

Resolution to the Back Country Horsemen of Montana
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Submitted by the Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen, Upper Clark Fork Back Country Horsemen, and the Missoula Back Country Horsemen

Resolution on Membership in More Than One Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana

Whereas, a 2004 Resolution to BCHM was submitted, by the now resigned Hi Line Chapter, to address “dual membership.” This resolution was approved by delegate vote at the 2004 convention but was never implemented nor addressed in the 2005 revision of the BCHM Constitution;

Whereas, there is still a desire by some members of BCHM to maintain membership in more than one chapter;

Whereas, to maintain accurate financial and membership records there is a need to clarify that a person who is a member of any chapter must pay chapter dues, as established by the individual chapter, but will pay state (BCHM) and national (BCHA) dues one time only, via the chapter they choose to transfer funds and maintain this record;

Whereas, a chapter membership provides each member the ability to volunteer service in any capacity they choose, as defined by the Constitution and By-laws of that chapter, and;

Whereas, the current Constitution of BCHM states that, “A voting delegate may represent only one chapter” (Article 5, Section 6), but does not place the same restriction on the State Director positions;

And now, therefore, be it resolved, that the BCHM rescind the 2004 Resolution and make the following additions to the BCHM Constitution during the 2017 review by the Constitution Committee:

1. allows for membership in more than one chapter of BCHM;
2. requires that each individual member of any chapter pays the chapter dues;
3. requires that each member of any chapter pay state dues to BCHM once, and national dues to BCHA once, via the chapter they designate as responsible for that transfer of funds and maintenance of their membership record;
4. limits representation as a convention delegate to only one of the chapter(s) in which the delegate is a member;
5. limits representation as a State Director to only one of the chapter(s) in which they are a member; and
6. applies no further restriction on a member of more than one chapter, as to the ways in which that member can volunteer in each of the chapters where they maintain membership.

This resolution was approved by the BCHM delegates this 26th day of March, 2017.



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