



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

November 25, 2025, at 5:00 PST

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Meeting ID: 817 5603 0264 Passcode: 568627

TOPIC
<p>Welcome & Introductions Meeting called to order at 5:04PM</p>
<p>Minutes: October 2025 <i>Motion to approve October 2025 as presented. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</i> <i>Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Financial Reports – October 2025 Balance Sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Account balances provided,• Investment account balances provided• Fees were deducted for Stifel – Legacy is not bringing in enough donations to cover the cost of the Legacy investment account fees. <p>Budget Vs. Actuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donations provided• Museum donations have been closed online. We are waiting for \$600 in checks we were told were coming in• Dues invoices are going out around December 4th. <p>Asked if the chair letter can be geared more toward general information for external donations. The chair letter going out in December is focused on operations. Media & Marketing needs to beef up a little bit with more advertising. We should start articles in magazines again. Giving Tuesday; we should post something online.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.</i></p>
<p>Public Lands Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Travel Management Rule (TMR) Withdrawal: There are no major developments on this topic the past month (see Mid-October Public Lands Report on the origins and importance of this new and critical issue). The new Chief of the Forest Service confirmed that his agency would soon be initiating a rulemaking process to repeal the TMR. Randy participated in biweekly zoom meetings with the coalition that is preparing a public campaign in defense of the TMR. He has joined their communications subgroup and will continue to promote and underscore the message concerning trail conflict and horseback rider safety associated with motorized uses on trails.</p> <p>Border Lands Conservation (Devastation) Act (S.2967): As introduced by Utah's Senator Lee in October, this bill represents a threat to all national parks and Wilderness areas</p>



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located up to or more than 100 miles from either the Canadian or Mexican border. It would amend the 1964 Wilderness Act to allow for the Department of Homeland Security to conduct patrols using motorized vehicles, including cars, airplanes and boats, and “deploy tactical infrastructure,” which the bill defines as “infrastructure for the detection of illegal southern border and northern border crossing, including observation points, remote video surveillance systems, motion sensors, vehicle barriers, fences, roads, bridges, drainage and detection devices.”

If passed, the bill would threaten millions of federal acres along both US borders, in order to protect those lands from what Sen. Lee describes as “[environmental destruction](#)” resulting from illegal immigration. The legislation defines “covered federal land” as any federal land “located in a unit, or in a portion of a unit, or within 1 or more parcels of land that shares an exterior boundary with the southern border or northern border.” Conceivably, that could include the entire Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, for example, despite any record of, need or ability of access by illegal immigrants. The bill currently has eight Senate co-sponsors.

Partnership for the National Trails System, National Trails Workshop: Randy traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to represent BCHA in this annual [workshop](#). Workshop participants discussed threats to the National Trails System, including critical “gaps” where congressionally designated national scenic and historic trails traverse state and private lands, and how work with private landowners and local/state governments has yielded positive benefits for trails via agreements to facilitate public access or construct workarounds that allow for contiguous passage by trail users.

PNTS provided a scholarship, furnished by the [Foundation for America’s Public Lands](#), of up to \$1,500 for BCHA travel costs related to the workshop (i.e., airfare, conference hotel, meals, etc.).

Committee Updates

The Chair Committee meeting was last week.

Chapter Support Grants have updated the applications and grants will be open at the beginning of January.

Education: Doing a recorded webinar about Light on the Land. Education has also completed videos.



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Volunteer Hours: Some additional trails will be added. Tracking hours for routing maintenance, such as replacing toilet paper rolls, should go under recon.

Fundraising: Continuing meetings and working on some ideas.

Museum: The will hand out brochures for BCHA to people walking through the doors. Our information will also be on a sign outside of the corral.

Q&A – Do we want to have an ad hoc national membership to include in the flyer? We already have an ad hoc membership for those who do not have a chapter in their state. We will direct them to the membership page where they can locate a chapter in their state.

Saw Training: Training in Missouri went exceptionally well with 19 sawyers attending. We got every one of them re-certified. USFS Saw program manager was very happy with the way the saw training worked out.

Looking at moving to the central area next time.

BCHA is getting noticed by the USFS.

Updates from the Chairman

National Board Meeting Budget

It doesn't look like we will make any money, and we are hoping to have a good auction.

Suggestions from National Directors, increase registration fees or have a higher daily fee.

Auctioneer: We are hoping to have a quality auctioneer at a low cost.

Suggested it is time to broch the proposal that BCHA should expect to eat a certain portion of the board meeting. Example: Chairman expense is written into the bylaws. It may be a fallacy to expect a balanced budget. We need to acknowledge there is always going to be a deficit.

We need to change how we hold the meeting. If that means it is in an arena or someplace else, not in a hotel that charges for everything.

Figure out what model of meeting want to have going forward.

Motion to not pay for non-directors, committee chairs and volunteers in the budget.

Discussion: How will people be able to afford to go to the National Board Meeting? Some people can't afford to pay the full cost.

Make a BCHA expense as opposed to the National Board Meeting expense. To make this budget work we will need to say we will not be paying for these items because we can't afford it.

Executive Committee does not meet at the National Board Meeting; the EC is not in session during this week so we should not have any costs associated with non-directors attending.

Continued with the Motion vote: Motion passed, not unanimously.



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The National Board Meeting will be amended to reflect the changes in the motion.
Suggested ad hoc committee to look into other ways to hold a meeting at a lesser cost.
Motion to approve the registration fees as presented in the budget, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next EC Meeting: January 27th, 2025 (No Meeting in December)

National Director Call tomorrow night.

Adjourn 6.35PM

Attendance Required: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Latifia Rodriguez, Heather Schultz, Greg Schatz, Jim Allen, Darrel Wallace, Heather Cox

Absent: Brad Pollman

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade

Meeting URL:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81756030264?pwd=7wZZnGvCbPZ5movtcyjxDgtlb1abV.1>

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