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## *Tidbits from the Prez*

Wow, what a whirlwind meeting we had, we covered a lot of ground after our 2 months holiday break. Happy new year to all and I hope many of you were able to get on your horses Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> because it was almost a summer sunny kind of glorious day.

Our club has decided to collectively help the flood victims with some much needed cash donations. Since these victims are our neighbors and friends, I am requesting we all dig as deeply into our pockets as we can to help out. Donations of stuff have been overwhelming, so what's needed most is cash and it's needed now. Please mail as much as you can to our Treasurer Betty Reichel (payable to Capitol Riders BCHW) by Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, all donations will be tax deductible.

Must be getting forgetful, forgot to

bring the radios to the January meeting. So, I'll bring them to the February meeting, hopefully you can pick them up then. Once again, you'll need to bring \$41.74 for a pair (one package) or \$20.87 for 1 radio. Or, you can call me and make other arrangements.

I think we have an amazing Ride Schedule for 2008 thanks to Carrie Russell and many others. We had a lot of Campouts last year, but this year it looks like it will be even better plus we've planned for a lot of day rides for those who can only do the local rides. 2008 is starting out to be a very good year.

Ride hard and ride safe,

Your Prez,

Eric D. Anderson

## *Minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2008 (continued next 2 pages)*

The meeting was called to order by Eric Anderson, president, at 7:05 pm. There were 25 members present at the Little Rock Firehouse on Little Rock Road. Dean Hartman introduced the guests.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written and published in

the newsletter.

Resolved: The minutes of the November 13, 2007, meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

### **Recognition of New Officers & Directors:**

Eric Anderson – President  
Barry Russell – Vice President  
Betty Reichel – Treasurer  
Ritz Duchesne –

Secretary

Jeff LaBreck, - BCHW  
Director  
Karen Johnson and  
Traci Koch – BCHW  
Assistant Directors

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Betty Reichel presented the Treasurer's Report.

### **Director's Report:**

Jeff LaBreck stated that the Director's Report will be summarized in the next Hoof Beats newsletter.

Jeff also reminded that the next Director's meeting is coming up in Cle Elum on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Leadership Day and will include training and information sessions for all positions within the BCHW Chapters. There will be a total of 8 members attending from Capitol Riders; Eric Anderson, Barry Russell, Steve Russell, Jeff La Breck, Karen Johnson, Cindy Holden, Betty Reichel and Ritz Duchesne.

Jeff still has a supply of the BCHW calendars. Please contact him if you are interested in purchasing one.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trail Rides/Events:** Carrie Russell presented a ride schedule for the chapter. There was some discussion about the May 10<sup>th</sup> event since this will conflict with the Equine Dental Clinic at Trails End. Carrie will provide the event calendar to Cindy Holden for inclusion in the newsletter.

Carrie also asked for feedback from the members for other potential locations for rides. Anyone interested can contact her at [twalkin1@juno.com](mailto:twalkin1@juno.com) or 360-438-1873.

Ritz indicated that she is working with the secretaries of the Nisqually, Scattercreek and Pierce County chapters of BCHW to share information about club rides in the area. Information will be published in the newsletter as soon as it is available.

**Trail Maintenance/Volunteer Hours:** Jeff LaBreck has already planned some maintenance/work days for this year. The first event will be the Annual Sprint Gravel Pack-In with Ed Haefliger as the Work Boss. This will be at the Mima-Porter #8 Trail and people should meet at the Falls Creek Trail Head to the end of Road "C" at 9:00 AM. For further information, please contact Ed at 360-427-4297 or [edsueh@msn.com](mailto:edsueh@msn.com).

Trail maintenance is planned with DNR for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Mima Campground of Capitol Forest. The start time will be shared with the members at the February meeting.

June 7<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day and September 27<sup>th</sup> is Public Lands Day. Jeff felt it was appropriate to have trail maintenance scheduled for these days.

