

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Grenada Fire Hall (6055 4th Ave, Grenada)
May 29, 2025 (June meeting)
7 p.m.

Administrative:

- Establish Quorum/Flag Salute
- Members sign in sheet with miles
- Guest Speaker: Youth packers to speak about their experience at Bishop Mule Days
- Additional agenda items:
- Introduction of Guests: Youth packers

Approve Minutes of May 1, 2025, meeting

Correspondence:

- On May 6, Spencer Valenti, PCTA Regional Trail Stewardship Coordinator, reached out to Michele to ask for our Unit's support for packing needs for a PCTA work event on the PCT in the Russian Wilderness on July 14-19. Michele sent the information to Penny to send to members.
- On May 14, Michele received an email from BCHC Secretary, Susie Patton, with a request for all Units to help with the planning of the 2026 Rendezvous scheduled for March 20-22 in Ceres. Mid Valley Unit will take lead on securing the venue and catering, but other Units are being asked to help. Michele has the full list of needs so please reach out ASAP if you want to help.
- On May 16, Gabe Howe, Executive Director of Siskiyou Mountain Club, called Michele to speak about our Unit leadership's recent correspondence with Alicia Deery, Recreation officer with the KNF Happy Camp/Oak Knoll ranger district. Gabe relayed his frustrations regarding proposed work that was not being approved by Alicia. Gabe then included Michele on an email to Alicia regarding proposed work in September on the PCT "north" of Cook-n-Green Pass, as well as the Boundary National Rec Trail between its junction with the PCT and to where it ties into the Fort Goff Trail near Lonesome Lake. Michele plans to continue to be part of this conversation for this SMC proposed work, including likely attending an in-person meeting with Gabe and Alicia to hopefully gain access and agreement to help with work in that ranger district later this year.
- Carter Meadows "Adopt a Campground" opportunity: Per an email from KNF's Shelby Weister on May 20: The KNF is now able to cover the group sites on weekends and be able to manage Carter fully with our current staffing levels. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm to help and for the support! It means a lot to us that you were ready and willing to help make it work so we could keep the site open and running this summer, but we are so glad we will be able to provide that service ourselves this summer.

Treasurer Report: Caralee Scala:

Committee Reports:

- Education: Debbie Bacigalupi; report on Siskiyou Agriculture Awareness Day at the fairgrounds. When do we submit our entry for the fair booth?
- Membership: Jennifer Bull
- Newsletter: Michele Machado Woods
- Insurance: Michele Machado Woods
- Website: Kathryn Matthews
- Adopt-A-Highway: Michael Stapleton
- Public Lands: Michael Stapleton/Michael Journey
- Work Parties: Robert Robustellini; Juanita Lake campground cleanup; Carter Meadows work party plans
- Fish Plants: Don Menne
- Programs and Events: Debbie Bacigalupi
- Parades: VACANT. Let's make a final decision to keep or eliminate Parades chair. Decision was tabled at our last meeting.
- Scholarships: Penny Wells-Thomas

- Trail rides: Michele Machado Woods and Laurie Robustellini
- Publicity/Social Media: Michele Machado Woods

Unfinished Business:

- Audit of 2024 financial records: Was this scheduled and completed?
- Raffle to raise funds to pay for BCHC North State packing intern for 2025 (Matt Alloway), trail work programs and Youth packing sponsorship: Michele has tickets to disperse to BOD and others who will sell them.
- Payment of \$1800 for Youth packers for Bishop Mule Days travel; need to know who to write check to.
- Alan and Robert to report back on chainsaw purchase idea using insurance claim funds (**\$2585.78**).
- Penny Wells-Thomas is pursuing idea to schedule a rattlesnake avoidance event for dogs in 2025. Penny reported via email that we can get an event scheduled in July or August, just not during the fair. Per email from Penny on May 5: I'm not having any luck getting hold of the rattlesnake guy. I've emailed him twice with no reply. I know he is coming here in August to put on a clinic for a dog training group so I'll keep trying.
- We learned at the March 15 dinner that Dave Tyler can offer basic farrier lessons to members. Need to know interest so we can get this event (or events) on the schedule.

New Business:

- Michele to report on chainsaw training with Siskiyou Mountain Club. Crosscut saw training opportunity June 12 (classroom) and 14 (field evaluation). Learn more: <https://siskiyoumountainclub.org/pages/calendar-sign-up>

Announcements:

Next Meeting: July 10: BOD meeting, 7 p.m., Fort Jones City Hall/Community Center

Adjourn: