

Minutes
BCHU Board Meeting
Telecon
3 Dec 2019

Call to Order

Roll Call

High Desert was not present

Central Utah was excused

All other chapters were represented

A quorum was established

Minutes of last meeting were accepted

Financial Report was presented and approved. It was noted that the budget for 2020 would be developed in the January 2020 meeting.

Membership report was presented

Total Memberships 2019: 415: 199 Individual, 213 Family, 2 Patron, 1 Benefactor, totaling 631 members (up from last year)

Chairman's report

New Central Utah Chapter Approved and is up and running

National Directors report

Giving Tuesday is 12/3/19, which will be strictly a social media campaign; please everyone, share our posts and like them as they are posted weekly. Chair letter will be in mailboxes by 11/22, draft is done. We'll be doing an employer match for those folks that donate from chair letter. As requests go out to national board members and chairs, please respond and pass down to members.

BCHA has several member benefits. From savings on John Deere equipment, to Equisure Liability Insurance. A complete list can be found on the members only site.

<https://bcha.site-ym.com/page/Benefits>

Volunteer Hours Report

30% of chapters are reporting hours. Chapter Presidents were asked to make sure the hours get reported to Richard Webb ASAP as they along with a one page chapter report of activities and accomplishments is needed in January

Public Lands Report

Rod Player was not on the telcon.

Craig Allen and Freddy Dunn updated board on recent National Public Land Management activity and noted that much was happening and that BCHU chapters needed to be engaged up front and early. The High Desert Chapter was commended for their engagement in a local draft EA

Saw Program Report

Wayne introduced the new BCHU Saw program Coordinator, Peter Warnick, who gave the following report:

There are 5 men forming the core group currently constructing the BCHU Saw Certification Course: Wayne Ludington; Peter Warnick (SLC); Derik Winkler and Gordon Hirschi (both from Vernal); and Ken Snook (Price). Derik, Ken and Peter were on the Saw Certification Course in May of this year in Ephraim along with Tom Smith. Derik and Ken were certified by the Forest Service as C Buckers, and Tom and Peter certified as B Buckers.

As far as I know Ken and Derik are the only two C Buckers in UT. As such they have been given letter from Brian Burbridge allowing them to hold certification classes and evaluations. They can recommend certification of B Buckers and below. They cannot sign the certification cards, but Brian will sign off on their recommendations. B Buckers can teach any of the classroom modules but cannot be the lead instructor.

Brian Burbridge is the Saw Program Coordinator for Region 4 (Utah) and part of Region 1 (Idaho). He and I have had several conversations and have developed a very good relationship. I have informed him of all the steps we are taking to launch our saw program. He is very supportive and excited to see us be successful. Brian has been invited to the Jan. 2020 BCHU meeting in Richfield on Wayne's approval and he is hoping to attend. If not, then he will look to send someone else from the Forest Service to be there and offer any help we might need and answer any questions.

We are hoping to hold out first certification training in March. Location and attendees TBD. The curriculum we are using and will adapt to our needs here in UT is what BCH of Idaho used twice this year with the approval of Brian.

Idaho has taken material from BCHC, BCHO, BCHW, and other areas and revised it all to meet the standards of the Forest Service. BCHI has been very helpful getting us all their material and the curriculum as they taught it so basically, we do not have to start from scratch. This has put us way ahead.

Our intention is for this core group to meet either Jan. 31 or Feb 1, 2020 for a complete run through of the classroom material. Derik has offered his home in Vernal that includes a conference room. Each module will be previously assigned, and we will do a full presentation and then adjust as necessary. Brian knows that I will be keeping him informed every step of the way to ensure we are following USFS requirements and that he approves our course.

The first course will focus on chainsaw certification. In the meantime, we will be looking to establish a crosscut certification course as well.

I was asked to submit a budget request for the January/February meeting, and I will submit it shortly.

Wayne asked all chapters to help identify where and when they would want to host trainings (needed: classroom setting, fallen timber to buck, etc,) and who would want to attend and get certified.

I requested if there is anyone else in BCHU that has a FS Saw Certification that is current to let me know to help build our database of possible trainers.

2020 Officer Nominations

Chair: Wayne Ludington

Vice Chair: Richard Webb

National Director for Jeff Nichols' unexpired term (2020 -2024) (5 Years)

[\(This is different than what was agenda which said 2020 -2023\)](#)

Wayne Ludington

Gordon Hirschi

Bev Heffernan

Other new Business

Gordon Hirschi announced a premiere showing of a Film celebrating the High Uintas on 24 Jan in Vernal. The Uintah Basin Chapter assisted in the creation of the film and will be recognized for their involvement

The next meeting will be 18 January at the Richfield Days Inn starting at 9 am.

Meeting Adjourned