

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Natalee Thai Restaurant, 105 East Miner Street, Yreka  
May 30, 2024 (June meeting)  
**6:30 p.m.**

Administrative:

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

Approve Minutes of May 2, 2024, Meeting:

Correspondence:

- On May 8, Michele and Alan attended a community workshop in Weed for the Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance, a nonprofit organization based out of Mount Shasta that “advocates for opportunities for all access outdoor recreation and creates meaningful and responsible connections to the trails, mountains, forests, rivers, lakes and landscapes of the Shasta-Siskiyou region in Siskiyou County.” SORA is the recipient of a Sierra Nevada Conservancy Recreation & Tourism grant to fund the South Siskiyou Sustainable Recreation & Trails Partnership, a sustainable outdoor recreation planning project. Funding for the project is restricted to South Siskiyou County (Weed, Mount Shasta, McCloud Dunsmuir, and surrounding areas). Michele and Alan voiced our ideas regarding stock use on trails in that area, including the PCT, Siskiyou Lake and Military Pass areas, and the need for better signage, education for all users on mountain roads and trails, and possible new horse camps. We provided our contact information for additional input in the future. More info on SORA: <https://siskiyououtdooralliance.org/>
- On May 15, BCHC VP of Membership, Chip Herzig, sent another updated 2024 BCHC Officer booklet. Michele forwarded it to Kathryn for upload to our Unit website.
- On May 16, Michele received an email from BCHC Public Lands VP, Troy Patton, regarding a Connected Communities Project in Plumas, Sierra, Butte, Lassen, and Nevada counties. The plan would include the use of bikes and e-bikes on trails. Michele forwarded the email to Michael Stapleton.
- On May 20, Klamath National Forest Salmon/Scott Ranger District Volunteer and Partner Coordinator, Shelby Weister, emailed Michele regarding a potential new project we can help with at Big Flat Campground near Coffee Creek. Per Shelby: *Big Flat currently has an abundance of dead and downed trees which is creating a bit of a cluttered mess for us. We are in the process of falling the hazard trees, but we are looking for some help in the cleanup. Ideally, we would love to have you all come out to help limb, buck, build burn piles, stack, and haul rounds. This would be all chainsaw clean up since everything is right in the campground. It would also help clean up for a future corrals project as a number of trees are around the existing corrals.* Michele responded that we can help with this work. **ACTION ITEM: We need to send to Shelby suggested workdays in June (weekday dates) we are available for at least two chainsaw sawyers. Also need several “swampers” to help with clearing debris, stacking, and creating burn piles.** All work will be supervised and assisted by KNF Recreation officers.

Treasurer Report: Caralee Scala:

Committee Reports:

- Education: Debbie Bacigalupi

- Membership: Jennifer Bull
- Newsletter: Michele Machado Woods
- Insurance: Kelly York
- Grants: Joe Croteau
- Website: Kathryn Matthews
- Adopt-A-Highway: Michael Stapleton
- Public Lands: Michael Stapleton/Michael Journey
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini and Michele to talk about Carter Meadows work weekend on June 6-9. We also have Carter Meadows reserved for the Unit on June 19-23 for additional work, likely all on the PCT. Michele and Alan to talk about additional PCT log out work in Grider Creek area performed on May 24.
- Fish Plants: Don Menne to give update on scheduling fish plants this summer.
- 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: Michele Machado Woods and Robert Robustellini; next meeting will be June 1 at 11 a.m. at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Per direction and recommendation from the May 2 meeting, Michele purchased two Powerheart G5 refurbished AEDs. Per instructions for BCHC State Treasurer, Lynn Joiner, Michele and Caralee will submit the receipt from the purchase (\$2134.28 on Michele's personal credit card) to receive funds from our BCHC Education Fund (\$1959 as of April 30, 2024)). Balance will need to be paid by our Unit. Per order tracking, AED machines are scheduled to be delivered to Michele's home address on May 31. Michele will bring at least 1 machine to our Carter Meadows work event in June.
- First aid/CPR training? Any updates on training day options with Etna Ambulance? Robert reported at our May 2 meeting that First aid class same cost as last year (\$20) and that we will need to schedule after June 22 due to Teri's busy schedule.
- Regarding our discussion about the different ways to reach emergency services via InReach, iPhone, etc., while in the backcountry, Michele published a third-party link for best products on our Unit Facebook site. There is a very comprehensive flyer on the BCHC website that speaks to preparing for backcountry emergencies and lost riders. Will bring copies to next meeting:  
<https://www.bchcalifornia.org/public/documents/education/LostRiderPlan.pdf>
- Sawyer training and certification: Michele spoke to KNF Sawyer Trainer, Jason Murieen, regarding chainsaw training and certification and it was determined that Jason's schedule is too busy in the coming weeks and months due to work, family and chainsaw carving commitments. Jason gave Michele the contact information for his KNF colleague, Bill, and Michele has contacted Bill once via text to coordinate classroom and field certification. We have six members who would like to get certified. More information to come when we get on Bill's calendar.

#### New Business:

- TBD

#### Announcements:

Next Meeting: July 11, 7 p.m., Fort Jones Community Center/City Hall (need to make sure we have the hall for this date since we can't meet on July 4)

Adjourn:

