

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT – BCHC
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Casa Ramos Restaurant, Yreka
February 6, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Administrative:

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

Approve Minutes of December 5, 2024 Meeting:

Correspondence:

- On January 7, BCHC outgoing Secretary, Susie Patton, sent out the meeting agenda and all other relevant paperwork for the February 8 BCHC state Board of Directors meeting. Michele will discuss any relevant topics up for vote in New Business.
- On January 12, Michele sent to BCHC outgoing Secretary, Susie Patton, our Unit's 2024 Year End Report.
- Michele sent by mail our 2024 newsletters to BCHC newsletter editor CJ Hargreaves on January 22 for consideration for the 2024 Max & Irene Cochran Journalism Award contest. Winner will be announced at 2025 Rendezvous on April 12.
- Michele sent in our Unit's 2024 Volunteer Hours to Cindy McMurry on January 23.
- Michele sent our Unit's 2024 Top Hand award nominee to Lynn Joiner on January 25. Winner will be announced at the April 12 dinner at Rendezvous in Corning.
- On January 29, BCHC Membership VP, Chip Herzig, sent to Michele and Jennifer Bull the list of "EXPIRED" members and asked who we can remove from the list.

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, Michele Machado Woods, and Michael Stapleton to report on meeting with KNF recreation team on Jan. 13; KNF is giving Unit 6-10 free hard hats for work parties and chainsaw training
- Fish Plants: Don Menne
- Programs and Events: Debbie Bacigalupi; need to talk about March 15 potluck dinner event
- Parades: VACANT
- Scholarships: Penny Wells-Thomas; need to discuss if we're going to offer a \$1000 this year, and if so, relevant deadlines
- Trail rides: Michele Machado Woods and Laurie Robustellini

- Publicity/Social Media: Michele Machado Woods
- 2025 Rendezvous organizing committee: Michele Machado Woods and Robert Robustellini to report on plans in progress
 - Event packet is available on TOS website and on BCHC website.
 - All members willing to help with Rendezvous need to indicate this on their registration packet and contact Michele and/or Robert to let them know how they can help. Plenty of tasks to help with.
 - Unit/area specific baskets for raffle at Friday dinner.
 - Members are encouraged to donate handmade or crafts for Friday dinner raffle.
 - Unit can present special awards or recognition at Friday night dinner.
 - Unit table decoration for Saturday night dinner, need volunteer(s) to do this; Gail has offered to lead this effort
 - Youth packing education competition. Jamie Essex is handling forming teams; Ben Bishop has volunteered to help coach the teams and he will ask Bill Roberts to help. **ACTION ITEM:** Can we please **vote** to at least “sponsor” any teams that Jamie pulls together and buy t-shirts and pay for tent spots (approximately 4 spots at \$20 each). Jamie will distribute rules and entry forms to team and return entry forms to Michele to order t-shirts.
 - Our Unit has been asked to contribute \$150 for cash awards for College Packing competition. **Need a vote.**

Unfinished Business:

- First aid/CPR training? Can we get this scheduled this winter so members getting saw training can get CPR/First Card taken care of as well? Update from Robert?
- Larry Shuman from the BCHC Shasta-Trinity Unit has confirmed that there are plans for a BCHC North State packing intern for the 2025 season. **Larry has asked if our Unit can match our previous donation of \$2,000 for this intern.** The 2024 intern, Matt Alloway, spent about 30%-40% of his time working on projects in the Klamath National Forest and the expectation is that the 2025 intern would do the same or more. The Shasta-Trinity NF packers would like to invite Matt back for another season in 2025 if the intern funds can be raised. If we commit \$2,000, do we want to have a fundraiser to make back the money? Any ideas for a fundraiser? Sell tickets for two prizes (i.e., gun, small smoker pellet grill, meat sampler from Five Marys, spa/hotel stay in Ashland, any other ideas)
- Board of Directors vacancy; any ideas on how to fill?
- Need to get new Committee chairperson for Parades
- Penny Wells-Thomas is pursuing idea to schedule a rattlesnake avoidance event for dogs in 2025.

New Business:

- Michele will report on Primitive Trails Summit that occurred in Eureka on January 9. BCHC was well-represented and well received.
- Unit budget for 2025, discuss and **vote to approve.**
- Michele will report topics for discussion for February 8 BCHC Board of Directors meeting in Bakersfield. Michele is attending this meeting to help with talks and discussion regarding Rendezvous. She will be riding down with Larry Shuman and Cindy McMurry to help with fuel costs. **Need a vote** at this meeting to cover Michele’s fuel (round trip from home to Cottonwood), half of hotel (splitting cost with Cindy) and meals.
- Michele scheduled with Trevor Meyer from Siskiyou Mountain Club (Ashland, OR) classroom and field evaluations for aspiring chainsaw sawyers for **March 28 and 29.** Trevor can evaluate/certify our members and send paperwork to KNF to get our cards signed. Classroom session would be in the evening and field day would be on a Saturday at a TBD location likely in southern Oregon. We have

five members already scheduled for this training. Can take up to three more. Michele will have Penny send out an email to members to see if there is any other interest.

- Unit member compensation for trail work in 2025: Need a discussion and **possible vote** on providing some compensation for members who do trail work on public lands. Proposed compensation structure up for discussion:
 - Milage compensation: \$.20/mile round trip (Federal rate for charity work is \$.14/mile)
 - Includes vehicle travel to trailheads and campgrounds **for Unit organized or authorized work** for hiking in for work OR riding in for work (i.e., travel to Grider Creek TH to log out PCT on foot).
 - Chainsaw use **for Unit organized/authorized** trail/campground cleanup work: \$10/hour
 - Stock use **for Unit organized/authorized** work: \$100/day per animal
 - All miles/time/use **MUST** be thoroughly documented, signed, or approved by work party leader, and turned in within XX days of work. (What have we done for fish plants in the past?)
 - After work is done, Michele will report work, miles/time/use to Klamath National Forest and/or other agency (i.e., PCTA)
 - Definition of “Unit organized/authorized”: Any work formally organized by Unit work party leader(s) or communicated ahead of time to Work Party Leader, Robert Robustellini, and/or President, Michele Machado Woods. Can be communicated via phone/text or email.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 6: Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., Fort Jones City Hall/Community Center

Adjourn: