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Great American Outdoors Act Is Law NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

By Co-VP of Public Lands Troy Patton

As most of you know, the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) was passed in August. We want to thank all who reached out by sending emails and letters of support that helped to get the Act passed. This has been described as one of the most important pieces of conservation legislation implemented in decades. The Act will direct up to \$9.5 billion over the next five years to address maintenance backlogs for the following agencies:

- National Park Service - \$1.3 billion/year
- U.S. Forest Service - \$285 million/year
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - \$95 million/year
- Bureau of Land Management - \$95 million/year
- Bureau of Indian Education \$95 million/year

The next step is implementation - putting the funds to work on backlogged maintenance. The five agencies that received funding have been scrambling to prioritize projects they could get started on. One requirement was that projects selected for GAOA funding must be compliant with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Trail maintenance and reconstruction often fall into this category.

In September, the U.S. Forest Service issued a preliminary list of high priority projects. BCHC sent this list out to units that work in those specific

forests so they could get involved on the ground floor. Several units have reported that they now have approved projects to work on. Unfortunately, COVID-19 shut down the forests and most projects are in a holding pattern.

The agencies have begun the process for implementation of Year 2 of GAOA (fiscal year 2022). Now is the time to act. This is the time to work with your local federal land managers on what projects need to be funded. BCHC Board members are involved in collaborative meetings where numerous outdoor recreation groups are gathering to give input to federal land managers. BCHC has also set up a conference call with Region 5 representatives so we can be sure that equestrians are represented when decisions are made on spending GAOA funds.

We encourage your unit to seek funding for deferred maintenance projects over the next four years. Units need to "think outside the box" and include such things as trailhead facilities, toilets, parking for horse trailers, fixing horse camps and repairing the roads that go to your favorite places. These are all unmet needs that could be considered for funding.

So, **now is the time** to start talking to your local agencies, let them know you have ideas for GAOA funding, that your group will do the grunt work on the ground and provide volunteers to get the work done. BCHC needs to be a true partner in this program and make a real difference in improving our public lands!

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President's Page

Greetings, BCHC Members,

Finally, we are easing into the last chapter of 2020 and, for most folks, it's not a minute too soon. Recently, I read of someone jokingly saying they didn't want to turn their clocks back at the end of Daylight Savings Time in November. The reason being was they "didn't want one more minute of 2020 than was absolutely necessary." I can understand their sentiment.

First, COVID-19 really turned our world and the way we normally do things completely upside down. I'm sure I would be close to 100% correct if I said there wasn't an individual, business, government agency, private business, civic group, etc., that hasn't been affected, in some manner or another by all of this.

Not only was our Rendezvous cancelled this year due to COVID-19 but, due to the continuing pandemic restrictions regarding group meeting sizes, meeting place closures, as well as personal concerns of virus exposure, BCHC was also forced to cancel the October 2020 in-person State Board of Directors meeting.

We all recognize that in-person meetings are preferable. We gain much from face-to-face contact and, the sharing of ideas and plans with others. But, as in this case, when you get handed lemons, you make lemonade. So, the BCHC Executive Committee set about squeezing lemons.

In order to meet the bylaw requirement for two board of director meetings per year, the Executive Committee devised a plan to hold the required second meeting and subsequent voting electronically. Thus, on October 12, we completed BCHC's first ever "electronic meeting and vote."

The necessary business at hand was completed and voting was held for proposed bylaw changes, the USFS Intern Program and BCHC officer candidates. The voting went off without a hitch with 100% voting participation by the unit directors to BCHC. That's quite a feat and I sincerely thank all of you for adapting to the unique situation BCHC was operating under and rising to the occasion.

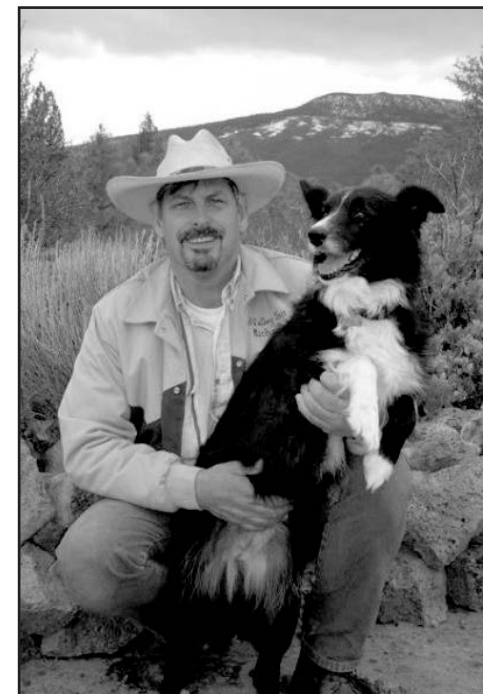
I want to take a minute here to recognize BCHC Secretary Susie Patton for the many hours she spent researching the proper way to hold such a meeting, notifying directors of the process to come, compiling the information in an orderly manner, sending it out electronically, fielding questions and tabulating the results from the voting. It was a yeoman's job and Susie really rose to the occasion. She deserves a huge hand for the effort she put in to help keep BCHC operating as normally as possible. It was no small feat.

The other big event to affect us was the fires that were seemingly burning from one end of the state to the other. Some of these fires are still burning, even now, continuing to destroy property. The prolonged smoke from the combined fires was unbelievable. I've been around large fires before - many at the same time, too - but never saw smoke like this. I was in Napa around noon one day and witnessed the streetlights coming on due to the smoky darkness. Just amazing!

I hope and pray that BCHC members were not harmed too badly economically by fire related losses. Emotionally, there may be deeper wounds and scars. Be sure to check in often with fire victim friends. They may be in need of someone to just listen, to tell their fire story and of their plans to rebuild/recover. Just to know that someone cares can be enough to help someone get back on his feet.

