



TTBCH Board Agenda/Meeting Minutes WED, NOV 1, 2023

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

In Person: [Melissa Pangraze](#), [Paul Forester](#), [Patrick Tracy](#)

Google Meets: [Lacy Garton](#), [MB Conger](#), [Cynthia Stoetzer](#) and [Tim Palmer](#)

-Review of Oct mtg minutes. Edits?

[MB](#) makes motion to approve minutes. [Patrick](#) seconds.

-First order of business...

GUEST at our Mtg: [Tim BCHI Foundation President](#)

*Presenting legal info about guests on rides.

*VOTE for our chapter's stance on this.

[Tim's](#) update on legality of having guests to join chapter rides. [Tim](#) consulted an Idaho lawyer- [Tim](#) sent him the equine liability act. The lawyer consulted that we are pretty protected if our member invited a friend(nonmember) and the friend rides his *own* animal- there is not liability in that. As long as the chapter is not soliciting people to come. The fact that we are likely riding on public land is another protection. If a fundraiser or other activity were to be going on that could add some liability. Per [Tim](#), Eagle Rock Chapter decided to make everyone be a member on their rides. Also having said that, if a friend shows up on a ride... the eagle rock chapter would let friend/guest ride (public land and can't stop them). In summary, the chapter is not encouraging it. [Melissa](#) commented -maybe not go out of our way to invite guests? Per [Paul](#), so it sounds like we can have guests without liability? [Tim](#)- according Idaho lawyer consult, if a BCH member lets a friend/guest ride the member's horse (not the friend/guest's own horse) there could be liability exposure to TTBCH.

*[Melissa](#) to email out 2 or 3 options for stance our chapter will adopt, and the board will vote and decide.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: [Melissa](#)

BCHI CALENDARS HERE!

Important Fundraiser for them. Please sell 10 each. \$20. Raffle. TTBCH will get 10% refund.

[Go sell them!](#)

-[Melissa](#) will send [MB](#) 7 calendars to AZ. Other board members got 10 ea.

-[Melissa](#) emailed out times for calendar sales that board members will volunteer to sell at Broulims. Each calendar/raffle ticket is \$20.00. The chapter got 55 calendars.

-What about % **National will keep as fee increase?**... heard at meeting there is a larger piece going to National-BCHA. We need to clarify this.

GRANTS

[Melissa](#)-3 Final rpts done and submitted. Money received.

1. BCHA(signs at trailheads grant) \$590.
2. NWSA(USFS/TTBCH moose packing trail improvement project) \$2,269.
3. BCHI(garmin mini2) \$370.99

Melissa -Suggested chapter keep it simple for 2024 and not apply for any large, time consuming grants. Patrick Tracy talked Greg Shultz at BCHA- he said there are 3 remaining grants available for youth.

Patrick has some ideas he would like to share.

MB reminded board she did apply for a youth one for 2024 with BCHA. This one will financially support our improvements to our booth presentation and for food support at our biannual upcoming Pack Clinic/Tack Sale in May 2024. Melissa-The big grant (WORC) for proposal of corals and hitching rails at many C-T trailheads sadly did not go through.

VOLUNTEER HRS REPORT

maggie shaw is working on this. Reports info sent to USFS and Vice Chair of BCHI.

Maggie will send final report in December.

2024 TTBCB RIDE CALENDAR

-Where do each of you look for upcoming rides info?

-Need more folks on the board to help host rides. Plan your summer expecting to help atleast once if you can. Thoughts??

Melissa's goal is to get more people to host rides. She needs help. Guidelines are on our website and we offer a "how to host a ride" clinic each Spring to encourage competent hosting.

-Patrick went out on spur of the moment. Patrick would like to post the ride on ride calendar on short notice.'pop up rides!' Contact Melissa to get it on website calendar (or whoever the TTBCB trailboss coordinator is at that time). Email or texting members about pop up ride would be good for this too.

-Tim and Melissa- discussed getting more creative to attract people on rides- Offer Spring tune-up rides, gaited rides, slower rides, easier terrain rides, and definitely continue socializing with drinks at trailheads post rides...vs another social picnic to attend during such a hectic and short summer. Folks want to RIDE!

INSURED EVENTS:

•Feb 14th, 2024 TTBCB will put in for insurance coverage on 2 events that BCHI allows to be covered b/c members and PUBLIC attends:

1. "Obstacle Learning Course" around Aug 6th in conjunction w/ Teton County Fair and Hapi Trails
2. Pack Clinic/Tack Sale (biannual TTBCB event)

Broomtales Newsletter: *Melissa*

NEED WRITERS! CAN BE MEMBER OR BOARD MEMBER. Articles need to be sent in spring-summer-fall-winter to **editor-broomtales@bchi.org**

*Photos of work need to have members wearing PPE if chain saws etc are being used.

Melissa to write an article.

?Any other board member want to volunteer to write one? **Paul** could write one on the Teton county fair obstacle course event?

EDUCATION CHAIR REPORT: *MB*

-'Come join us' flyer made! Put on facebook/instagram pages. Cynthia is our social media person.

-Add to website: 'Minimize impact on trails' topic. LNT with horses booklet link?

-Booth ideas- How to successfully organize a booth- **MB and Cynthia** to work together to help our board have guidelines when doing a booth. MB would like to put this on the website- Cynthia- asks why? how would this work. MB- post the tips of how to do a booth. Melissa- this how-to-booth info might be better served on the BCHI website as resource under their events/membership page, and also a good topic for Broomtales article. Melissa- can MB and Cynthia work on this together- on how our booth should look. MB-our website has an events/education page. MB thinks it could live there?
Gather ideas; Melissa will review. We need to wait to email Lou Anne(darkhorse web editor) when we have a list of items to update. We get 2 or 3 (3hrs total) updates per year.
-Develop suggestions for youth engagement. MB is looking into interviewing horse people in AZ. She has spent 5 hours for office training.
Also wants to encourage more membership engagement. These modules can also be added to the website. Melissa- currently 40 memberships (single and family); best since 1st year. Boast our factoids of accomplishments on Membership Page!

BUDGET REPORT: Lacy

Budget to be reported next month.

SOCIAL MEDIA WRANGLER REPORT: Cynthia

Cynthia has been posting as things come up.
Cynthia did review insights. Our facebook page reached over 1,000 people and up 22%!
Cynthia to look into Instagram more as well.
Best way to feed info to Cynthia is email or text.

LAST SOCIAL EVENT OF 2023. Paul

Dance is coming up!! Nov. 11th. Tetonia club.
Free event. Our chapter paying BJ \$100. and Tetonia Club \$100. Patrons buy their own drinks from bar.
No food. BJ will be passing around a boot for tips to share with her dance 'helpers' she brings. Lesson 7 to 8 pm.

Paul has flyers! All will post around town.

Places: Victor billboard, Library, Driggs PO, Longhorn, Geo center, Fitness place, Teton Thai hallway, Barrels N bins

Patrick will put some up in Ashton. Paul to do Tetonia. Melissa to email Julie Martin to send to Hapi people. **Melissa** to send to mounted patrol folks in Jackson.

Patrick reached out to some BCH contacts for ideas for getting more members; especially youth.
Ideas: Scavenger hunt, Geo caching, Scramble ride, School pack clinic, and the kids start running clinics.
Brewery night, Winery ride- huge event for another chapter, Poker ride- In Idaho you can't say poker ride.
-Education and Events/Activities can flow in together. **MB and Patrick** may want to chat on youth activities.

OTHER Business:

-For all officer's this month, a brief verbal reflection on what your goals for 2024 will be.

Goals to be discussed next month; Dec 6th meeting @7pm . Main focus will be 2024 goals and planning.

Adjourn:

"I move to adjourn" Motion Made By: Lacy Second: melissa