

BCHU State Meeting Minutes

19 May 2021

Held via Zoom.

Call to Order.

Establish Quorum

Only High Uintah Chapter was not represented. This was an unexcused absence.

Chairman report

Membership recruitment and retention are equally important priorities that each Chapter needs to pursue.

Participation in the BCHU Saw certification program is also a priority. Many Thanks to Peter Warnick for his diligence in setting this program into motion.

Prior Meeting Minutes – Approved.

Treasurer’s report- Approved.

Membership report - Accepted.

Membership Report

For Meeting May 19, 2021

2021 Membership to date: 409

2020 Total: 370

2019 Total: 417

2018 Total: 389

2017 Total: 396

BCHU Membership Drive as of 1 May 2021 Rev 3 19 May 21

Chapter	2020 Total	2021 To Date	Raw Increase	Percentage Increase	Greatest # New Members ¹
Bridgerland	26	22			8
Canyonlands	30	45	15	50%	16
Central Utah	24	21			9
High Desert	15	11			1
Hi-Line & H	12	53	41	342%	28
High Uintas	13	2			2
Mtn Ridge	66	72	9	14%	23
San Rafael	16	21	5	31%	6
Southwest	74	69			20
Uinta Basin	18	22	4	22%	13
Wasatch Front	64	61			16

Total BCHU Memberships 2021: 394

Total BCHU Memberships 2020: 370

Net gain 24 memberships, 6% increase over 2020

Reminder of contest rules: At the BCHU State Meeting on January 21, the Board established a New Membership incentive for 2021. The statewide challenge is for each chapter to grow its membership by 20% by May 1. Two \$500 grants will be awarded at the May meeting to:

- the chapter with the highest percentage growth over 2020 numbers
- the chapter with the greatest number of new members

Chapters may count all new memberships who join between October 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021. You may also count renewals in the case of lapsed members who have not renewed in the past few years, including in 2020.

¹ Recapturing lapsed members counted as new for the sake of this initiative

Motion: To Pay \$1000 to HLH for having highest percentage and greatest number of new memberships and to pay \$200 to Canyonlands, San Rafael and Uintah Basin Chapters for exceeding the 20% Target. Motion Seconded and Approved

Saw Program Report by Peter Warnick

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For tonight 's BCHU conference call here are the points that I would think are most important to share.

There are nine number participants signed up for the Price training. We have Derik Winkler and Ken Snook as two instructors who can make recommendations for certification and Peter Warnick who is an additional instructor. Also, Mark Ottman from Idaho will be joining us. Mark is a C Sawyer Evaluator, and we are grateful to have his participation.

In a conference call yesterday with Brian Burbridge and Larry Velarde from the US Forest Service, we may have one or two forest service employees with us. We have had tremendous support and help from Brian and Larry. And I am incredibly grateful for their continued involvement. They mentioned yesterday that possibly by spring of 2022 there will be a new curriculum that will be the one and only material that will be used throughout certification program. That will put us all through on the same course material and method of instructing and evaluating.

I will be sending an email tomorrow to all the participants with additional information in terms of location etc. Hopefully, they are all studying their student manual and the OHLEC chart. These will be foundational to the weekend course.

I have stressed that having ALL the proper PPE equipment is critical. If any single piece is missing or not in compliance with the US Forest Service/OSHA criteria, the possibility is, if the BCHU member gets hurt using a chainsaw or crosscut saw and are not in compliance with PPE, they will most likely not be covered by the US Forest Service. When there are volunteer agreements signed and all the paperwork is in order and BCHU members are following the PPE, we are essentially employees of the forest service, just without pay.
So full compliance is critical.

Masks will be required indoors but not when we are on the field day where we can maintain a safe distance.

As for an additional course or two this year, that is yet to be decided. Let us get through this first one and then we can look to future programs. Currently I am looking at a crosscut course for spring of 2022 as there is some interest. I am talking with USFS and BCHI about additional courses both for chainsaw and crosscut.

Anyone wanting to take the saw certification training must have all the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) required by the Forest Service to operate a chainsaw. Current in-person CPR and First Aid certs will be required before you receive your certification. Those interested in future class should email Peter Warnick at peterdw1948@icloud.com for application and to learn requirements.

Motion was made to reimburse the BCH Instructors for Milage, 2 nights lodging and meals IAW government per diem rates. (\$.55/mile, \$96.00/night Lodging and \$55.00/day Meals. Note: no alcohol) Receipts will need to be turned in to Bev Heffernan, BCHU Treasurer. Motion was Seconded and approved.

Volunteer Hours Report – Richard Webb

All chapters are reminded to use the State Web Page link to enter hours. Please ensure work is accurately entered for work groups of multiple people.

Public Lands Report – Rod Player via Wayne

We need photos of non-horse use of equestrian campgrounds along with a short description of what it is showing / and what the result was. i.e., you drove 50 miles and had to return home or???? This information can be sent to me.

There was considerable discussion regarding how BCHU should go about developing a relationship with the National Parks Service In Utah. Wayne Ludington, BCHU Chairman, formed an Ad Hoc committee chaired by Richard Webb with Freddy Dunn, Stephen Schulz, Gordon Hirschi, and Noel Poe as members to work the issues and develop strategies and plans to improve Equestrian representation and input regarding equestrian trails and infrastructure.

National Directors Report

Rod Player:

From the National Board of Directors meeting –

Members can purchase Equisure Liability Insurance and a discount --- check out the information on the BCHA website.

Two of our Chapters were awarded grants Uinta Basin Chapter \$400 and Wasatch Front Chapter \$700. ---- they should have their checks by now. There were 42 applications and 21 grants given out.

Each year the National Newsletter will now have 3 digital issues and one printed issue. Chapters will need to print copies and get them to their members who cannot receive digital copies. (Less than 10 statewide)

A good way to get and retain members is to ask folks what they would like see improved as far as equine access and facilities....a good way to do this is via a news release that also lists what projects have taken place recently.

Craig Allen presented NBM Recap PowerPoint presentation which you can get from him via email allenceco@msn.com .

Other New Business

Nomination was made to elect Freddy Dunn as one of our Alternate National Directors. Election was unanimous.

Next Meeting Plans

Next meeting will be held in person in Richfield starting at 9:00 am on 13 November at the

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This is the same property we have gone to before under a new Wyndham name. They provide a continental Breakfast for those of us staying there the night before the meeting. Arrangements will be made to have a lunch provided during the meeting.

Adjourn