Switching gears here, I was made aware by Steve Horst of the Kern River Valley Unit of the passing on October 7, 2020 of longtime member Bill Stephens. Bill had been a BCHC member since 1995. What struck me in Steve's letter was his observation that "Bill stayed with the KRV [Kern River Valley] Unit even though he could no longer ride. He was well known in our unit and participated in fundraising events when he could. He was a great man and will be missed."

That is the type of commitment that I've spoken about before. Bill joined Backcountry Horsemen because he believed in the purpose and mission. Apparently that belief never wavered, he was faithful in his loyalty until the end. We could take a lesson from Bill, that core values are just that. They are un-wavering and unshakeable. We may reach that stage in life where we might have to back away from the physical aspect of riding, but we can continue to support the organization that keeps the trails open for future generations. Your continued membership helps keep you informed and keeps the membership strong.



BCHC President
Michael King and "Lulu"

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BCHC NEWS



BCHC Editor
Carol Jo Hargreaves

I'M GLAD TO BE BACK!

By BCHC Editor Carol Jo Hargreaves

As many of you know, I have been a Mid Valley Unit member since 1991; served as BCHC Editor from 2002 through 2011 and, prior to that, as BCHC Secretary during the time of presidents Toby Horst and John Keyes. From 2011 through September 2019, I was immersed in production of the Woodbridge by Del Webb community newspaper in Manteca

and served as its editor for the final five of those years. Throughout this time, I was also Secretary of Mid Valley Unit and part of the unit's Newsletter Committee, helping to proofread and produce each monthly newsletter.

A newspaper is a vital communication tool for organizations such as ours. BCHC members are distributed widely from the north of California to the south. Although most have high-speed Internet, many live in rural or mountainous areas where reception is limited, and band width is insufficient. Some members are computer wizards and others are not particularly interested in using computers or becoming "savvy" about them. Therefore, this newspaper is the only way BCHC can reach every member and the single reliable way to share information about what the organization is doing.

Irregular publication of *The Backcountry News* over the past several months has probably been confusing and discouraging. It might even have caused you to become a bit disenchanted with BCHC. As Valerie Zera of Antelope Valley Unit enthusiastically wrote after reading the Summer 2020 edition, "Just wanted to thank you for compiling this GREAT newsletter! It made me feel more encouraged about the future of BCHC!"

I pledge to publish a high-quality newspaper every quarter. The paper will include updates from BCHC Executive Committee members and Coordinators, informational articles about and photos of unit activities, educational pieces and other relevant information to raise awareness of and interest in BCHC. I welcome all of you to submit articles and photos. As long as they align with the Objectives and Purpose of BCHC, I will try to fit them in.

If you have questions, suggestions for content or articles and photos to submit, you may reach me via email at BCHCNewsletter@gmail.com or by phone at (209) 988-5831. I value your input and appreciate your support. The next deadline is Friday, January 15, 2021.

Thanks for reading!

~ Carol Jo ("c.j.") Hargreaves

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Finally, how about that last newsletter? Carol Jo Hargreaves outdid herself and the product she put out was just outstanding! Recognizing the importance of a quality newsletter, CJ will be getting us on track with four issues of *The Backcountry News* per year. This is the reason for the short time frame between the last issue and this one. Publication will become more regular as time passes.

No matter how great a job she does as editor, she cannot generate articles of interest. CJ needs material to work with. This is where you all come in. When your unit does something great, tell us about it! Especially now, we need to be enthused because enthusiasm begets even more enthusiasm. It's time to shake off the COVID lull and get into high gear again. BCHC is a great organization doing great things. We want to hear about it.

That's it for now. Thank you all for your membership and loyalty to Backcountry Horsemen. Stay tuned, there's more to come!

~ Michael King

BCHC President



BCHC VP of Membership and
Bylaws Subcommittee Chair
Chip Herzig with "Bert"

BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

By Bylaws Subcommittee Chair Chip Herzig

Our Prez appointed three of us to review BCHC's C3 and C4 Bylaws for completeness, consistency and anything else we think needs fixing or updating to match current procedures. So far, the committee has met three times and, as our Prez very astutely noted, the Bylaws need help.

We are consulting California non-profit law and adding required information to the BCHC Bylaws. We'll be submitting all suggested changes, additions and corrections soon, starting with the C3 Bylaws. Please consider setting aside some time to review and comment on the proposed changes as they are submitted to the BOD.

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ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

October State Board Meeting Voting Results

By BCHC Secretary Susie Patton

The first ever all email Board of Directors State Meeting is in the books! We are very excited to announce that we had 100% unit participation. The voting results are as follows:

Minutes and Treasurer's Report – Approved

San Diego Bylaws – Approved

Bylaw Change Article VII Officers and Duties – *new language* - The Treasurer shall prepare all financial records and make them available for an independent audit if our Board of Directors or our CPA deems the audit necessary - Approved and will become part of the bylaws.

Bylaw Change Article IV-Section 5 – Gives deadlines and consequences for annual reports due to BCHC - *new language*:

- 1) By the end of February - A financial statement for the past year, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the BCHC, Inc. The forms for the annual financial report shall be provided to the units in a timely manner by the State. Said forms shall be included in the Treasurer's section of the BCHC, Inc. Officer Training Manual and shall be posted on the website, and distributed and explained during annual Officer Training.
- 2) By the end of February - An Annual Unit Report that includes all events that the unit participated in during the previous year. This report should include rides, events, fundraisers, educational workshops, work parties, etc. and shall be sent to the BCHC Secretary.
- 3) By February 1st - A Volunteer Hours Report shall be completed by each unit and forwarded to the BCHC 2nd Vice President-Service. The necessary forms and instructions are posted on the website. Training for keeping Volunteer Hours shall be offered during Officer Training sessions.
- 4) By February 22nd – The Insurance Renewal Application must be completed by each unit and sent to the 1st Vice President-Insurance.

If any unit fails to comply with the accounting and reporting procedures herein, that unit shall be immediately denied their membership rebate monies. If they do not fulfill their reporting obligations by the end of March, will be deemed to have ceased operating as a unit of BCHC, Inc., shall lose all BCHC, Inc. affiliation benefits and shall remain a suspended unit until reinstated to affiliation by a majority of BCHC, Inc. Directors. All unit members of a suspended unit will be assigned to a unit of their choice or the closest unit to their designated address. Upon completion of reports, or reinstatement, all membership rebate monies will be paid to unit. - Approved and will become part of the bylaws.

The Intern Proposal was approved to continue for 2021 provided enough money is raised. The units committed a total of \$9,890 toward this goal. We may be a little short of the total needed and efforts will be made to raise the additional funds to fulfill this goal.

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The amendment to the Youth Policy was approved which added the government requirement of having the Fair Labor Standards for Youth in our policy.

The 1st Reading of a bylaw change to Article VII – Changes the title of our Membership Chair to Vice President of Membership. This change was approved and it will move to a 2nd reading at the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

And lastly, **the slate of officers for 2021** was approved as presented. Your officers for 2021 will remain the same until 2022. (See page 2 for a list of 2020-21 Officers and Coordinators.)

All in all, in these trying and unprecedented times, we were able to hold a meeting and do the necessary business of Backcountry Horsemen of California. A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to all of the Directors who were able to work through the emails, attachments and forms to ensure a successful State Board of Directors meeting.

GREETINGS FROM BCHC TREASURER LYNN JOINER



BCHC Treasurer
Lynn Joiner

As your State Treasurer, I mail out dues payments to units each month, pay BCHC's bills and make bank deposits.

On a more fun note, I try to pack into the Golden Trout Wilderness with my two packing partners, Bonnie Searcy and Cheryl Reese, every other week during the summer. We do trail work and teach Leave No Trace to the folks we see when back there.

This summer ended on a very sad note. I have been volunteering in the Golden Trout Wilderness at Grey Meadow for the past 30 years. During the Castle Fire, the Forest Service cabin we work out of burned to the ground. We were permitted to ride in and assess the damage. Many tears were shed as we looked at what the fire had done. A good part of the area now looks like a moonscape. I have many fond memories of being at Grey Meadow.

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THE SEVEN PRIORITY OBJECTIVES OF BCHC'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Seven objectives form the core of BCHC's strategic plan. In the plan, each objective is accompanied by a description of desired outcomes and an action plan units can follow to implement the objectives.

Each unit will negotiate its implementation selections and responsibilities after the strategic plan has been formally adopted by Board vote.

The seven objectives are:

- 1. Enable more trail maintenance and trail support projects**
2. Make program of best practices available to local units
3. Rebuild Rendezvous attendance
4. Youth program development
5. New member development and retention
6. Website and social media transition
7. BCHC services available to local units

For more information, see your unit or state leaders.



HERE'S MORE DETAIL:

1. Priority Objective: Enable more trail maintenance and trail support projects

Success Measures:

Every unit hosting or participating in a trail project annually.

Strategy:

Document in outline and checklist format the best practices, resources needed and operational considerations to make it easier for units to support trail maintenance crews working in their local public lands. Continue to expand BCHC's Forest Service cooperation and support with trained sawyers, and to further develop our relationships with State and Federal public land management agencies.

Enabling trail maintenance is a core activity of BCHC units.

Unit Action Plans:

- Sawyer certification program and first aid training offered to members
- Standardize two-way communication methodology to contact backcountry volunteers (satellite phone, Garmin In-reach, etc.)
- Units inviting other units to their large trail projects – advertise via PCTA
- Member attendance at PCTA trail skills college
- Unit relationships with local land management agencies



BCHA: Dedicated to keeping America's trails open for all



WHAT BCHA HAS DONE FOR YOU IN 2019-20

From BCHA Chair Darrell Wallace

SERVICE

In 2019, BCHA members contributed over \$10 million worth of sweat equity to preserve access to public lands.

EDUCATION

The BCHA Education Committee facilitated a successful virtual National Board Meeting in 2020. A beginning chainsaw course and other new training modules are being created. Sawyer certifications are being expanded so C level instructors can travel and certify others across the nation. The BCHA resource library is available for members' use.

ADVOCACY

BCHA engaged in the lawsuit against the Tahoe National Forest and the Forest Service agreed to settle. Class 1 e-Bikers are no longer invited to ride on non-motorized trails in TNF. Advocacy software will be purchased to make it easier for the BCHA Director of Public Lands and Recreation to contact members and for members to contact their legislators.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP?

By BCHA National Director Dennis Serpa

As your BCHA Membership Ad Hoc Chair, I am hoping that all units are doing something to maintain membership!

As some of you know, BCHA has developed a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation to help you develop and retain unit members. Those of you who are Membership Chairs have an enormous job trying to keep up with your members. BCHA leadership has created this PowerPoint to assist in creating a Membership Development and Retention Committee to address the issues relating to members.

I encourage you to check out the PowerPoint to help you establish a committee to help with retaining members. You will find it on the BCHA website under Education Architecture. Go to Volunteering and sign up for BCHA shared access request. You will then have access to all Google documents. Please go to the following site to access the PowerPoint: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=14IDUb-jZxRk8kaA8HMJUzqJbllipzQJE>

I believe that all BCH members have a responsibility to help in this endeavor. If you have any questions or need help, please call or email me at (209) 531-5175 or dmsarpa@velociter.net

BCHA OPPOSED INCREASED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE USE OF E-BIKES

(Summarized by Carol Jo Hargreaves from BCHA website)

In early June, BCHA submitted individual public comment letters to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), voicing strong opposition to elements of Proposed Rules (i.e., policy changes) that, if adopted,

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would superimpose e-Bike use—a motorized form of travel—on non-motorized trails used by hikers, equestrians and others or would allow park superintendents to authorize the use of electric bikes on trails and administrative roads on which bicycle use currently is allowed. In the letters, BCHA recognized the validity of e-Bike use as an alternative and enjoyable form of recreational activity but was adamant that e-Bike use must occur only on routes or in areas that have been designated by the public lands agency as appropriate for motorized use.

