

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC
Board of Directors Meeting
Fort Jones Community Center
May 2, 2024
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 April 4, 2024 Meeting:

Correspondence:

- Michele met with PCTA's Ian Nelson in person on April 9 in Yreka. We discussed planned work on the PCT at Carter Meadows and Grider Creek and the opportunity to offer pack support, if needed, for ACE crews starting in June. Ian offered to attend a BOD meeting to meet leadership and talk more about the PCTA. Michele agreed to send a report to Ian each time we do work on the PCT. He thanked us for any and all help we can lend this year and in the future.
- On April 9, BCHC Secretary sent information about the BCHC Packing Intern program and a request that all Units send their intern pledge money, if any, by September 30 of each year. This deadline is necessary so BCHC can apply for matching grant money. BCHC's goal is for every Unit to contribute some money, but it is not required. Current intern costs are \$16,400 for 16 weeks. BCHC Units pledged \$9,000 for the 2024 intern.
- On April 16, BCHC VP of Membership, Chip Herzig, sent an updated BCHC Officers document that featured changes for VP of Education and 2nd VP for Volunteer Hours. Michele sent the new document to Kathryn for upload to our Unit website.

Treasurer Report: Caralee Scala:

Committee Reports:

- Education: Debbie Bacigalupi to report on logistics and any needs ahead of May 16 Siskiyou Agriculture Awareness Day in Yreka
- Membership: Jennifer Bull
- Newsletter: Michele Machado Woods
- Insurance: Kelly York
- Grants: Joe Croteau
- Website: Kathryn Matthews
- Adopt-A-Highway: Michael Stapleton emailed to Michele a renewed two-year agreement with Caltrans to continue our Adopt-A-Highway efforts. Agreement was effective starting 4/18/2024.
- Public Lands: Michael Stapleton/Michael Journey
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini. Items to discuss: Grider Creek corral and PCT work and Carter Meadows work weekend (June 6-9)
- Fish Plants: Don Menne
- Programs and Events: Debbie Bacigalupi
- Parades: Kelly York
- Scholarships: Penny Wells-Thomas
- Trail rides: Michele Machado Woods and Laurie Robustellini

- Publicity/Social Media: Michele Machado Woods
- 2025 Rendezvous organizing committee: Next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 11 a.m. at Larry Shuman's house in Cottonwood. Michele will attend, others are welcome to join.

Unfinished Business:

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine
 - Research on versions that are rugged enough for outdoors: Per research online, Michele recommends we purchase two Powerheart G5 models, which are highly rated for outdoor use organizations such as National Parks Service and construction companies that perform work in varied weather and terrain conditions. Michele will provide spec sheet to those who want more information. This model measures approximately 9" x 11" and weighs 5.7 lbs. Refurbished Powerheart G5 models can be purchased for \$995 each at [aed.us](https://www.zoll.com/products/aeds/aeds-for-public-access/zoll-powerheart-g5-for-public-access). More information about this AED can be found here: <https://www.zoll.com/products/aeds/aeds-for-public-access/zoll-powerheart-g5-for-public-access>
 - Email to BCHC Insurance, Jamie Wilson (BCHC 2nd VP Insurance) is checking with insurance agent to make sure we're covered
- Regarding our discussion about the different ways to reach emergency services via InReach, iPhone, etc., while in the backcountry, can we get a volunteer to research this more and create an informative flyer to give to members? Michele can help creating the flyer, but needs others to help with the research.
- Report on April 10 audit
- First aid/CPR training? Any updates on training day options with Etna Ambulance?

New Business:

- Sawyer training and certification: Michele is scheduled to talk with KNF Sawyer Trainer, Jason Murieen, this week regarding chainsaw training and certification for some members who have never been certified. We have six members who would like to get certified. If Jason's schedule doesn't allow for him to train and certify our members in May, Michele will work with Alicia Deery in the KNF Oak Knoll/Happy Camp office to schedule the certification.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: May 30 (June meeting), 6:30 p.m., Natalee Thai, Yreka

Adjourn: