

Synopsis of Minutes

The following motions were made, seconded and passed (MSP) at the Back Country Horsemen of America National Board of Directors Meeting – April 20 - 23, 2005, Park City, Utah

There were 13 or 14 BCHA states and two of six affiliates represented.

Minutes, 2004 NBM, Durango, Colorado - *MSP to approve minutes as printed from BCHA NBM 2004.

Treasurer's Report – MSP accept financial reports as presented.

Applications for BCHA Affiliate Status– MSP to accept the applications of the No Man's Land BCH Virginia and Ottawa BCH of Michigan as affiliates.

Report on BCHA Affiliates' Voting – MSP that the committee's recommendations be accepted.

1. Per the BCHA Constitution dated April 27, 1997, affiliates do not have a vote; therefore, at this NBM and all future ones the affiliates cannot vote, but can be participants in discussions and members of committees;
2. If the NBD wants to give the affiliates a vote, it should amend the constitution per Article X; and
3. Put in place a check and balance system to avoid this type of problem in the future.

Strategic Plan – MSP to accept the Strategic Plan as presented.

MSP that we have an annual evaluation of the Strategic Plan and an audit to determine where we are with the Strategic Plan.

Affiliations – MSP to accept and renew BCHA's affiliation with the American Horse Council, the Coalition for Recreational Trails, the American Trails, the Partnership for the National Trails System, and the National Recreational Trails Training Partnership.

Vision – MSP to remove the Vision Committee as a standing committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Position Statement on Bicycles in the Wilderness (Resolution from California)

MSP that BCHA support the original purposes of the Wilderness Act in perpetuating in sport form the primitive skills in pioneering travel and subsistence "two of those...are as American as a hickory tree; they have been copied elsewhere, but were developed to their full perfection only on this continent. One of these is canoe travel, and the other is travel by pack train." (Aldo Leopold)

Montana Resolution (2004) - MSP to adopt the resolution as presented.

Montana Resolution Re: Gallatin NF Travel Plan Resolution - MSP to adopt resolution as presented.

Idaho Resolution Re: Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness - MSP to adopt Idaho's resolution regarding the trail system within the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness.

Hoosier BCH of Indiana Resolution – MSP accept Hoosier BCH Resolution. (Roll Call 15 in favor; 11 opposed)

Wilderness Committee –

- MSP that the Position Statement on the Wilderness "Purity Concept" be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for adoption of this resolution.
- MSP to adopt the Wilderness Committee Report.
- MSP to pursue the legal course to change the trails classification standards.
- MSP to make a request to states and chapters to assist BCHA in funds for 2005.

Ways & Means – MSP to accept Ways & Means Committee Report and recommendations.

Media Committee – MSP to accept Media Committee report and recommendations.

Organizational Structure – MSP on behalf of the BCH of Idaho that Back Country Horsemen of America appoint an ad hoc committee, at a cost not to exceed \$1000, to develop the job description or scope of work required and seek proposals from possible executive director applicants.

Contract Review Committee

MSP to accept the recommendations of the Contract Review Committee: (1) to continue the National Newsletter Editor's contract with Sherry Jennings and (2) to renew the Executive Secretary's contract with Peg Greiwe.

What BCHA can do to assist the states (Feedback Committee) – MSP to accept recommendations of committee.

Education – MSP to accept the Education Committee's report and recommendations.

Defensive Horsemanship Safety Course – MSP to adopt the Montana Defensive Horsemanship Safety Course subject to Montana's approval/acceptance.

Volunteer Hours Committee – MSP to accept the recommendations and report as presented by the Volunteer Hours Committee: adopt the program that Traci Koch presented from BCH WA; use \$12 per hour for education and LNT; and use ½ hour increments instead of the nearest ¼ hour for record keeping.

Safety Committee – MSP to accept the recommendation to let the states handle it.

Parade of States - MSP to have the Parade of States next year in San Diego.

Public Liaison Report – MSP to accept the Public Liaison Report and its recommendations.

Audit Committee – MSP that the Audit Committee report be accepted.

Budget Presentation – MSP to adopt budget as presented.

National Board Meeting Site 2007 & 2008

MSP to hold the 2007NBM in Prescott, Arizona.

MSP hold the 2008 NBM in Elko, Nevada.

Election of Officers for 2005-2006

MSP to cast unanimous ballot for Ottie Otterstein (CO) for Treasurer.

MSP to cast unanimous ballot for Mike Reedy (OR) for Vice Chair.

MSP to cast unanimous ballot for Merlyn Huso (MT) for Chair of BCHA