A few days later, a national coalition of 48 organizations, led by The Wilderness Society, submitted a detailed public comment letter to the BLM regarding the agency's Proposed Rule. These comments incorporated BCHA's concerns regarding the high potential for user conflict on trails and significant safety hazards posed to hikers and equestrians should BLM field offices take steps to impose e-Bike use on currently non-motorized trails. The letter demanded that the BLM abandon its unnecessary and unlawful proposal.

On October 26, BCHA sent a largely supportive comment letter to the USFS regarding their draft directives on the use of e-Bikes. The agency went against the grain of recent DOI policy changes by deciding to retain the "motorized" designation for e-Bike use - beneficial to BCH in many ways!



VOLUNTEER SERVICE



BCHC 2nd VP (Volunteer Service)
Cindy McMurry

IMHO

(In My Humble Opinion)

By BCHC 2nd VP Cindy McMurry

This year's crazy progression has kept many of us from engaging in agency coordinated project work but most of us were still able to get out and ride our public lands.

Did any of you notice the same thing I did? In Northern California there was a significant increase in general use on public

lands. We met families from San Francisco looking for safe ways to engage their kids in other than traditional vacation activities like visiting theme parks. We met folks who were out of work due to the shut down and visiting every wilderness in California they could get to. We met families backpacking with young kids for the first time and we met people from Europe, unable to travel home due to flight restrictions, who were traveling across the country and visiting our beautiful parks and wilderness areas.

Almost all of these folks wanted to know more about what we were doing and so, we had a great opportunity to share our mission with a lot of people who had no real knowledge of how volunteers fit into the landscape they were traveling through.

In our organization, in the last few years, we have seen a significant decline in membership and we have all talked about how we stem the downhill slide. What I'm hearing from other volunteer organizations is pretty similar, a huge decline in membership, most all share they are experiencing about a 50 percent decline in the last six to eight years. So, what do we do about that?

The encounters I described above are ideal opportunities to encourage people who care about recreational opportunities on public land to become a volunteer SOMEWHERE. We may not be able to convince them that BCHC is that somewhere, not everyone has the same unique opportunities we do, but we can encourage them to volunteer with other organizations like the American Hiking Society, CAL DEER, Pacific Crest Trail Association and other like-minded organizations we often work alongside.

At a trail head in the Caribou Wilderness we ran across a couple in the parking lot with mountain bikes on the back of their car. One of the gals I was with voiced her concern that they might be thinking about taking those bikes into the wilderness. Instead of going over and trying to "educate" them about wilderness rules right out of the box, I introduced myself, showed an interest in where they were from and asked questions about how they were transporting their bikes and if they ever felt like the bikes were in danger of being stolen from the parking lot while they were out on the trail. All this led to us sharing what we were doing, scouting trail to assess in preparation for a fish plant, and who we are, who we work with and how we fit in as volunteers. At the end of the visit, the young man

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shared his excitement about what we do and wondered about how he could volunteer. We shared suggestions for different organizations he might check into and went down the trail feeling pretty good about having made new allies.

Throughout the summer I've had the opportunity to encourage parents to get their kids out to volunteer in local parks and trails, focusing on how learning new skills can empower kids and how volunteering can help them become good stewards.

The couple we met from Europe was impressed that volunteers in America have good relationships with government agencies and work together for the betterment of communities and loved helping release fish into the lake.

So, in My Humble Opinion, Backcountry Horsemen are in a very visible and unique position to encourage the next generation to pick up the torch and volunteer no matter what a person's outdoor passion is. Make up a card with our website address on it, include a place to put a contact name and number and share with interested people you meet out there. You just never know what kind of impact you will make.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

(From bchcalifornia.org website)

As a result of the all-email October State Board Meeting, a new requirement was added to the C-4 Bylaws: By February 1st, a Volunteer Hours Report shall be completed by each unit and forwarded to the BCHC 2nd Vice President-Service. The necessary forms and instructions are posted on the BCHC website. Training for keeping Volunteer Hours shall be offered during Officer Training sessions.

Overview

Volunteerism is one of the most important activities Backcountry Horsemen can use in our effort to perpetuate enjoyable common sense use of horses in the backcountry. A central point of our mission statement is to assist government agencies in maintenance and management of public lands.

By using our time and resources, we help insure that public land remains open to recreational stock use by earning a seat at the table where we can influence agency decisions concerning access to public lands by pack and saddle stock users.

The value of being able to speak with public lands managers from the position of having provided volunteer service cannot be overstated whether it is on the local ranger district or in Washington, D.C.

However, the hours and value of volunteer service by Backcountry Horsemen are consistently underreported. It is up to us at unit level to

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PUBLIC LANDS

PUBLIC LANDS UPDATE

By Co-VP Public Lands Troy Patton

First, I want to send out a huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who sent letters to Tahoe National Forest commenting about their allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails. It was very short notice and I received many copies of letters you sent. You are awesome for responding each time throughout the last few years when we have had situations where comments were needed.

I also want to thank those of you who have sent me information about issues that I am not aware of. Many times, other groups you are involved with have information that is valuable to BCHC, so please share information you may have. So many times, these are important issues that BCHC needs to be aware of and involved in. Keep up the good work and never hesitate to send me information.

A short update on BLM and e-bikes – according to what they have published, they pretty much ignored or brushed off all our comments on safety, user conflicts, etc., saying they have no records of these problems. They will continue to consider e-bikes to be the same as bicycles. Maybe we need to be more vocal and send in complaints as soon as an incident happens and follow up on those complaints.

By the time you see this article, BCHC will have sent a letter to the Department of Agriculture about changes they are proposing to the Travel Management Manual in the Travel Planning area. The good news is they still consider e-bikes a motor vehicle. They are proposing setting very specific criteria about letting e-bikes on trails where bicycles are allowed. BCHC's comment is that they need to add safety to their criteria. They also are proposing to add a classification of trails "Open to E-Bikes Only," which we are encouraging them to make good use of.

I also want to encourage all of you who do trail work in the forests to check with your Forest Service contact(s) and see what you can do to help with maintenance projects that will be funded by the Great American Outdoors Act. I sent out specifics to units who work in forests where projects have been listed as priorities, but all units should try to assist as much as possible.

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track and report our service. Each unit should appoint a Volunteer Hours Coordinator (VHC) or committee responsible for reporting the hours that members work, the miles of trail maintained and the expenses that they incur during their service.

Each Unit reports to the State 2nd Vice President - Service. The State VP compiles the Unit Summary reports into a State Summary report to BCHA.

Reporting

BCHA has provided a Microsoft Excel workbook to all the state organizations to facilitate and standardize the volunteer reporting process. Download from Your BCHC website¹. Some states track hours and expenses to individuals. This is valuable for recognizing individual accomplishments; however, it makes tracking more complicated. BCHA requests only a report which summarizes the volunteer efforts in hours of volunteer service, miles of trail maintained and monetary donations to projects.

See HOURS, next column

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

OF THE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

(From Article I of the BCHC C-4 Bylaws)

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.

HOURS, continued from previous column

A project is a volunteer effort by one or more individuals that aids a governmental agency in the maintenance or management of public lands. It includes trail projects, facility maintenance, participation in planning meetings and educational sessions as well as the mileage traveled and out of pocket expenses in support of these efforts. It is important to record all the resources used, transportation costs and livestock use as well as the time devoted to a project.

A table is provided on the BCHC website to use as a guide in completing the columns provided in the BCHC spreadsheet.

Only report actual working hours in one hour increments. We do not report down time, sleeping on over-night projects or recreational riding. Report only BCHC members.



UNIT NEWS

MOTHER LODGE UNIT

By Lucy Badenhoop

The Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) share trail tread near the top of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range as the trails pass through multiple forests near Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Basin Management Unit integrates the management efforts of the various forest managers. The TRT and PCT Associations coordinate their volunteer maintenance crews and request special assistance from other trail support groups in the area, like BCHC Mother Lode Unit (MLU).

This portion of the two trails is about 6,400 to 8,100 feet elevation and is popular, so it gets heavy usage. The access trails are narrow and steep with switchbacks, shale fields and granite outcroppings plus the annual dose of down trees from winter snowstorms and washouts from spring melt off.

In 2020, five pack trips were requested – four to transport food and camping gear for trail maintenance work crews and one to haul 10 trail marker posts (6x6 redwood) to replace those that had suffered decades of weathering. Due to new pandemic restrictions and earlier than normal wildfires, the first three trips were cancelled until mid-August when the trails and trailheads were reopened.

The one trip to haul food and camp gear was typical of many prior jobs and used standard panniers for the cargo. The final trip for marker posts at 10 drop sites, however, presented some new challenges for the packers.

First, the 6x6 inch x 6-foot shape meant traditional panniers would not work and each post would have to be custom lashed to the pack saddle. This is a slow and meticulous technique to secure heavy/odd loads.

Second, the furthest drop site was 11.2 miles from the trailhead, making it a 22.4-mile round trip in the fall when daylight time is reduced, especially in steep canyons with heavy tree cover.

Third, the dispersed drop sites at 10 GPS locations meant loading / unloading one pack animal at each site, which significantly slowed progress. Additionally, each site needed time to dig out the old post and load it on the pack animal for removal to the trailhead.

The combined effect of these time-eating factors demanded multiple trips with fewer stops and some new pannier gear for faster loading/ unloading. Since each pack animal could carry two posts plus digging tools for installation, five separate trips were created – three the first day and two the second day. Each day the crews departed at staggered times to

allow them to drop at one site and pickup at a different site to avoid waiting.

The packers designed and built sloped plywood boxes bolted to



Mother Lode Unit's Mike Kohlbaker and Remco Van der Linden tie on sloped boxes.

UNIT NEWS



PACKERS HAUL POSTS

metal pannier racks that kept posts at the right angle and allowed the whole rack to be lifted off the saddle without unlashing the post from the rack/box.

The new gear and staggered delivery/pickup worked well except that two posts were mislabeled on day one and dropped at the wrong site, so an extra trip on day two was required to swap out the two posts.

Funding for the new equipment and mileage reimbursement for the volunteer packers was provided by a grant from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance.



Mike Kohlbaker with posts in transit.



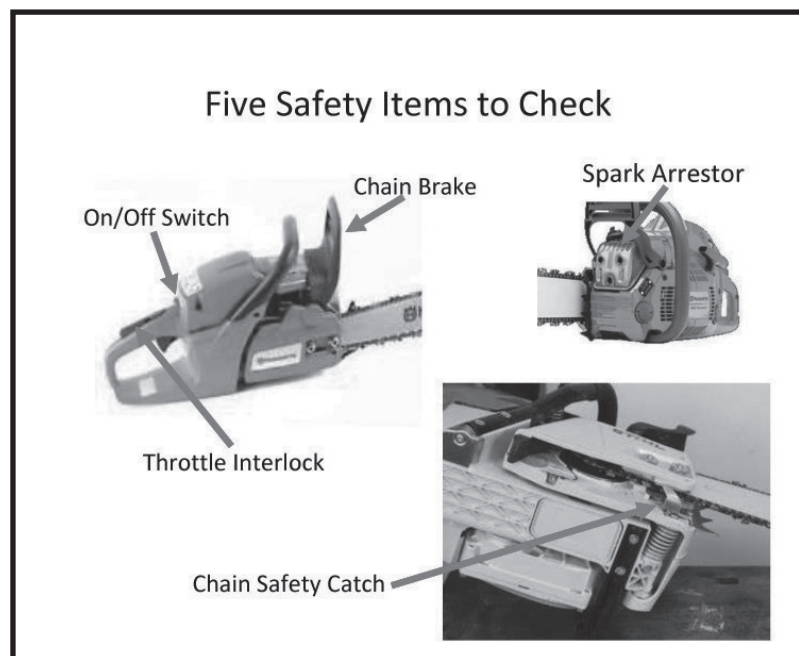
New post installed.