**Social Events:**

Shelly Anderson was not present at the meeting. At this time, no social events are planned. Eric asked that any suggestions for social events be provided to Shelly at [esafarm@tds.net](mailto:esafarm@tds.net) or you can call her at 360-978-4089

**Membership:** No updates.

**Education:** Dean will continue as Chairman of the Education Committee. Two programs coming up that may be of interest. WASART stands for Washington State Animal Response Team. There is an orientation meeting to be held in Enumclaw on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Additional training will be held in February. If anyone is interested, please contact Ritz Duchesne at [horselover.ritz@yahoo.com](mailto:horselover.ritz@yahoo.com) or 360-438-1805.

There are training classes on the Basic Skills for the Leave No Trace programs coming up in April. A motion was made to send Ritz Duchesne to the classes at a cost of \$45 for the class plus expenses. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Ritz will attend the classes in April and will present the information to the club at the May meeting.

**Hoofbeats Newsletter:** Thanks go to Cindy Holden on publishing the newsletter. She is always interested in getting stories and news for the newsletter.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Cindy for the cost of the software needed to do the newsletter. This is about \$157.00. This was approved unanimously. Betty will make payment to Cindy.

**Ways & Means:** Joyce said the Club can hold the annual Garage Sale at her house this year. The date will be determined in the future. Joyce has some items available for a mini auction and will bring them to the next meeting. The auction will begin at 6:30 PM with the meeting immediately following.

**Hoofprints Program:** Jeff has started receiving membership forms for this year's Hoofprints Program. Ritz is going to try to develop a form that can be downloaded to your computer to make tracking easier. Remember, these miles help to track the usage of the trails and the volume of miles we accumulate as a chapter. For further information, please contact Jeff at [wildhorses@scattercreek.com](mailto:wildhorses@scattercreek.com). Remember, the year for tracking runs from November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008. You may already have some miles accumulated.

**Historian:** Karen and Betty have no updates at this time. However, information about the chapter will be on display at the Jubilee in Ellensburg to be held on March 21 to the 23. If anyone has suggestions, photos, artwork or items to be displayed, please contact Betty or Karen.

**Co-Use Program:** Nancy Gardner found out that the Friends of Capitol Forest do their meetings as part of their work parties so she will be unable to attend. Donna Lake, Tom Crowson and Nancy will continue to work

out how to coordinate with the local groups.

**Website:** Ken Parrish wasn't in attendance at the meeting. Be sure to send pictures and information to Ken.

**Old Business:**

**Jubilee Auction:** Jeff provided a brief update from the Committee established for the annual auction. Ritz provided flyers for people to distribute to feed stores, tack shops and any horse related events. Ritz will check with Dick and Cathy Vetter to see if they will take a supply of the flyers to the Hands on Horses event in Vancouver.

**Radios:** Eric forgot to bring the radios to the meeting. He will have them available at the February meeting. The club will pay half the cost and individual members will pay the other half. The range is approximately 25 miles; the unit is waterproof and can run on AC/DC or batteries.

**Mission Statement:** Since the mission statement for the Back Country Horsemen of Washington State may be revamped, it was decided that this topic would be tabled until the February meeting.

**VIP Ride:** Tom Crowson and Ritz announced that the date for this year's VIP Ride will be July 19<sup>th</sup>. Additional information would be provided at future meetings.

**BCHW 501(c)3 Status:** Back Country Horsemen of Washington State has achieved its 501(c)3 status. That means that contributions made to BCHW can be tax deductible.

**Equine Dentist Clinics:** The date for this year's clinics will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Slots are still open. Please contact Ritz at [horselover.ritz@yahoo.com](mailto:horselover.ritz@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

**New Business:**

**Club Jackets:** It has been several years since the club ordered any new jackets. Joyce Nelson has a few jackets that she will bring as part of the auction for the February meeting. She has volunteered to gather information about jackets and will present at the February meeting.

**Lewis County Flood Support:** There was much discussion regarding ways the Club could provide support to the victims in Lewis County. A motion was made and accepted for the Club to provide \$250 to a local charity. In addition, individual members could provide support to the effort by making checks payable to Capitol Riders. These contributions would be tax deductible. Contact Betty Reichel at [chreichel@comcast.net](mailto:chreichel@comcast.net) or call 360-456-8623.

**Advertising Rates for the Newsletter:** Cindy Holden has stated that the advertising rates for HoofBeats are higher than some of the other newsletters. This was discussed with the members present and it was decided that the rates wouldn't change for this year. However, Cindy has the flexibility to negotiate the rates with a potential advertiser.

**Good of the Order:**

- 1 Tom Crowson provided flyers from the WASU College of Veterinary Medicine.
- 2 Tom also stated that there has been some action on the REQ. Municipal Bonds are under development.
- 3 CRAPO Bill is underway to nix registration fees on public lands.

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

Secretary, Ritz Duchesne – [horselover.ritz@yahoo.com](mailto:horselover.ritz@yahoo.com) or 360-438-1805

**Treats for the February Meeting:** Ritz will provide the treats.

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## *Public Land Managers' Meeting—November 30, 2007 (continued next page)*

November 30, 2007

Public Land Managers Meeting Cle Elum, WA

1. Meeting opened by Darrell Wallace at 9:45 am with introductions conducted for all present.
2. Carmen Nieson and Keith Wakefield from Colville NF discussed their relationship with BCHW and that the Ferry county Chapter maintains about 50% of their trail system and two horse camps.
3. Mary Bean from Wenatchee - Okanogan NF said that it may be as long as 2 years before a new forest plan comes out due to litigation. Tryg Culp, Bill Ford and Dave Boe all questioned Mary about the use of chainsaws in wilderness areas for logging out when you have the magnitude of blowdowns that are there now. No definitive answer was available at this time.
4. Agent Richard Graham from the border patrol talked about their horse mounted units on the border and gave a nice presentation of their overall

program.

5. Chris Marcolin from DNR talked about projects with user groups in the NE Sector and in the Loomis Forest, which is his main focus. The NE section of Loomis Forest has about 54 miles of trails and Disappointment Creek Trailhead was built last summer.
6. Jim Franzer talked about Snoqualmie Ranger District and the fact that it is about 42% wilderness now and there is a bill in Congress to expand that. They are doing 2 environmental assessments on conversion of old roads to trails and on trail relocation.
7. Randy Sheppard from Natchez Ranger District said that White Pass Horse Camp is nearly done. They put on a chainsaw and cross cut saw workshop and want to reconstruct a stream crossing at Evening Creek Horse Camp. They are going to be doing a lot of horse packing in 2008 and the PCT will need to move upslope due to the White Pass Ski Area expansion.

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## *Directors' Meeting—December 1, 2007 (continued next page)*

December 1, 2007

Directors Meeting—Cle Elum, WA

1. Bob Gish called the meeting to order at 9:15 am and took the roll call.
2. It was voted to suspend letters needed rule so alternate directors could vote at this meeting.
3. Had a moment of silence for fallen Wenas Valley member Linda Kischner.
4. Sue Branch said that we needed a Form 990 for each chapter and it is due by April 15, 2008. If there are any accounting questions, contact Sue at 509-697-3482, or PO Box 68, Selah, WA 98942.
5. Heather Moorman said that we have about a 5% decrease in membership from 2006.
6. Teunis Wyers talked about the 501c3 change and the need for new by laws and a new name. This should take place January 1, 2008 and the corporate umbrella of BCHW as a 501c3 would cover all the members. There will be a new and different reporting for chapter funds and if a chapter dissolves, unexpended funds

would go to BCHW.

7. Each chapter needs to file a Form 990 for both 2006 and 2007 and the 2006 Form 990 is overdue.
8. We will have a special meeting at leadership to discuss and approve the new By Laws.
9. Bob Brooke talked about the WTA Leg Day on January 30 and the importance of us working with them and having a presence at their Leg Day in the Columbia Room 9:00 - 4:00. WTA also has training sessions that day and are pushing for a DNR Trail Steward Program that would also benefit us.
10. Jeff Chapman said that 2008 will be another educational year for hay certification. We will be sending letters to Senator Cantwell and Representative Baird about having a BCHW member on the Mt. St. Helens Committee. We will also send a letter to Parks about horse useage. We will support the E & E funding for DNR in the Legislature for additional Trail Steward funding. Gifford Pinchot

NF will be releasing their Horse Camp Proposals.

11. Dave Swanberg reported on the 2008 Jubilee and said that the high bidder for the Head Table is at \$1,000 and that there are two Legacy Tables available for \$500 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bidder or other members. Wenas Valley wants to put on a Trail Challenge at the Jubilee and is looking into the details. Tryg Culp encouraged Donators, saying no donation is too small. Dave encouraged the larger chapters to get a big ticket item or two for the Auction. We will have an award for the best Chapter Display again this year.
12. Jane Byram said that the Train the Trainer LNT class for 2008 will be in the Teanaway with details in the THN.
13. Traci Koch stressed that chapters should get in their Volunteer Hours as soon as possible and if they have trail projects for grant money to see her.
14. Dick Yarboro is trying to recruit 5 or 6 members from around the

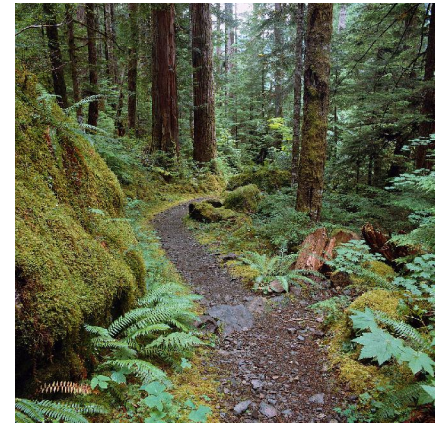
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8. Gary Paul of Mt. Baker - Snoqualmie NF talked about Wild Sky and that it will probably be a reality next summer. The main theme in the forest is fixing major problems and those things that are broken or very large issues. He showed slides of many damaged areas in the Forest and said that the Mt loop highway near Darrington was opened this summer.
9. Tim Foss from Cle Elum Ranger District talked about Waptus flood damage and the collaboration of several of the volunteer groups. The PCT continues to sluice out in the higher areas and Cayuse Horse Camp is being reconstructed and should be open in July 2008.
10. Traci Koch talked about the \$75,000 trail maintenance grant that is specifically for materials and supplies for USFS trail maintenance. They are doing a project with Pete Urbanat the Humptulips Day Use Camp that will use some of the grant funds.
11. Larry Randall from Umatilla NF talked about their 400,000 acres in WA and that they will be getting about \$500,000 for deferred maintenance projects and want to

work with user groups on them.

12. Mark Mauren of DNR talked about DNR starting to really embrace the recreational use of DNR managed lands. DNR is working towards planning for multi use sites and better access to DNR lands and better access through private land to DNR land. Vanessa Freeman talked about DNR Land Exchanges that will substantially increase the DNR SE Region's managed lands.
13. Christine Redmond of DNR talked about the Capitol Forest projects and the important role that the user groups have in getting the work done. She commented about the gravel pack in and the VIP Ride and that the E & E Trail Warden Grant will provide for a Trail Warden and a comprehensive trail watch program.
14. Darrell Wallace thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 3:30 pm. This was the best Public Land Managers Meeting that I have attended.

Jeff LaBreck  
Director



*(continued) Directors' Meeting—December 1, 2007*


state to promote BCHW activities.

