

BCH Utah State Meeting
ZOOM
18 Mar 2024

Minutes

Old Business:

Minutes of 20 Jan Meeting - Approved

Financial Report - Approved

Membership Report

As of March 16, 2024

CHAPTER TOTALS	Ind	Fam	Pat	Youth	Total	2023	NEW Memberships	% of New
Bridgerland	9	8	0	0	17	24	5	29.41%
Canyonlands	16	18	5	1	40	42	2	5.00%
Central Utah	11	10	0	0	21	23	2	9.52%
High Desert	4	5	1	0	10	21	2	20.00%
HiLine & Hobbles	8	15	0	0	23	53	2	8.70%
High Uintah	5	6	0	0	11	14	2	18.18%
Mountain Ridge	33	25	0	0	58	77	7	12.07%
San Rafael	3	11	1	0	15	23	0	0.00%
Southwest	46	34	1	4	85	104	6	7.06%
Uinta Basin	2	2	0	0	4	7	1	25.00%
Wasatch Front	14	27	1	4	46	86	5	10.87%
Unaffiliated	0	0			1	1		
2024 TOTALS	151	161	9	9	330			0.00%
2022 Year End Totals	222	212	7	34	475	475		
Number of Members	222	424	14	34	694			

Executive Committee Actions since Last Meeting (Consent Agenda) Approved

We had a meeting on Zoom Saturday and voted unanimously to change BCHU bank account from Key Bank to Cache Valley Bank due to location and convenience of use.

We also decided on the following criteria for the BCHU Membership challenge

A motion was made and accepted to budget \$1,000 as an award to promote the 2024 membership drive.

The following awards were decided upon.

- Most new members added by a chapter \$400 (in case of a tie, split the funds)
- highest percentage of new members added \$400 (to motivate chapters with least members)
- Second most new members added by a chapter \$100
- Second highest percentage of new members added \$100

Approved the \$500 Chapter Grant request from Bridgerland Chapter for porta potty at Franklin Basin

Approved \$500 Chapter Grant Request from Wasatch Front for King Green Memorial Trail signage.

Approved \$500 Chapter Grant Request from San Rafael Chapter for Go Pro camera with provisos.

New Business:

National Board Meeting information

Public Lands Report

Key Points of Public Lands Discussion from Rod Player

- The Old Spanish Historical Trail that swings through southern Utah is receiving renewed efforts for route marking and signage.
- Rod asked if anyone has hired private local contractors (this does not include student or conservation crews) to perform trail work? Some forest supervisors are skiddish about doing this. If you know of this being done, send an email to Rod
- At the National board meeting States and Chapters will be given information on how to best interact with public land officials to help move along the mission of BCH.
- In a few areas in Region 6 (Washington and Oregon) are considering limited use permits for recreationists.

- Federal budgets for trails stayed even for this fiscal year while budgets in most areas were reduced. This is one of the outcomes of the annual Hike the Hill event which BCHA takes a very active role
- Mountain West Trails Conference is in mid-May. (Google it to see what it is all about.)
- Bears Ears NM draft management plan is out for comment. Comments due mid-May

Chainsaw Program Information from Wayne Ludington

The US Forest Service and BCH have partnered to certify members to operate chainsaws as volunteers on public land.

As part of this partnership BCH has a sawyer certified as a C Bucker. Which allows this member to recommend certification of others as A or B Buckers. Forest Service issues certifications.

A Bucker- learning sawyer who needs supervision.

B Bucker- journeyman sawyer, can supervise A Buckers

We are looking to have a one-day course that would include a minimum of 4 hours of instruction and 4 hours of practical work. Because we have only one C Bucker, we will only be able to accommodate 4 to 5 sawyers at a class. We hope to be able to travel to the chapters. We currently have a class scheduled for May 18 in Price for the local chapter and forest service employee. Depending on the number of students, we may be able to accommodate an additional student.

To take the training you would need:

Current First Aid and CPR certificate – must be from in person class.

PPE: Hard Hat, Hearing protection, chainsaw chaps, leather gloves, eight-inch boots, long sleeve shirt and full-length pants.

Some chaps and hard hats are available for use in the class but would recommend that participants get their own. You will need them for any volunteer work.

Prefer if you bring your own chainsaw along with needed equipment (scrunch, files, gas, chain oil, etc)

If a chapter has an interest in having the training locally, please contact Wayne Ludington to see what date can be arranged. We will need to be able to access enough down timber to have the students show they can operate chainsaw and know when to walk away from a tree. Distance driving and snow cover would complicate the instruction.

Next Meeting: Date and Location TBD

We will do a Doodle Poll after the National Board Meeting to determine date and time for Zoom Meeting