Photos submitted by Lucy Badenhoop

EDUCATION



**BCHC Saw Coordinator
Dan Horn**



BCHC SAWYER PROGRAM

By BCHC Saw Coordinator Dan Horn

2020 has been a struggle for our Sawyer Program, finding areas that will allow us to hold classroom events and the required Field Day has been difficult.

The Forest Service has helped by giving us a second extension on Saw Cards that expired within a designated window.

If your Saw Card expired between October 1, 2019, and October 1, 2021, your Card will be extended for one year. Hopefully by October 2021, things will get back to some sense of normal and we can get back to scheduling trainings and Recertification Classes. If your Saw Card expired before October 1, 2019, there is nothing we can do. You will have to wait until you can get into a Saw Class or Recert Class to begin doing saw work again. Contact me if you have any questions.

There are U.S. Forest Service Saw Policy amendments coming out that are all good, positive changes that will benefit our program. I have been somewhat briefed on them but cannot share until they are published.

We have gotten permission to schedule a Chainsaw Class and a Crosscut Class in Los Padres Unit area. We are shooting for January and February, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Dan Horn ([Bearstrap@msn.com](mailto: Bearstrap@msn.com), (707) 953-4903) or Greg Feinberg ([feinberg.greg@gmail.com](mailto: feinberg.greg@gmail.com)). There is room in the classes right now, so don't wait. The County Park we use there is a great facility, has a horse campground area that is close to the classroom and a field day area. Town is only 15 miles away if you choose not to camp but you all are Backcountry Horsemen and are supposed to be tough. LOL.

We are always looking for new people to work up to Instructor level and have an Instructor Training Program to get folks started to reach that goal. So, if you would like to help out and work your way up to Instructor level, please contact me for more information.

While we are in this down time, it would be a good opportunity to work on chainsaws. Make sure the five Safety Items all work and are in good order.

Check your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Make sure your crosscut saws are sharp. Dave Moser from Mid Valley Unit (our in-house saw guy) isn't really busy right now. It might be a good time to drop off your crosscut to be sharpened.

EDUCATION



A LOOK AT THE SNOW PLANT, A MICOTROPHIC WILDFLOWER

By Michael King. Photos from *Wikipedia*.

Everyone who travels into the Sierra Nevada in late spring/early summer has seen the snow plant (*Sarcodes sanguinea*). It is hard to miss due to its brilliant red color. An herbaceous perennial wildflower, it is found only in California, Oregon and Nevada. It is also the only member of the Heath family that has any amount of color to it. All of the others are a ghostly white or some shade of reddish to purple brown. In fact, the Latin name breaks down as: *Sarcodes* – “flesh like” and *sanguinea* – “blood,” referring to the color.

Green plants contain chlorophyll that enables them to make their own food of organic carbon from sunlight, water and carbon dioxide. Green plants are thus classified as *autotrophs*, which means “self-feeding.” There is another classification of plants that have no chlorophyll and thus are incapable of making their own food. These plants are called *heterotrophs*, meaning “other feeding.” They must obtain their nutrition from other organisms. These heterotrophic plants are further divided into one of two groups based upon how they obtain their food. Parasitic is the first group and mycotrophic is the second.

See *SNOW PLANT*, top of next column

SNOW PLANT, continued from previous column

Parasites obtain their nutrition at the expense of another host organism. Just as a flea gets its nutrition at the expense of the dog, parasitic plants obtain their nutrition (organic carbon) from a host green plant directly through the use of rootlike structures called *haustoria*. These haustoria grow into the host plant and are the mechanism through which food is absorbed. Basically, the parasite plant is stealing food from and to the detriment of the host. Examples of California wildflowers that are both heterotrophic and parasitic are ground cone (*Boschniakia hookeri*) and California broomrape (*Orobanche californica*).

Mycotrophic plants are the second group of heterotrophic (other feeding) plants. In this case, the Latin name mycotrophic means “fungus feeding.” In fact, mycotrophic wildflowers are sometimes called “fungus flowers.” Although not a fungus, there are two characteristics these plants exhibit that are similar to fungi: their mode of obtaining water, minerals and carbohydrates, and when the plant pushes up through the soil surface, they have the appearance of a mushroom poking out of the ground.

The snow plant and other mycotrophic plants have developed a unique way of obtaining their food. They parasitize a symbiotic (beneficial to both) partnership between conifers and underground fungi. These fungi are the mycorrhizae (meaning fungus roots) of conifers and are composed of strands of cells called mycelia that grow throughout the soil. These strands are very numerous and quite widespread, reaching out much further and extensively than the roots of the conifer. A good analogy would be a growth pattern like that of a watermelon vine. The fungus is attached to the root structure of the conifer through fungal threads called hyphae. By way of its extensive structure, the fungi obtain and deliver water and minerals to the conifer. In return, the fungus receives nutrition as a result of the conifer’s photosynthesis. Snow plants take advantage of this arrangement by tapping into and siphoning off some of the nutrients supplied by the conifer intended for the fungus. The snow plant is a parasite of the conifer/fungus symbiosis so you will always see them under or very near conifers.



A stand of snow plants in Yosemite.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO BCHC MEMBERS?

BE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR IMPACTS. YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!

Reduce environmental damage when using stock in the back country.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces.

Minimize trampling. Avoid wet, marshy areas. Keep stock from damaging trees or their root systems.

Avoid tying to trees or bushes, particularly if your stock paws. Consider hobbles.

