

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC
Board of Directors Meeting
Fort Jones Community Center
May 4, 2023
7 p.m.

Administrative:

- Establish Quorum/Flag Salute
- Members sign in sheet with miles
- Guest Speaker: Emily from Klamath National Forest is scheduled to be in attendance to brief us about Grider Creek corral build project.
- Additional agenda items:
- Introduction of Guests:

Approve Minutes of April 6, 2023 Meeting:

Correspondence:

- Dave Beary (Backcountry Horsemen of America Grants Committee Chair) emailed Michele on April 28 to let us know our Unit was **not awarded** a \$1000 2023 Chapter Support Grant. He said our grant request did not score high enough to be included in the grants that were awarded for 2023. We can try again next year and have a better plan before applying.
- Michele sent our confirmation for Siskiyou County Agriculture Awareness Day on April 7. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. **Need to confirm Unit members who will attend and help with demonstration for 4th graders.**

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; Michael Stapleton emailed the April 1 Scott/Salmon River snow report
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini; Kelly reported to Michele in an email on April 18 that BCHC now has a Sam.gov registration. Kelly to give more details on that and our Unit registration at this meeting. **Lunch and bottled water will be provided on May 5 at Grider Creek corral build (need to vote on lunch expenses, likely less than \$100).**
- Fish Plants: Don Menne
- Programs and Events: Debbie Bacigalupi
- Parades: Kelly York
- Scholarships: Penny Wells-Thomas; Need proposal/resolution from Penny and Caralee on scholarship applicants we weren't expecting
- Trail rides: Michele Machado and Laurie Robustellini; Michael Stapleton asked via email that we move the playday at their ranch to May 13.
- Publicity: Penny Wells-Thomas emailed Michele on April 9 to let Michele know she would like to stop taking care of memberships on Mailchimp. The job includes adding all new members and

cleaning out unsubscribed old members. Michele asked Penny to ask Membership chairperson Jennifer Bull if she can do this task.

- Youth Wilderness Program: Caralee Scala and Kelly York

Unfinished Business:

- Sawyer cards: Michele and Robert have confirmed with Jason Murieen (KNF) will do our chainsaw re-certification/certification class on May 5 at Grider Creek campground. Crosscut re-certifications, if possible, will need to be scheduled for another date.
- Unit bylaws review committee: Robert, Caralee, Gail and Kathryn were going to rework some wording and get back to the committee. Kathryn sent bylaws with edits on April 10. **Next steps?**
- Top Hand award was presented to Don Menne at the April 22 First Aid/CPR class in Etna.

New Business:

- Jason Murieen has confirmed that he can schedule a chainsaw classroom and field certification for any Unit members who have never been certified in the past. Classroom session will be at KNF headquarters in Yreka (evening or weekend dates) and field session may be at Machado Ranch. Need to know interest; class would need to be limited to 5-6 or people.
- Michele and Alan have the Carter Meadows Group Equestrian campground reserved June 23-26. Assuming the snow is melted in time and we'll get to keep this reservation, is there any interest in using these dates for a trail clearing work party for at least the trails that connect the campgrounds to the trailheads? And/or a campground clean-up work party at Hidden Horse and the Group campground?

Announcements:

Next Meeting: June 1, BOD meeting – Location TBD: 7 p.m. meeting
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