15. Randy Darling told us that Jim Murphy and Bob Shonka are running For BCHA Director and Tryg Culp for BCHA Alternate Director. The candidates then discussed their qualifications.
16. Bob Gish talked about BCHW insurance for 2008 and we are looking at two possible carriers. The State D & O insurance portion will only cover the state officers. State Chapters are covered by the general liability, but not the D & O portion.
17. Bob Gish mentioned National Trails Day on June 7 and Public Lands Day on September 27 and will change the meetings so there will not be a conflict.
18. Bob Gish talked about the THN and Washington Media contract and it was voted for him to sign the 2008 contract with them. Contact with WA Media from members will go through Dick Yarboro so our state miscellaneous time will be used
- efficiently.
19. Bob Shonka gave the BCHA update and that he and Mike Reedy met with Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell staff about the Historical Use Bill. A new bill will be introduced as soon as we have the necessary sponsors. They met with USFS about trail rules, and users will be able to comment after June 1, 2008. We will need a lot of letter writing to support the Historical Use Bill in Congress. BCHA will be getting new states of Alabama and Kentucky and possibly South Dakota.
20. Bob Gish talked about Weed Seed Free Hay and that 25 counties will take the Certification Class in March. We have Legislative support and must let our Legislative people know that we support it.
21. Darrell Wallace made a motion for Bob Gish to sign up new BCHW insurance with good coverage and use his best judgement on this.
22. Teunis Wyers talked about the

importance of the Directors having the ability to vote on BCHW business with the best interests of both their chapter and the BCHW in mind.

23. Bill Crawford and Teunis Wyers talked about the Youth Group issue and the fact that the guidance would be the chapter responsibility and they would need their own insurance.
24. Communication issues were brought up and the importance of having correct e-mail addresses was stressed and will be worked on.
25. Bob Gish adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm. A good and productive meeting.

Jeff LaBreck  
Director


  
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**2008 Equine Dental Clinic Schedule**

	May 10		November 15
8:00	Ritz Duchesne	8:00	Ritz Duchesne
9:00	Ritz Duchesne	9:00	Terry Jackson
10:00	Carrie Russell	10:00	Gordon Merklin
11:00	Jeff Labreck	11:00	Nina Merklin
12:00	<b>Catch-up and lunch</b>	12:00	<b>Catch-up and lunch</b>
1:00	Shelly Anderson	1:00	*****OPEN*****
2:00	Eric Anderson	2:00	*****OPEN*****
3:00	*****OPEN*****	3:00	*****OPEN*****
4:00	*****OPEN*****	4:00	*****OPEN*****
5:00	*****OPEN*****	5:00	*****OPEN*****

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## **CAPITOL RIDERS EVENTS/RIDES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
January 19	Leadership Meeting: CleElum
March 1	Gravel pack work party: Capital Forest
March 21-23	Ellensburg Jubilee Convention
March 29	Work Party: Capital Forest opening clean up
April 19	Chili Dog Ride: Skook: Day ride
May 17	Green Mountain: Day ride/ sack lunch
May 24-26	Wenas campout
June 7	Work day: National Trails week
June 14	Nisqually Mashelle: Day Ride/ Sack lunch
July 2-4	Nile Valley or Thorpe Elk Camp: Campout
July 19	VIP Ride: Capital Forest
July 26	Elbe: Day ride or campout
August 9	Capital Forest: Margaret McKenney: Day ride/sack lunch
August 9-10	Mt. Adams Campout
August 29-Sept 1 Labor Day	Les Hilde or Salmon Le Sac Campout
Sept 27	Public Lands work party

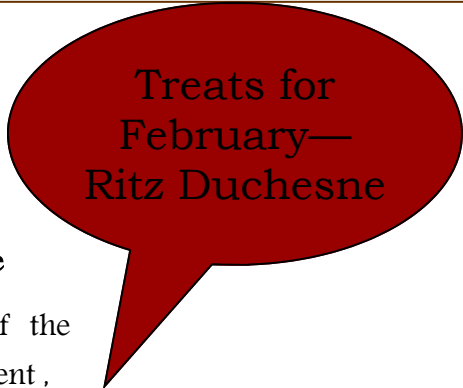
Last minute rides: Fort Lewis: Call list (pass required) Name & phone number

1. Dean Hartman 705-0664
2. Jane Brooksher 273-8219
3. Connie Bailly 273-5552
4. Karen Johnson 273-8075
5. Lee and Jim Munroe 866-1790
6. Tom and Tootie 866-2298
7. Martha Kesting 753-3897
8. Diana Gundersen 943-3121 (prefer workdays)
9. Stephen Russell 951-8927
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### 2008 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 8	No meeting in July
February 12	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 10	No meeting in December



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