Learn to tie a highline. Be sure to protect trees with padding, a cinch or tree saver.



IN MEMORY

The following members of Backcountry Horsemen of California are no longer with us but are not forgotten. We sincerely thank them for the support they gave BCHC through their years of participation in unit events, trailwork, Rendezvous and other activities. Rest in peace.

JANET LYNNE HUFFMAN, SAN JOAQUIN SIERRA UNIT 1956 - 2020

Janet Lynne Huffman (Brister) was a long time member of San Joaquin Sierra Unit and a huge supporter of BCHC. Born December 1, 1956, Jan passed away September 17, 2020. She is survived by her husband John as well as her mother, son, sister and brother-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jan had a love for the great outdoors and mountains. She also had a great passion for all creatures great and small and a special way with her first love...horses. Jan worked at Kings Canyon National Park as a Front Desk Clerk during the 2013, 2014 and 2015 seasons. Before that she worked in Guest Services at Camp Edison in Shaver Lake and at Jorgenson Company in Fresno-Clovis. She started and ran Huffman Family Daycare from her home for 11 years. Her best job, however, was working as a Wilderness Ranger doing trail maintenance, surveying, establishing new trails, meeting with the public, creating campfire programs and overall recreation and wilderness management. Jan's great passion for horses took her riding on the beaches and mountain trails of California. She especially loved riding along the Pt. Reyes Seashore Wilderness area. As an example of her dedication to Backcountry Horsemen, Jan asked that donations be made to BCHC in lieu of flowers. Jan's happy laugh and beautiful smile will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

WILLIAM (BILL) MEREDITH STEPHENS, KERN RIVER VALLEY UNIT 1926 - 2020

William ("Bill") Stephens passed away October 13, 2020. He was born in Ashland, Kansas, in 1926 and served in the Army's 1st Cavalry Division in World War II. After the war, Bill earned his diploma from Bakersfield High School and attended Bakersfield College where he swam on the swim team and worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor. Although Bill attended mortuary school in Los Angeles, his 40-year career was primarily in Kern County Probation Department from which he retired in 1983. Bill was active in many social and civic groups including VFW, 1st Cavalry Division, co-chair Solera Veterans, California Probation, Parole & Corrections, charter member of Kern River Flyers, past president Kernville School District, past chairman Kern River Valley American Red Cross, past president Bear Valley Horsemen's Association, charter

member Kern Valley Search & Rescue, and BCHC. Bill joined Kern River Valley Unit in 1995. A soft-spoken, friendly man, Bill picked up packing skills in the Army and taught a lot of kids how to pack while working in the Probation Department. As Bill got older, he quit riding but was always willing to help out with fundraising and even attended the Rendezvous a few times. He was a great man and will be tremendously missed by the folks in his unit. Bill is survived by his wife, son, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In tribute to a Backcountry Horsemen of California member who has died, we welcome units to submit a brief obituary/story and photograph for publication in The Backcountry News. Please send submissions by email to BCHCNewsletter@gmail.com

In addition, the BCHC Member site (bchcalifornia.org) contains an "In Memory" tab. This is another place where a photo and obituary of longtime members may be placed. To share stories and pictures, email to BCHC Webmaster Jacque Murphy at brennalu@hotmail.com

RENDEZVOUS NEWS



Rendezvous 2021 will be held in Tulare, March 26-28.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

BCHC sincerely thanks these 2020 Rendezvous sponsors for their generous support:

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Recognition of Special Individuals

Benefactor funds are used in a variety of ways to support BCHC's Public Lands activities. Uses of Benefactor funds may include but are not limited to hiring consultants to perform in-depth reviews, financing special studies and reports, and reducing out-of-pocket travel expenses for those who testify at state and federal hearings.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS, 1/1/2020 - 10/19/2020

Bold font indicates new

BENEFACTOR (\$100)

Eastern Sierra	Carter, Bill Patton, Troy
High Sierra	Waggoner, James B. Gerson, Ruth Hamill, Nancy Hamstra, Jacob Pendegraft, Karl Pendegraft, Trish
Kern Sierra	Allen, Brad, Rosedale Farrier Supply Anderson, Robert L. Filkins, DVM, Mylon Mumford, Larry
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Mother Lode	Action Coalition Cooper, Tom Furlow, Donna Jones
North Bay	Cominsky, Lynn
Redshank Riders	Aberle, Renee Renck, Allison Robertson, Ron
Redwood	Polasek, Darrel & Carole

San Diego	Chevallier, David Roy Kirkwood, Walt J. Sterns, Lynda
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Sequoia	Ansorge, Werner Bennett, Kathryn C. Ladrigan, Steve Wilson, DVM, Jamie Young, Larry
Shasta Trinity	Charter, Lyle Mosher, Alicia
Sutter Buttes	Layne, Corky

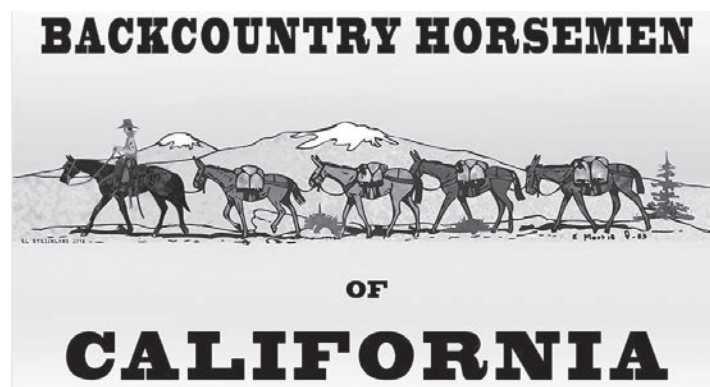
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High Country	Saunders, Lynn
High Sierra	Cochran, Richard Shepard McLellan, Sonia
Kern Sierra	Joiner, Lynn Zaninovich, Vincent
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Eastern Sierra	Sheehan, Sarah C.
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Mother Lode	Durbin, Timothy
Shasta Trinity	Angelides, Dean

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined BCHC from
9/1/2020 through 10/19/2020.

