

BY-LAWS  
FOR  
SHOSHONE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
Amended 4/20/2023

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be SHOSHONE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (SBCH), a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of recreational stock use in our nation's back country, roadless areas, wilderness areas and other public lands.

Section 2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

Section 3. To assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

Section 4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by recreational stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

Section 5. To foster and encourage the formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Election of officers shall be conducted at the February meeting in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws.

Section 3. In addition to the Officers, there shall be six (6) Directors and the immediate past President, who will comprise the Board of Directors (BOD). The six Directors will be Chairmen of the following permanent committees:

1. Watch Dog Committee
2. Club Activity Committee
3. Service Committee
4. Education Committee
5. Publicity Committee
6. Recruitment & Retention Committee

Section 4. Each committee chairman shall be responsible for the function and coordination of the committee's activity with the rest of the organization.

#### ARTICLE IV: ELECTION AND VACANCIES

Section 1. **TERMS OF OFFICE:** Officers elected at the February meeting shall assume office as of that date and serve until the close of the February meeting of the following year.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members one month prior to the regular election of officers.

Section 3. The purpose of the Nomination Committee shall be to submit to the membership a list of suitable candidates for the organization's officers at the February meeting. Nominations for officers may also be provided by membership from the floor prior to election at the February meeting. The Vice President shall automatically be nominated for President when the current President's term is concluded.

Section 4. Each Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the majority of the membership at the meeting following appointment.

Section 5. The Chapter BOD may conduct chapter business by a majority vote of the BOD, adhering to instructions in Article V, Section 1. Minutes of these BOD meetings shall be presented to the membership at the next chapter meeting for ratification.

Section 6. **VACANCIES:** A vacancy in the officers or committee chairmen of the SBCH shall be filled by appointment of the remaining BOD and confirmed by the membership at the next regular meeting. Such appointee shall hold office until the next election.

#### ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. The supreme power and authority of this organization shall be lodged in the assembled meetings. The BOD shall conform to the wishes and instructions of such organization, and be subject to such control and direction by the organization. The BOD shall manage and execute the affairs of the organization. When said organization is not in session, the BOD shall have all necessary authority to execute the purposes of this organization.

Section 2. The President, or his/her representative, shall preside at all chapter meetings and appoint all Committee Chairmen. He/she shall be a member of all committees. He/she may also co-sign checks for disbursement of funds. No President shall serve more than three (3) years in succession.

Section 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or at his/her request. He/she may also co-sign checks for disbursement of funds.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record official minutes of each regularly scheduled meeting and the BOD meetings and report on the same. He/she shall conduct all official correspondence and maintain a permanent record of all minutes and correspondence.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial control of all funds, shall give regular reports on the financial conditions of SBCH to the governing body, and maintain an active membership list. The Treasurer shall be one of the three co-signers of record any two of which may validate a check (President, Vice President and Treasurer). An audit of the books shall be performed annually by two individuals appointed by the officers of the SBCH.

**Section 6. The Watch Dog Committee shall be vigilant of all Federal and State Agencies that manage public lands and shall become aware of all policies and practices that affect BCH and inform the general membership of areas of concern. The Committee is to develop courses of action to protect the interest of the membership and provide the on going liaison work with Federal and State task forces or working groups as requested by the BOD and report back to the Board and the membership on the status of such work.**

**Section 7. The Activity Committee will plan, organize and carry out a variety of activities related to back country recreational stock use, which will provide fellowship and fun for all members.**

**Section 8. The Service Committee will work cooperatively with the various Federal and State Agencies to maintain and preserve the back country for recreational stock use. They will plan, organize and perform, with the help of the full membership, various improvement and reclamation projects.**

**Section 9. The Education Committee will develop and put on programs, which will inform both the membership and general public about the sensible use of recreational stock in the back country. They will present other programs of interest to the Chapter.**

**Section 10. The Publicity Committee will maintain an information program using the local news media to make the general public aware of the positive policies and activities of the Chapter. They will also publish a newsletter to keep the membership informed of meeting dates, Chapter activities and issues.**

**Section 11. The Recruitment and Retention Committee will focus on expanding our membership demographics in terms of age to make the SBCH chapter self-sustaining. Working with the Activities, Education and Publicity Committees, this Committee will identify opportunities to promote regional activities and assist in staffing those events in efforts to expand name recognition and membership growth. Also, attention to make sure we retain current members.**

#### **ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone desiring to become a member who subscribes to the objectives and purposes of SBCH.**

**Section 2. Yearly dues shall be assessed by the chapter membership and shall constitute one vote per membership except a husband and wife membership shall have two votes. Dues shall be due and payable on the first day of February of each year. Dues shall be considered delinquent when not paid within three (3) months of the due date set forth herein. Delinquency in payment of annual dues shall remove a member from the rolls of members in good standing and the member shall relinquish all voting rights until satisfactory payment is made. Only members in good standing may exercise their right to vote. Dues may be adjusted as necessary by a majority vote of the membership present at the next regular meeting following the proposed change.**

**Section 3. Membership year shall be February 1 to January 31.**

**Section 4. The holding of any office or membership on any committee shall be contingent upon membership in good standing in the chapter.**

## ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall have one regular meeting per month, or as determined by the membership or BOD.

Section 2. A quorum shall be defined as 12 members in good standing.

Section 3. Any Chapter member in good standing may place items for discussion on the Chapter meeting agenda by notifying the President prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Special meetings of the general membership or BOD may be held at anytime by the call of the president, or in his absence the vice president, upon due notice to the members.

Section 5. All meetings shall be conducted according to the Roberts Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be revised or amended at the second regular monthly meeting after introduction and shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of members present.

Section 2. All amendments and additions to these by-laws shall be written, dated and attached to the original copy of the by-laws.

## ARTICLE X: SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member or director of the chapter whose conduct is in direct conflict with the stated purposes of the organization may be suspended from participation in any and all chapter activities for the remainder of the year. Such suspension having been agreed to by a 2/3 vote of the members present at an official meeting of the chapter.

## ARTICLE XI: STATE AFFILIATION

Section 1. The SBCH shall become a member of the Wyoming Back Country Horsemen of America (WYBCHA). The SBCH shall elect two state directors with alternating terms of two-years each. Two alternate directors shall be elected for one year terms and will represent the chapter and assume voting status in the absence of the elected director at the WYBCH meetings.

Section 2. State directors shall conform to the wishes and instructions of SBCH, and be subject to such control and direction by the organization.

## ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION OF SHOSHONE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

SBCH is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of SBCH, assets shall be distributed to the Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA), who is the parent organization of SBCH, and is currently recognized as a

501(c)3 exempt organization for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If for any reason, the BCHA should lose this exempt status, the dissolution of SBCH assets shall then be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Amended: April 20, 2023

President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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