



TTBCH Board Meeting

WED, Feb 5, 2025 @ 7 pm-8:30pm

Call to Order *Lacy*

Roll Call: *ZOOM: Melissa, Lacy, Janet, Cynthia, Jamie, Dee, Deb, Tim, Patrick, (Paul absent)*

Introductions of new members of board in attendance! DEB & PATRICK

Deb Little- Rides Coordinator

Patrick Tracy- State Rep (back from Leave of Absence)

President's Report: *Melissa*

***Review and accept the January meeting minutes. Action Items Pending? Accepted mins? YES.**
Lacy to provide equipment list for Janets paperwork tax filings.

Treasurer's Report: *Janet*

501c3 Status and taxes updateTax update- we have not gotten a response from IRS as of yet. This is change our status to public charity. Not a surprise due to what is happening in washington and we will be patient. We are hoping to have this request granted. This will allow us to file a one page 990 for tax purposes.

Janet sent completed financials for 2024. This will be the basis of the 990 that we will file. Janet would like to point out our finances do not balance. Lacy and Janet worked to find discrepancies. What we think is that when we wrote checks to people who sold tack did not cash the check we sent them. Melissa- thank you Janet for putting all the hard work and many hours put into this. You have went through the last four years and gotten us on track. Per Janet, we will need a list of equipment for funds usage. Once we get that we are in good shape and will wait for the IRS to respond.

- Melissa needs to let Teton Valley Community Foundation know in april (tin cup app) how funds were spent.
- Janet- we are in good shape financially. Lets find a good way to spend it.
- Melissa- we will be spending 2025 money on western swing event, food for pack trips, and spring and fall socials. VIP award, Possibly pay the lecturer. Also costs to send our chapter state reps to national and state meetings.
- Could we also fund *skills clinics* etc.? We have the money.

Melissa and Tim are going to the state meeting mid march. Would Patrick like to join? Date is: March 14/15. Melissa and Patrick to chat. No Patrick this time.

Any financial questions please reach out to Janet. If you are missing a reimbursement please let Janet know.

Secretary's Report: *Lacy*

Winter Country Swing Dancing Event FEB 14th 8pm @Tetonia Club. featuring B.J. and dance helper... \$100. Cost for Tetonia club? Limited to how many people? Who to work the door and collect \$5. Per person charge... Get volunteers to work in time slots? Arrive 7:45 to help! Paul and Deb to work door.

Social Media Report: *Cynthia*

- Cynthia will create a facebook event for swing dance.
- Cynthia has been doing a once a month post.
- Cynthia talked to the vet that spoke last year. The vet wants to do April. Some participants last year wanted hands on like vet wrapping. Could sell emergency vet kits. Per Melissa, try to plan around spring break. Per Dee, last of March-Early April. Maybe April 26th.

Volunteer Hrs Report: *Jamie*

Jamie prefers all updates via email. Trucks, trailers, number of stock and number of people.

Outreach/Education Report: *Paul*

Llama desensitization clinic details needed. Date(s) needed! Cost for non-members? Location?

PAUL'S COMMENTS in his absence: Paul may prefer to have this event for members only.

Foundation Rep Report: *Tim*

If there is anything that we want to put in for money, he can present it. \$100-\$500 is the usual amount. There is a mileage reimbursement in conjunction with forest service. Jeremy will do a class -maybe just us- but needs a head count. Per Dee, so we should bring our own saw.

Quick Sawyer 2025 certification information (cross cut/chainsaw/first aid). Melissa and Tim will have more information soon for members. Chainsaw is not as important because we are usually in the wilderness. Forest service will likely be short handed so time for us to shine!

GRANT STATUS & OPPORTUNITIES REPORT: *Dee*

\$\$\$\$ Discuss our chapters needs/wants \$\$\$\$\$

Grant received 4,999.00 for wood hitching rails and wooden corals. Any changes to this plan needs to be approved by forest service.

Anything is needed anyone can think of? Per Melissa, more signage. Janet- replacing the bathroom at coyote meadows; Per Melissa that is not actually our district.

BCH Grant for \$1000 due March, and then another one in June/July.

Possible grants for sawyer and first aid class. Right now it is just Melissa who is certified. If 8 or 10 people sign up, there will be a cross cut field day. Per Melissa first aid is required for sawyer certification.

