



Meeting began at 5:05PM Pacific Time

Update from the EC Meeting, financials will be presented, public lands and any other updates.

Financials

April financial reports provided by the Treasurer.

- Balance Sheet
 - Current Assets Total bank account balance was provided
 - Total accounts receivable provided
 - Current total assets provided
 - Legacy and Legal Stifel accounts provided. Fees and values also provided.
 - Liabilities provided.
 - Total liabilities and equity provided.
 - CD interest and values provided.
- Budget vs Actual – Fiscal year end
 - Donations came in over budget
 - National Board Meeting expenses and income provided. Including auction income to BCHA Youth, Chapter Support Grants, Arizona, and BCHA.

Discussion: National Board Meeting income and expenses. The resort as a whole and future locations. No decision made past 2026 location.

Investment Accounts

Went over questions presented and answered by Lon.

Public Lands

Public Lands Sell Off – BCHA issued an action alert on May 15, titled “Return of the Great Public Lands Heist,” asking members to take action by contacting their representatives in Congress in order to:

1. encourage them to join the new Public Lands Caucus (which opposes large-scale federal land transfer to states), and/or
2. not support the sale or transfer of federal public lands as a way to pay for tax cuts or reduce the deficit.



As we learned on May 21, the Public Lands Caucus and, particularly, Congressman Ryan Zinke (R-MT) insisted that a wide-ranging public land sell-off for Nevada and Utah be pulled from the forthcoming budget bill. Congressman Zinke is the new champion for “keeping public lands in public hands.” It is important for BCH MT to call and write letters of thanks to the congressman (Randy stands by ready to help as needed).

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – BCHA continued to work with AHS and partners to submit the trails community’s request for congressional funding of trails, recreation and wilderness among federal land management agencies. At a time when Congress is gearing up for significant across-the-board budget cuts, we’re calling for agency trail-related budgets to essentially remain the same as in the previous two fiscal years.

RTP Full Funding Act – BCHA submitted an organizational request to the House subcommittee on Transportation & Infrastructure in support of the Recreational Trails Program Full Funding Act (S.811). Our request included adding the bill as a key provision in the forthcoming reauthorization of the 5-year transportation funding bill. If passed as written, S.811 would more than triple the amount of RTP funds available each year to states.

Coalition Meetings – During the past month, Randy was an active participant in the following coalition zoom meetings:

- Coalition for Recreational Trails (re: steps to advance S.811).
- Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (re: advice on ELCR’s strategic plan update).
- Northwest Trails Roundtable (re: ramifications of agency job losses, draft strategic plan leaked by Dept. of Interior, strengthening the congressional Trails Caucus).
- Partnership for the National Trails System, Advocacy & Policy Committee (re: coalition ask for FY’26 federal budget, Continental Divide Trail Completion Act).
- Trails are Common Ground (re: reviving/refreshing trail etiquette campaign).
- BCHA Public Lands Committee Regional Co-Chairs (re: information exchange on current public land issues).



- American Trails Recreation, Trails & Land Use Committee (re: agenda for June in-person meeting).
- Partnership for the National Trails System, Membership Committee (re: recruitment techniques and outreach for new affiliate members).

Public Lands Links provided during the meeting.

https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/ryan-zinke-congress-trump-beautiful-big-bill-public-land-sales-tax-package/article_a51ada65-b989-41a8-8f30-b59bbac82b8c.html

<https://publiclands.alltrails.com/>

Committees

Saw: Working on making a Saw Committee a standalone committee

Fundraising: Asked Tif to bring back the fundraising committee. If you are interested in joining the fundraising, please reach out to Tif.

Youth Committee: Ally is the new youth committee chair.

Education Committee: Writing up a code of conduct for BCHA to have, will not be forced on the state or chapters but could be used as a guideline for all if wanted.

Other

- Suggested to have funds, during the 2026 NBM auction, go to chapter support grants. The EC will discuss this.
- How can we address the policy to give equestrians a priority in the campgrounds?
- RTP grants, a chapter must come up with 14k to get the grant and they don't have that kind of money, any suggestions?
 - White Paper on horse camp sites...
<https://www.bcha.org/blog/2022/03/05/bcha-encourages-chapters-to-review-usfs-memo/>
- Are we going to have a Disaster Relief fund committee? Chairman is working on the draft for this chair letter to go in June and working on a group to work on this.

Meeting ended at 6:21PM Pacific