbch chapter”. Other trail

work as part of grant: Picked rocks on steep 'devil's slide' area of trail to improve it. National Wilderness Alliance Grant project fulfilled.

- Rides were offered 2 times per month to members. Thank you to willing hosts: Patrick Tracy, Cynthia Stoetzer, Elaine Johnson, Carey Joseph & Ruth Ellis, Tim Palmer, & Deb/Kevin Little!!
  - Members Volunteered w/Forest Service to haul lumber for bridges up Teton Canyon South. Thank you to members Brit West, Janet Heslin, Ruth Ellis, Paul Forester, Lacy Garton, BJ Reed, & Tim Palmer!!
  - Summer BBQ hosted at Lacy's in July. Thank you!!
  - Patrick Tracy wrote nice article for BCHA about National Convention attended. Published online. Thank you!!
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Wrap up and Next Steps:

NOV Meeting –

- Liability for guest rides vote.
- Election setup of upcoming expiring board positions (run in Nov/Dec). Maggie Shaw and Lacy are on the nomination committee and Maggie informed us of "election buddy" which does elections online w/o influence from emails sent to folks announcing results. She says it's a cheap easy way to conduct elections.
- 2024 Goals??