

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC
Board of Directors Meeting
Natalee Thai restaurant, 105 East Miner St., Yreka
February 2, 2023
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 January 5, 2023 Meeting:

Correspondence:

- Michele reached out to Laura Rodger (President of the Shasta-Trinity Unit) to see if Laura can carry our proxy at the Feb. 3-4 BCHC State meeting in Visalia. Laura has agreed to carry our proxy and Michele will send our votes, questions, and concerns on February 1. **Item to discuss for State BOD follow-up: Does our Unit want to contribute any money for the BCHC 2023 packing intern? This intern will be located in a FS district in the southern/eastern part of the state.**
- Larry Shuman sent an email to Michele regarding the Shasta-Trinity Unit receiving a \$10,000 grant to fund a north state packing intern for summer of 2023. This internship is separate from the BCHC packing internship. Michele and Larry spoke by phone about the internship and Michele said we can discuss if our Unit can contribute to this internship. Larry is hoping to boost the amount to \$15,000. Michele talked to Penny Wells-Thomas about perhaps using our \$1000 scholarship money this year for this opportunity instead of awarding a scholarship. Penny was in favor of this idea. **Need to discuss.**
- Sarah Borman (KNF Forest Recreation Program Manager) reached out to Michele in mid-January to continue discussions about our work project partnership and Sam.gov registration. Michele reported that we are working on getting the Sam.gov registration finished by mid-February. Michele asked if we also need a volunteer agreement and, through more discussion with Sarah, Michele asked if we could also get a Unit volunteer agreement in place for any work projects (such as our planned Grider Creek corral project) that doesn't fall under the FS grant. **Need to follow up with Sarah to get this agreement in place.**
- Michele reached out to BCHC Education VP, Stacy Kuhns, about expectations for our Unit to contribute to 2023 Rendezvous. Stacy's response: Do you have members that will attend Rendezvous? Could your Unit supply cheese or crackers for wine tasting? We will need some help at the state booth for sure. **Need to discuss. She did not ask for a contribution for the auction.**
- BCHC Secretary Susie Patton sent to Michele the Rendezvous Registration packet on Jan. 22. Michele sent the PDF document to Kathryn to add to our Unit website and Kathryn sent an email to membership with a link to the PDF.
- Michele sent our Unit 2022 Top Hand award nomination to Lynn Joiner on January 20. Top Hand awards will be distributed at Rendezvous in March. Michele will arrange for our award to be sent to us for presenting at the April or May BOD meeting. **Do we want to send a nominee for the Ann Lange award? If so, who?**
- BCHC state meeting additional documents: 2023 Financial report document was a part of this correspondence. Michele forwarded the document to Caralee.
- Michele heard from Jackie Zediker that Siskiyou Ag Day is scheduled for May 18 at the Fairgrounds. The event is put on by the Siskiyou County Cattlewomen. Stacey Jackson is President of that group, but Jackie didn't know who the chairperson for the event this year is. Regarding having 4-Hers help

us with work projects such as the Grider Creek corral build and campground restoration, Jackie offered to put Michele in touch with the Happy Camp 4-H group leaders.

- Email from BCHC newsletter editor Carlo Jo Hargreaves: We are reviving the Max and Irene Cochran Journalism Award after several years of not presenting it at Rendezvous. All units are encouraged to enter the contest by submitting paper copies of all their 2022 newsletters, as published, to me by February 15. Michele will enter our newsletters from 2022 by the deadline.

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: Michael Stapleton
- Public Lands: Michael Stapleton/Michael Journey
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini
- Fish Plants: Don Menne
- 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:

- KNF's Ellen Andrews and Sarah Borman asked Michele to get out correspondence to TOS members to create a "Wish List" of specific work and projects that need to be done in the next few years. Areas in wildfire scars will get attention first. Request for ideas was sent to member via email and Facebook (twice). **We have had very few responses to this request. STILL NEED IDEAS. Michele can put another post on Facebook.**
- Sawyer cards expired at the end of 2022 (after COVID extensions). Michele and Robert will continue conversations with Jason Murieen (KNF) and Ellen Andrews (KNF) to get a local chainsaw re-certification/certification class scheduled for a date late Winter/early Spring (likely February or March). For first aid/CPR cards we can schedule a class through North Siskiyou EMS (Darrell Frost, 530-598-0794). **Robert was going to find out if we can do first aid class through KNF. Any update?**
- Need anyone who took Rendezvous Raffle tickets at January meeting to turn in those tickets and money to Michele. If you want more tickets, please take some to sell and/or buy, but be sure to turn in all ticket stubs and money to Michele at the March 2 meeting.
- Unit bylaws review committee: Gail, Caralee and Robert are interested in being part of committee to update bylaws to match new BCHC bylaws passed in 2022. Michele can help too. Robert asked that we amend bylaws to let any member at a meeting to make a motion and vote at any BOD meetings (not just membership meeting). Michele sent a copy of the new BCHC state bylaws to Gail, Caralee, and Robert on January 19.
- BCHC deadlines to keep in mind:

- By the end of February - A financial statement for the past year shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the BCHC, Inc.
- By the end of February - An Annual Unit Report that includes all events the unit participated in during the previous year.

New Business:

- Unit 2023 Budget: Need to discuss any changes from 2022 to 2023.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 2, Membership meeting – Fort Jones Community Center: 7 p.m. meeting (5:30 optional dinner at Five Marys)

Adjourn: