

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC  
Membership Meeting  
Fort Jones Community Center  
March 3, 2022  
7 p.m.

Administrative:

- Establish Quorum/Flag Salute
- Members sign in sheet with miles
- Guest Speaker:
- Additional agenda items:
- Introduction of Guests:

Approve Minutes of February 3, 2022 Meeting:

Correspondence:

- Per a suggestion from John Lyons, Michele sent out an “appreciation” letter to all Unit members via regular mail. Letter included an “invite” to the March 12 dinner with all event details and a blank membership form for members to share with prospects.
- Michele received the new BCHC Conflict of Interest form following the State BOD meeting. As the Unit BCHC Director/President, she filled it out, signed it and sent it back to BCHC Secretary Susie Patton.
- Email went out to all BCHC members from BCHC VP Public Lands Troy Patton regarding letter writing drive for e-bike use on the Pines to Mines trail in the Tahoe National Forest. Michele sent email/request to Michael Stapleton to see if he could write a letter on behalf of our Unit before the Feb. 26 deadline. Michael wrote the letter and sent before the deadline (bcc’d Michele on the email).
- Million Star Hotel shirt fundraiser – Order deadline is March 13 and orders should arrive by March 29. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available. Order here: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/bchc-million-star-hotel-shirt-fundraiser-1281>
- 2023 Rendezvous is scheduled for March 24-26 in Temecula. BCHC sent out email to members asking for ideas for a theme. There won’t be a Rendezvous in 2022.
- Per email from BCHC President Mike Hughes on Feb. 22: Pursuant to an Executive Board vote last night (Feb. 21), Dan Horn’s term as Saw Coordinator, which was due to expire Feb. 22 at 11:59 p.m., will not be renewed. Effective at 12:00 a.m. on Feb. 23, the new BCHC Saw Coordinator will be Mike Lewis. Please direct all saw program questions to him.
- Email from BCHC President Mike Hughes on Feb. 23 announced the passing of Robert Anderson. Robert was President of the Kern Sierra Unit, BCHC liaison to the BCHA, and BCHC Sergeant at Arms.
- BCHC Secretary Susie Patton sent unapproved minutes from the Feb. 5 BCHC state meeting. See New Business for items to be discussed that are important to our Unit.

Treasurer Report: Caralee Scala:

Committee Reports:

- Education: Debbie Bacigalupi
- Membership: Jennifer Bull
- Newsletter: Michele Machado

- Insurance: Kelly York
- Grants: Joe Croteau
- Website: Kathryn Matthews
- Adopt-A-Highway: Gail Lyons/Michael Stapleton
- Public Lands: Michael Stapleton/Michael Journey
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini
- Programs and Events: Debbie Bacigalupi
- Parades: Kelly York
- Scholarships: Penny Wells-Thomas
- Trail rides: Michele Machado and Laurie Robustellini
- Publicity: Penny Wells-Thomas
- Youth Wilderness Program: Caralee Scala and Kelly York

#### Unfinished Business:

- Approval of Sandy Mason as new Board member.
- Unit trailer with all supplies, can Kelly take trailer to her family's property?
- BCHC North Section Officers training, scheduled for March 19 at Feather Falls Casino in Oroville. Which officers can go? Hotel rates: Starting at \$183/\$193 per night (Friday & Saturday). Was told during BCHC state meeting that grant writing expert will be at this training on March 19. All Officers and Board Members who want to learn more about BCHC should attend. No additional information about this training event has been shared, including a deadline to RSVP.

#### New Business:

- Equine Vaccination Clinic with Dr. Essex is scheduled for March 19 in Yreka. The event will be open to members only. Members will pay for vaccinations. Dr. Essex is asking that the Unit cover his veterinarian fee for the duration of the clinic/day. He estimates this fee will be \$720-\$900 for the day, depending on the number of RSVPs. If the Unit covers this fee, then attending members would only pay for the vaccination costs. **Need a vote to cover this cost.**
- From BCHC BOD state meeting: Education committee asked Units to contribute to BCHC intern program to help extend the program to 12-14 weeks (up from 10 weeks). BCHC received a \$10,000 Forest Service grant to help with program, but they need \$8000 from Units for 2022 program. State Directors at the state meeting committed donation amounts between \$500 and \$3000 for a total of \$9000. **Do we want to contribute?** If so, make check out to BCHC Education Fund and send to Lynn Joiner at Bakersfield office. We can get the 2021 intern as a speaker (Contact Chip Herzig, Cindy McMurry or Stacy Kuhns for speaker).
- New BCHC Insurance: **See last page of Agenda for details.**

#### Announcements:

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022, BOD meeting – Location TBD, 7 p.m.

Adjourn:

## **New Approved Policy**

**Cost \$15,955.00/year**

### **General Liability for 501 C3 & 501 C4 - Units**

\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence  
\$5,000,000.00 aggregate  
\$5,000,000.00 Damage to premises Rented to BCHC  
\$1,000,000.00 Liquor Liability

#### **Included**

"All activities sponsored/hosted by BCHC are included"  
Sawyers, youth activities (including overnight & with stock)  
Parades, Rendezvous, Wilderness Riders  
Liquor liability  
All public days – unlimited #  
Certificates of additional insured  
No requirement to give dates to insurance company or notify them prior to event

#### **Excluded**

Any activities with bulls, fireworks, damage  
to any animal participating in event

#### **Extras**

This policy has an optional coverage for trailers and contents  
THIS WOULD BE PAID BY INDIVIDUAL UNITS  
IF THEY CHOSE TO COVER THEIR OWN TRAILERS AND CONTENTS  
Trailers up to \$8000.00 in value - \$150.00/yr. with \$500.00 deductible  
Equipment in the trailer up to \$50,000.00 in value - \$750.00/yr. with \$1000.00 deductible

The Executive Committee explored several options as to how to cover this increased cost. At the BCHC State meeting, it was voted that rather than raising dues or invoicing units for insurance, that we implement the following to cover the increased cost:

1. The State BCHC organization will pay the \$15,955 for insurance when invoiced
2. The State BCHC organization will continue to be responsible for \$7979 of the cost (approx. ½). \$7979 was the cost of insurance in 2021.
3. The remaining \$7976 when split over 1,922 members amounts to \$4.15 per member
4. The State will change the membership rebate to units as follows:
  - a. Individual Rebate is currently \$16.50 - would be reduced by \$4.15 to \$12.35
  - b. Family Rebate (based on two members) is currently \$20 - would be reduced by \$8.30 to \$11.70