



TTBCH Board Meeting

WED, Feb 11, 2026 @ 7 pm

Call to Order *Lacy*

Roll Call: *ZOOM: Melissa, Deb, Dee, Tim, Janet, Patrick*

Last month's meeting covered the board member invite / onboarding process.

Per Janet- Lacy to get a regular zoom account to hold meetings on. Invite members if they want to attend.

Meeting minutes from last month reviewed.

N Leigh- Signs and Gravel for parking-Melissa to own this,

Flags- Dee to order. Melissa and Dee to decide on size.

**Dee sent an email about the list of grants and dates. Dee to resend to group.

Introductions of new volunteers to help board! Jenevive Briggs and Emma Hamill

Jenevive Briggs- *Activities Coordinator.* She is excited to help people understand what BCH really is. Just not a riding club, and work with other organizations in the valley with similar goals.

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Emma Hamill – *Social Media Wrangler* She is excited to be part of BCH because she has learned so much the last few years from us.. And it is more important than ever to be on trails.

Per Janet, one of our challenges is getting people to volunteer for trailwork days. Let's brainstorm how to improve that.

President's Report: *Melissa*

Melissa is grateful for everyone to be here for another year. Thank you!

A reminder to everyone that we review last month's meeting minutes for a reason... It is to make sure that action items are taken care of from the months before and to ensure we are making progress on things we talked about. Meetings are for organization, planning and action.

Melissa attended a workshop put on by Teton Valley Community Foundation in January. The focus was understanding the process and policy to bring on new board members. Another focus was strategies for fundraising. We will dive deeper into what she learned in a future board TTBCH monthly meeting. In the meantime, we again welcome Jenevive and Emma as new volunteers!

Treasurer's Report: *Janet*

No income for January. \$500 of expenses. We need to spend the tin cup money we were granted.(Purchase of gravel for N Leigh planned. Plus parking signage and more saws for saddles). Melissa to do!

TAXES UPDATE:

- Melissa needs to let Teton Valley Community Foundation know in early April (tin cup app) how 2025 funds were spent. Plan is to buy a few more saws/wedges/axes for folks to have on their saddles to cut when they come across trees riding even on private rides not hosted. Help USFS clear anytime we see trees down is the goal!!
- Janet- we are in good shape financially. Plan is to spend it on gravel in North Leigh and consider a plan for future funding of a toilet in conjunction with other nonprofits.
- Melissa- we will also be spending 2026 money on food for pack trips, spring and fall socials, VIP award, Also costs to send our chapter state reps and others to state convention and Fall meetings(March and September).

Secretary's Report: *Lacy*

Winter Country Swing Dancing Event cancelled this year

Social Media Report:

Emma to start re-engaging the public by doing a once a month post.

Volunteer Hrs Report: *Jamie* None.

Outreach/Education Report: *jenevive* None.

Foundation Rep Report: *Tim* BCHI convention March 13 and 14th in Pocatello. Tim to attend March 13. Others to attend March 14.

Tim is going to the BCHI Foundation meeting and the state convention mid march (after the foundation meeting he goes to the state meeting). Tim is part of the foundation. There have been 2 grants put in by squaw butte and TTBCCH. One thing that has come up this year is the changing and foundation will agree to the timing of when mileage gets in. it will move to November 1st- this is what will be voted on. The form should be easier as well. Tim will be ready to assist in that as well. The foundation will give away 2500 dollars for grants. Part of the money that goes to forest service, the foundation gets about 10%. TTBCCH gave \$380.00. Anything that is run thru the foundation, they do take a small percentage. The other part of the convention, is that we are hosting in a couple years, there is a registration table, name tags. It would be good to know how that happens. Then the state will run it. When a chapter runs a convention, they mark up food, do raffles, etc., to make money as well.

Day 1 (Friday): Board Foundation Meeting. Who can be there on day one to see how it's done?
REMEMBER 2028 TTBCCH chapter will need to host. Planning starts 1 year before this (March 2027). Dee to inquire about Wild Wood Room in Victor for the 2028 event.

Day 2 (Sat): More people come to this day's meeting. Guest speakers in afternoon, photo and chapter booth display contest, dinner and auction. Bring new and lightly used auction items to donate if you have em.
!!Registration is necessary. Chapter voted and approved to pay for registration & meals for convention, but not hotel since it is so close to home. Also to attend: Tim, Lacy and Patrick.

GRANT STATUS & OPPORTUNITIES REPORT: Dee

The \$4000 grant from teton springs foundation was granted!! (11k given to various nonprofits in total). We will use it to finish corrals in N. Leigh Trailhead.

The flags that we want for TTBCB pack clinic and trails challenge events need to be ordered, Dee can order those. Melissa and Dee to chat about correct size before order.

BCH IDAHO foundation grant applied for \$500.00 for tools. Will hear mid march.

Most Community Foundation grants are 10K. The Community Foundation (CHC) will give large grants. Per Tim he will be vacationing with the CHC lawyer, John, and will visit with him about how we can best position ourselves. It has to benefit the community as a whole.

FUTURE: Melissa and Dee meet with Forest service and TVTAP ; Inquire about how to work with other nonprofits to build a toilet vault for N. Leigh & Moose trailheads. Dee attended a grant writing workshop through Teton Valley Community Foundation (TVCF). TVCF also likes to support toilets. Bonnie estimates it would take ~30K for a toilet. The foundation could help fund. They could not grant the whole thing but it would be important to have it for 2026. Letters of support from forest service easily obtained for a project like this per Melissa. Consider partnering w/another organization. Per Dee, one thing that Bonnie mentioned is to take pictures of toilet paper and waste to prove bathroom 'need' in N. Leigh & Moose trailheads.

FUTURE APPLY TO : Community Foundation Grant & BCH of America Grant. Dee to share a written Calendar for grant openings/deadlines for the Year of potential grants we can apply for. A good reference for board members. Did everyone get one in their email?

OTHER BUSINESS: Deb

Calendar Plan to be sent out to board members. Confirm dates.

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MOVE OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH?? ANY CONFLICTS WITH THIS OR SHOULD WE KEEP IT ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH? (note that the Teton Valley community foundation boardroom is no longer available first Wednesdays of the month because Friends of Teton River has chosen that date as their meeting time).

Teton horse experience March 13, 14,15 wind River Arena in Rigby.

IDAHO Horse Council Expo April 2-4. Boise, Idaho.

2026 BCHA National Board Meeting in Kansas, MO ; April 12-15.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 11th, 2026 7pm

Adjourn "I move to adjourn" motion made by Lacy, Melissa seconds it.