The meeting was called to order by Ed Haefliger, President of Capitol Riders at 7:10 pm. There were 10 members present at the Little Rock Firehouse on Little Rock Road.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Jeff noted that the October Minutes needed to be amended to reflect that the BCHW Jubilee Committee has not yet decided to share a portion of the auction proceeds with the chapter who runs the auction. The minutes will be updated to reflect this. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting as amended. Resolved: The minutes of the October 14, 2008, meeting were approved as amended.

Karen noted that the September 9 minutes were not approved at the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in the newsletter. Resolved: The minutes of the September 9, 2008, meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report: Lee Munroe presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Director’s Report: Jeff LaBreck gave an update on the plans for the BCHW Jubilee to be held March 20, 21 and 22 in Ellensburg. Bob Gish and Darrell Wallace will run the overall event. The Okanagon chapter will handle the registration. Capitol Riders will run the three auctions at Jubilee. Jeff already has several volunteers to help with the planning and the auction itself. Additional volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

Jeff reported that the Peninsula BCHW Chapter is planning to hold a raffle during the BCHA April meeting so Capitol Riders will not be involved with another auction.

DNR plans to put together a calendar of events for 2009 for events to be held on DNR Managed Lands. Jeff will have additional information about this at future meetings.

Committee Reports:

Trail Rides/Events: The chapter has no planned trail rides at this time. Several members rode in Capitol Forest in October. It was the last chance before the Forest closed to horse traffic for the winter.

Thirteen members enjoyed breakfast at the Little Creek Casino on November 1. The buffet does a great job of offering a broad variety of goodies.

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The night the Capitol Riders planned for the annual Christmas Party is in conflict with the DNR party to be held at Delphi School. In order to allow members to attend the DNR Party, the members in attendance agreed to change the date of the party. Jim and Lee offered to have the party on New Year’s Eve. The event will be called The New Beginnings Party. It will still be a potluck dinner with the Chapter paying for the meat and the members bringing all the rest of the meal. In order to celebrate the New Year, the party will start at 7:30 PM. Bring whatever you want to drink.

There is room for campers on the Munroe’s property so you can stay overnight if you choose. A flyer has been distributed to all members via email. Please let Lee know by December 15th if you plan to attend. Details are in the flyer.

Hoofbeats: Cindy was not president to provide an update. Please remember to submit articles for the newsletter. It will help Cindy to maintain the quality of our chapter’s newsletter.

If anyone is interested in becoming a cub reporter, please contact Cindy at horsemaheranch@comcast.net or 273-3216.

Awards Committee: Jeff and Jim will meet in the near future regarding awards for 2008. These awards will be distributed at Capitol Riders’ New Beginnings Party.

Website: As indicated in the November newsletter, we have a new webmaster. He is working to update the information on the web. At some point in the future, the newsletters will be added.

Old Business:

Equine Dental Clinics: The next date for this year’s dental clinic will be November 15th. Slots are still open. Please contact Ritz at horsemaher.ritz@yahoo.com or 360-438-1805 if you are interested. A schedule is printed in this month’s Hoof Beats.

The next Dental Clinic will be held in May. Details will be distributed via email and will be included in the January newsletter.

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New Business:
DNR Party: The DNR has asked for a representative of each chapter to act as coordinator. Jeff has agreed to act in that capacity for Capitol Riders. Jeff encouraged all Capitol Riders members to go to the party. If you plan to attend, please let Jeff know. Please tell him how many people and what you plan to bring.

Nomination of New Officers:
Nominations for the 2009 year are: Ed Haefliger for President, Jim Munroe for Vice President, Karen Johnson for Secretary, Lee Munroe for Treasurer, Jeff LaBreck for Director and Steve Russell for Associate Director. No other nominations were brought before the membership. All nominees agreed to serve in 2009. A vote was taken and all in attendance agreed. Thanks so much to all the incoming officers for their willingness to participate and lead the club next year.

Departing Commissioner of Public Lands: Doug Sutherland lost his position as Commissioner of Public Lands. The chapter agreed to send a letter of thanks to Doug since he has been supportive of BCHW. Ritz will take care of this. Jeff also suggested that we reach out to the incoming Commissioner to welcome him to his new position.

Trail Maintenance Leader: Ed suggested that we create a new position for 2009. The role of this position will be to spec out trails that need maintenance and publishing the information on the website. That will allow members who work unconventional hours to participate in trail maintenance. If you are willing to volunteer for this position, please contact Ed. Jeff can help guide this new position.

Legislative Chair: This is another suggestion for a new position for Capitol Riders. All members get a lot of information about upcoming issues. A Legislative Chair could help to identify the important issues and could increase the number of letters to legislators. If you are willing to volunteer for this position, please contact Ed.

Good of the Order:
- A discussion took place regarding volunteer hours for 2009. Some suggestions included each member setting a goal for the year; having a chapter goal, each member striving for 10% more than this year. Further discussion will take place early next year. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

It is time to begin to think of 2009 Membership forms. Jeff and Ritz will work to amend the current form to reflect 2009 and add Lee’s address for mailing membership forms. It was agreed by all in attendance that current members must pay by January 31st in order to continue to receive the newsletters and the email distribution items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Secretary, Ritz Duchesne – horselover.ritz@yahoo.com or 360-438-1805
Last Minute Fort Lewis Ride Call List

1. Dean Hartman: 705-0664
2. Jane Brooksher: 273-8219
3. Connie Bailly: 273-5552
5. Lee and Jim Munroe: 866-1790
6. Tom & Tootie Crowson: 866-2298
7. Martha Kesting: 753-3897
8. Diana Gunderson: 943-3121 (prefer week days)
10. Ritz Duchesne: 438-1805
12. Eric Anderson: 360-978-4089
13. Donna Lake: 264-6656

2008 Equine Dental Clinic Schedule

November 15

Please provide your cell number.