We are currently a 501c3, currently as a 'private foundation', but we requested a change in our status. This is what Janet has been working on. Per Dee, this one does not give to private foundations. There is another in the Fall.

Janet to Dee, regarding teton springs grant. Janet needs the information of the grant, amount, date and how we plan to use funds. Hitching rails at moose creek trailhead and N. Leigh trailhead, as well as 2 corrals at N. Leigh trailhead.

Future...APPLY TO : Community Foundation Grant & BCHI Foundation Grant (first aid kit stuff) & NWSA wilderness stewardship fund & BCH of America Grant (wilderness first aid training)

Dee to make a Calendar for grant openings/deadlines for the Year of potential grants we can apply for. A good future reference for Board members going forward.

OTHER BUSINESS: *Melissa*

Calendar Planning Session

*Packin Hitches and Overnight Restraints Clinic for *members only* in May? No time for this.

Otherwise, board discussed TTBCCH overnight pack trips held only at the trailhead (not in the Backcountry with multiple herds present). Some board members think that pack trips overnight *in the backcountry camps* with 5-6 different herds in the field is unsafe. We have found more success being at trail heads. IF a pack trip is happening, there is great cause for doing a clinic of some kind. Janet- there could be a sign up of like 4 people. The first 4 people to sign up can go learn backcountry skills.

Most of the board agrees that the trailhead camping is the best idea. Then possibly look at doing a pack trip next year.

Overview of calendar-

- Spring fling/social- early May. Spring fling may be at someone's house?
- Maybe an early ride- rails to trails etc.
- Sawyer training & first aid
- Guest speaker?
- June National trails day. Possibly host a ride this day?
- Maybe sand dunes in May?
- June-Deb and Kev may want to do a ride on 14th. Decoster is great in spring.
- July 19th tin cup booth
- August 3- Driggs Fair open trail class challenge hosted by TTBCCH
- Sept- kev and deb do another camp trip
- Tim to host in october maybe. Divide lake in june is great, Tim could do this in June. 6 miles in. Trailhead is in the prairie. Old line camp and can camp there too. Shoes are needed on horses! Maybe camp friday, ride saturday.
- Last weekend in June- finish bog bridge in Bitch Creek. Moose creek is really important-early July. Or build corrals in June. that way they would be available all season. Or flip flop these. We did moose creek June 16th last year.
- One hosted ride per month.
- July ? packing/hitching/ overnight restraints clinic. DEADLINE is here! Feb 14th. Need dates of Covered Events for Insurance BCHI (2 free covered).

TTBCCH Event options: Public invited? BCHI to offer 2 free covered events. Members not covered. Need own insurance. Buy Equisure or Idaho ride at own risk law.

- 1) **Driggs fair trail challenge** August 3. Public attends. Do we want to host for the third year in a row? (Hapi Trails help?).
- 2) **Llama Desense Clinic** to be covered?? Members only or open to public? Limit number of people? Plan next month!

PAUL'S COMMENTS in his absence: Mac and I will discuss the desensitization clinic. We plan to do it on our property. We'll figure out a weekend that works. I think we should do the 1st one for members only as the number of horses we can accommodate are relatively small and we're just figuring out what a clinic would look like (but we'll figure out how many are realistic and get the number). As for charges, you guys can decide what is most appropriate and if its members only, we are cool with free. Sorry I can't be at the meeting but we'll figure all the above out.

- 3) **Fremont AG days-** patrick will likely do this again. Is it insurance covered by school?**yes**
- 4) **Targhee kids camp-** Paul will be doing this. GTR to have insurance? Paul's non-profit as separate entity hosting this? Janet & cynthia raised concern about TT BCH involvement -staying focused on our Chapter's mission; reminded to think of our mission and our focus on trails maintenance. What do members want from us; trails focus and education/outreach focus. Discuss.

PAUL'S COMMENTS in his absence: I will no longer be doing camp under the TT BCH banner. If they choose to have me back (GTR) I will be doing it privately under Wynfromere Farm (my LLC).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Janet- the national BCH meeting is in Prescott in April. Will she repeat what was done last year? Yes, likely. It is a presentation she has done before.

Per Melissa, she is so thankful for every board member. The board is really hitting its stride with everyone!

Deb to send out draft calendar soon.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 5th, 2025

Adjourn "I move to adjourn" melissa, Motion Made By Lacy and Jamie seconds it.