

CAPITOL RIDERS



Hoofbeats - February 2010

Meeting Minutes
2/2/2010
Littlerock Fire hall
Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Steve Russell, President.

Steve Russell welcomed all.

Minutes from January meeting read, a motion to approve as read was made, seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Traci Koch had gone to the bank to find out that Sue Haefliger has to sign the paperwork.

Checks were ordered but cost unknown at this time.

Chapter is solvent.

Audit issue - books would not balance, off by \$10, Traci will work it out.

Newsletter/Web:

Chris Enrico asked for people to submit stories or articles for the newsletter. Connie Bailey asked Chris to review the materials she provided. CD-ROM and hard copy.

Committees:

Joyce Nelson asked for help on the committees. Joyce asked committee members to start planning. Look at places to ride and bring back a draft to membership to decide (March meeting).

Steve mentioned parameters - One day ride a month? Overnight rides - 2 or 3 maximum? (Kalama, Nile?)

Joyce said the March club ride should incorporate a work party as the chapter has to have work done by the end of March.

Ways and Means:

Dean Hartman brought up garage sales and asked members to "Save your stuff". Joyce said we will plan on June. The date of the Littlerock sale is unknown.

Social:

Steve introduced Anita Rustvold, Connie Bailey, Nina Merklin as members. Would like to see other people.

Membership:

Sandra - One main thread. Members beget members. All members are on the committee because of word of mouth. Everyone should have business cards. Sandra is working on membership packets and will bring a mockup to the March Meeting. Chris said he would like to donate the cost of obtaining business cards for the good of the chapter. Dean said he could print them.

Correspondence -

Membership can contact older members. The chapter can send a letter out. Sandra will write a letter.

Steve asked the group if we automate e-mails or keep as is. Steve took an informal vote, passed to keep as is.

Directors Report:

Jeff LaBreck said that Joyce was amiss when she said the chapter had to be done with work by the end of March.

Mima will be cleaned up by April 1st but the forest won't open for another month.
Jeff said he didn't want the chapter to readopt campgrounds and trails due to liability. We can continue to maintain and not be liable. There is a multi-chapter work party set for Saturday February 13th at Mima, 10 am.

Awards Chair Report - Members can nominate people, 2 weeks left.
BCHW and sales tax - WA state resellers permit required, prizes are exempt.
Membership Dues can be deducted.

The chapter should come up with a donation for the auction at the end of March. Dean made a motion to purchase another trail saw, Motion seconded and passed.

Dick Yarboro filled in for Jeff at the last BCHW meeting. The chapter should reimburse Dick for expenses. Motion made to reimburse, seconded and passed.

Legislative Day - Tomorrow, 2/3. 10 am orientation in association with WTA.

New Business:
Gravel Haul is March 6th, 9 am Margaret McKenny campground.

Traci said (editor note - need Traci to repeat what she said here) Traci will be unable to attend the March meeting.

Tom Crowsin mentioned the Oregon Trail ride is the last weekend in June. Tom would like to take a contingent of Capitol Riders. It will be held June 21 to 26, 2010. Approximately \$340 per person in 2009.

Tootie Crowsin to bring treats to the March meeting.

Jeff mentioned that Gordon Merklin volunteered as a work party on-ground leader. National Trails Day is June 5th and Public Lands Day is September 25th. Steve also volunteered.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Enrico
Secretary, Capitol Riders

Jeff Labreck, back in October and November of 2009, started to encourage a few of us to get on board to keep our flagging chapter from 'going in the tank' (Jeff's words). The work began among all of you to bring our club together with working committees and plans. I am encouraged to see our numbers increase. This evening I was reading some of the forwards between us. The energy of this group with your ideas and involvement will move us, emphasis on 'us', to the kind of camaraderie and effectiveness this chapter needs. We are staying abreast of state agendas, continuing a commitment to volunteering to keep the trails open for us and future generations. Another important and current objective of this group is to have a good time riding our horses with each other. This is a good solid beginning. I'm proud to be a Capital Rider.

Steve Russell
President



MARCH 6th, 2010
Margaret McKenny Campground

The 2009 Great Gravel Pack-In was a great success thanks to the help of a great crew of volunteers. We had over 142 dedicated trail workers from several different user groups including: 9 different chapters of Back Country Horsemen, Friends of Capitol Forest, Washington Mounted Orienteering and the Silver Spurs 4-H Club. Working together they helped spread over 10 tons of rock and gravel with horses and mules on the trail leading out of the Mima Falls trailhead as well as nearly that amount spread by hand and wheelbarrow near the trailhead parking area and the trail leading up to the campground. We are looking forward to an even bigger event this year. So grab a shovel and be a part of this fun volunteering event. Latecomers are always welcome. and **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

Special Instructions for the Day of the Event:

On arrival please check in with DNR staff at the welcome tent. You must sign in to get your volunteer information packet and work assignments

At 9:00 am there will be a **SAFETY MEETING** for volunteers. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Observers must at all times, stay clear of the working and stock sites.

Please bring some water or a beverage of your choice, gloves and raingear if necessary

Work will continue until all the designated tasks are accomplished

PLEASE LEAVE ALL DOGS AT HOME for the safety of animals and people. Dogs will not be allowed under any circumstances

If you have any questions or would like approval to provide packers and pack stock for the event contact:

Event Coordinator
Ed Haefliger at 360-427-4297
edsueh@msn.com , or

DNR Volunteer Coordinator
Nick Cronquist 360-480-2700
Nick.Cronquist@dnr.wa.gov

Calendar of Events for 2010 -

- 3/2/10 General meeting 7 pm, Littlerock firehall
- 3/6/10 Gravel Haul
- 4/6/10 General meeting 7 pm, Littlerock firehall
- 5/4/10 General meeting 7 pm, Littlerock firehall
- 5/8/10 Dental Clinic Trails End Tumwater (see Dec 09 newsletter or web site)
- 11/6/10 Dental Clinic Trails End Tumwater (see Dec 09 newsletter or web site)



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