For rechecks (horses that the Vetter’s have seen before) plan on one hour. New horses take about one and a half hours.

Please try to be early but the schedule tends to get a little behind toward the end of the day. Please bring a book or something for you to do while you wait.

You can provide your phone number so the Vetter’s can call you with an update.

8:00 Ritz Duchesne
9:00 Ritz Duchesne
10:00 Gordon Merklin
11:00 Nina Merklin
12:00 Catch-up and lunch
1:00 Tom Crowson
2:00 Tootie Crowson
3:00 Terry Jackson
4:00 Shelly Anderson

December Birthdays
10 - Joyce Nelson
12 - Gordy Merklin

Happy Birthday!
CAPITOL RIDERS’ NEW

BEGINNINGS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!!!!

DATE: December 31, 2008
Location: Jim & Lee Munroe’s Home
Start time: 7:30 PM

4637 Oyster Bay Rd NW, Olympia, WA 98502

POT LUCK
The club will provide the meat
Members bring the rest

Overnight camping available, if you choose

Contact Lee Munroe at L.Munroe@comcast.net
Or 360-866-1790 by December 15th
If you plan to attend

She will need to know what you are bringing and
Whether you plan to spend the night.

We hope to see you all there!
The Mountain Canary Company  
Horse and Mule Packer's Information Bulletin #1  

“W hat Should a W ild M ule’s F oot look like?”

There are currently several publications dedicated to the concept of trimming a horse’s foot to mirror that of a wild horse. When you ask some of these folks how this applies to a mule’s foot, they really cannot answer clearly. That has never been a place for me to stop. In fact, it is usually where I start. To date, I have not been able to find more than two small photo displays published, showing the shape of a natural trimmed mule’s foot. In this quest, I came across a reference for proper bare foot trimming, Dr. Tomas G. Teskey D.V.M. Dr. Teskey wrote a small but powerful handout titled “Look at Those Hooves”, distributed by EasyCare Inc. I ordered a free copy and as I was perusing it, low and behold, there in the photo on page #5 was the head of a mule sticking out behind two big Quarter Horses. That did it, if they are going to show a mule; maybe someone was willing to talk to me about bare foot mule’s feet. Bingo! Dr. Teskey was more than willing to discuss the ins and outs of this subject. He was kind enough to send me these photos of a self-trimmed mule’s foot, with his permission, I share with you.
Boy'o, what a great looking foot Mr. Mule has. I was surprised to see the proportions of this foot; low heels, big frog, and short toe, all the same concepts of the wild horse foot.

At this point, I had to decide on how far to take this article. I am neither a Ferrier, nor a bare foot practitioner. I do not feel right expressing too much of my personal opinion here. I am a mule and horse owner who has been caring for two horses and six mule’s feet for a while. I am biting my literary lip, not to be carried away with my own views. In fact, my opinion may only lessen the value of the photos in this work. I believe it is the responsibility of every mule and horse owner to understand what is going on with his or her animal’s feet. I am a “shoe when necessary and go bare foot when you can” kind of critter owner. This way, I believe that a mule or horse never needs to suffer, when and where I ask it to work. Enough said.

Check out these neat mule feet. I hope this will be of interest to you.
I obtained “Look at Those Hooves!” by Dr. Tomas Teskey D.V.M. from “EasyCare” Inc.
2300 Vistoso Commerce Loop Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85755 USA
www.easycareinc.com
Toll free 800-447-8836

Ed Haefiger
www.mtcanaryco.com

Volunteer Packer:
Olympic National Park
Olympic National Forest
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Member: Capital Riders Chapter, BCHW
Why do I like horses?
I reckon I must be mad.
My mother wasn’t horsey
And neither was my dad.
But the madness hit me early
And it hit me like a curse.
And I’ve never gotten better
In fact I’ve gotten worse.
My stables are immaculate.
My house is like a hovel.
Last year for my birthday
I got a brand new shovel.
I hardly read a paper
But I know who’s sold their horse.
And I wouldn’t watch the news
If Mr. Ed was on, of course.
One eye’s always on the heavens
But my washing waves in vain
As I rush to get the horses in
In case it’s gonna rain.
And though they’re wearing 15 rugs,
The best that you can get,
I bring them in to keep them dry
While I get soaking wet.
I spend up every cent I’ve got
On horsey stuff for sure.
I buy fancy tack and fancy rugs,
And then I buy some more.
I should have had that hair cut
Or bought that nice blue shirt
At least it wouldn’t be now
Ripped to shreds and in the dirt.
I can’t make a bloody sponge cake
I don’t even try.
But I can back a car and trailer
In the twinkling of an eye.
It’s jeans and Ariat boots
That I live in night and day.
And that smell of sweaty horses
Just doesn’t wash away.
When I bestride him, I soar.
When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk.
He trots the air, the earth sings when he touches it, the basest born of his hoofs is more musical than the pipe of Hermes. When bestride him I soar, I am a hawk...

Merry Christmas!
2009 Capitol Riders’ Meeting Schedule

All meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Littlerock Fire Department,
10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9

No meeting in July
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
No meeting in December