THANK YOU, NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting you!

High Country	Godfrey, Sherryl
Kern River Valley	Melton, Garrett
Lake-Mendo	Allen, Justine
Los Padres	Mallory, Mason
Mid Valley	Badenhoop, Lucy
	Cox, Bettie
Mother Lode	Owning, Lee
	Recio, Faith
	Schnell, Jody
North Bay	Bailey, Neil
Redshank Riders	Larimer, Carol
Redwood	Conti, Tina

DID YOU KNOW? The annual BCHC Rendezvous is a primary fundraiser for our organization. It helps pay for day-to-day operational expenses such as production and distribution of this newsletter.

WANT TO START A NEW UNIT?

If there is no unit in your area and you are interested in starting one, contact BCHC Secretary Susie Patton for more information: bludog46@gmail.com

WHY JOIN BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA?

(From bchcalifornia.org)

As a member, you'll:

- Get to participate in state and unit activities
- Learn valuable backcountry skills and outdoor ethics
- Gain new friends in our wonderful members
- Receive the BCHC newsletter
- Be kept up to date on public lands issues
- And more!

Even if you don't ride or aren't an active member, your dues contribute to our cause!

You'll be helping pay for work projects, educational materials, training and insurances.

Help support our efforts to keep trails open to equestrians!

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE

1. Fill out the ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM, save it and print a copy for your records.
2. Submit the online form. A copy will be sent to Chip Herzig, VP of Membership. **IMPORTANT:** Youth Memberships **MUST** also print, sign, and mail these forms. Youth memberships will **NOT** be valid until the forms are received.
3. Pay with your Paypal

JOIN OR RENEW BY MAIL

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Street Address/PO Box

City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) Area Code Phone number

Email Address: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

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Individual \$50 Family \$60 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 3 Year Individual \$125 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

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Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) | \$ 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual | \$ 90.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family | \$110.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |

On that form, I also requested:
Associate Memberships \$
My Total Remittance: \$
My Check Number: _____
Date Mailed: _____

**Verification of
BCHC**

membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self- addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address

DON'T FORGET: The BCHC Executive Committee will no longer send out membership renewal verification "green slips" via regular mail. Instead, each unit president and membership chair will get a personal email from the BCHC VP of Membership (Chip Herzig) with each units' data AND it will be put on the BCHC web page in the password protected section.



BCHC Secretary Susie Patton developed this "cheat sheet" for BCHC Executive Committee members, officers, directors and unit members to use as a tool at meetings that are conducted according to Parliamentary Procedure. The document will be added to BCHC's Training/Resource Manual.

You are encouraged to cut out the cheat sheet and take it to meetings with you for easy reference.

WHAT MOST COMMON MOTIONS MEAN IN ROBERT'S RULES

Compiled and submitted by BCHC Secretary Susie Patton using *BoardEffect.com* and Robert's Rules of Order Simplified



AMEND the MOTION – Change a few words or phrases, still keeping the original intent. Maker of the original motion may agree, if so, the person who seconded the original motion must be asked if they agree. If both agree – restate the motion moving forward with debate

MOVE TO MAKE SUBSTITUTE MOTION – When you want to change more than a few words or phrases. State the way you want the motion to read. Must get a second and then both motions can be discussed at the same time. Body will vote on the motion they prefer.

MOVE TO COMMITTEE – You must state what committee you want to move to and what action you want them to take. (*i.e., I move we refer to Executive Committee to explore adding a new position*). Requires a second and can be debated but not amended. Majority vote carries.

CALL FOR QUESTION OR MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION – You feel you have heard enough and everyone has had a chance to speak and it is becoming repetitious; you "Call for the Question," you must have a second. When you call for the question all debate stops on the issue and body immediately votes on whether to stop debate. Whether to stop debate can be debated. You must have a 2/3 majority to stop debate; if not, debate on the issue continues on. If it is voted to stop debate, you must immediately vote.

POINT OF ORDER – If you believe that proper procedure is not being followed, you may interrupt to claim "Point of Order" – You state what you feel is wrong (*i.e., discussion is on an item not on the agenda*). All discussion stops (NO DEBATE) while the President rules on the point. President will say point taken or point is not in order. If point is taken – discussion must stop. If point is not in order, President may state why and discussion continues. President may consult another person for guidance if they desire. **Point of Order and Appeal motions must be made immediately when issue occurs – Cannot be made later on.**

APPEAL – If you do not feel the President ruled correctly on a point of order you must immediately say, I appeal the ruling or I move to overrule the chair's ruling – You must have a second and, if so, at that time the ruling may be debated. This appeal is not amendable and after debate the majority vote carries.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE – If there is a problem - too much noise, room temperature, lighting, side conversations, etc. - you may interrupt, state "Point of Privilege" and state the problem. President addresses the issue and meeting continues.

MOVE TO TABLE – This must be used carefully. If you move to table, you should state the reason or time frame (*i.e., I move to table until we find out if this is legal*). Requires a second to the motion, then it is voted on. There is no debate. If an item is "laid on the table" and it is not moved to be "taken from the table" later in the same meeting or during the next meeting – at the end of the next meeting the issue dies. You should follow up to make sure it is moved from table.

MOVE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE – This is motion to make if you want to discuss an item that has been tabled. It requires a second and cannot be debated nor amended. Once the majority votes in favor the item may be discussed again.

SUSPEND ROBERTS RULES – If you feel an agenda item needs to be discussed out of the presented agenda order you can make the motion to suspend Robert's Rules to consider item before moving on with the agenda (*i.e., I move we suspend Robert's Rules to discuss Item 5 on the agenda before we discuss item 4*). You must have a second. This motion is not debatable or amendable. To pass you need a 2/3 vote.

