



BCHNV BRISTLECONE CHAPTER

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

March 25, 2017

Board Members Present: Mark Fowle (President), Patti Kern (Vice-President), Karen Harry (Secretary), James Sage (Director), Sherry Jensen (Director)

Board Members Absent: Elaine McPherson (Treasurer), Leslie Johnstone (Director), and Diana Kelley (Director)

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Jim Sage made a motion to approve the January 14, 2017 Executive Board Meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Patti Kern and unanimously approved.

Mark Fowle suggested we establish “Rules of Engagement” for the meetings in order to keep the meetings to under an hour in length. Specifically, he suggested that individuals hold their questions about a subject until the speaker had finished presenting the topic.

Board members then discussed the importance of attendance at the Executive Board meetings. After much discussion, Terry Jones made a motion for a proposal to amend the bylaws to require all officers and directors to attend a minimum of 4 meetings each year. The motion was seconded by Jim Sage and unanimously approved. This proposal will be submitted to the membership at large for a vote.

Discussion was then made regarding the importance of maintaining clear and transparent financial records to ensure we remain in compliance with our 501(c)(3) status. Jim Sage moved (a) that we hire a professional account to conduct an audit of our chapter’s finances within the next 60 days, and (b) that an internal audit be conducted annually in the future. This audit is to be carried out and signed off on by the Treasurer and one other Board Member, and be completed no later than February 28th of each year. Karen Harry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mark Fowle reported that Dave Mosier can conduct a sawyer certification class at the end of May. He can bring a second instructor, and they can accommodate up to three class members

per instructor. The instructors will require only reimbursement of their gas money for travel. We agreed that Mark would proceed with trying to get this set up for the end of May, and we agreed to have Leslie put something on our website advertising the class.

Patti Kern reported that she is still working on obtaining information regarding a packer certification program we could implement. She also reported that she would like to have our trailer present at various public events, as a means to advertise our chapter.

Sherry Jensen reported that we still need to purchase some tri-folds to advertise what we do. She said that she can have 1000 trifolds made for \$250. Terry Jones said he will work up a design and run it past us.

Jan Koval of BCHNV is conducting a survey for the Western States Public Lands Sub-Committee. She is asking all members to complete this survey (Attachment 2) and return to her at jankoval@charter.net.

Mark stated that in his report to National BCHA he indicated our chapter had conducted volunteer hours worth an in-kind value of \$142,000. However, he noted that we have had trouble getting members to submit those volunteer hours, and recommended that we assign a project manager in charge of each scheduled project, who will be in charge of collecting the documentation at the time of the project. All Board Members concurred with this suggestion.

We still need to conduct one more packing trip to assist the Forest Service in McFarland Canyon; we will try to schedule this trip for sometime early this Spring.

Terry Jones has submitted a grant proposal for \$26,000 to continue work on the extension of Bristlecone Trail.

Danny Riddle of the High Desert Chapter has plans for a trail project in the Clover Mountains near Caliente. Mark reported that he would like assistance from our members if possible.

It was suggested that Tim Julius be appointed "Trailer Monitor;" which will entail taking the trailer to various events.

Mark Fowle raised the issue of purchasing walkie talkies and a satellite messenger for the chapter. Jim Sage stated that we should be able to buy some good walkie talkies for under \$250; a motion to approve \$250 for the purchase of walkie talkies was made by Patti Kern and seconded by Jim Sage; all Board Members unanimously approved the motion.

Mark reported on possible upcoming projects, which include a tower removal project on top of South Loop (which is still pending Forest Service approval), and a Friends of Nevada Wilderness Project on Griffith Trail (which is awaiting grant approval).

Finally, Samantha Szesciorka, who conducts long distance rides across the western United States, has expressed an interest in joining our Chapter. Additional information about Samantha's rides can be found at <http://www.nevadadiscoveryride.com/> and info@nevadadiscoveryride.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.