

CAPITOL RIDERS



Hoofbeats - January 2010

Meeting Minutes
1/5/2010
Littlerock Fire hall
Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Steve Russell, President.

Steve welcomed all attending. He asked for ideas on how to run the chapter from the members.

Steve introduced Don Laurance, chapter Parliamentarian. Don had provided a handout and Steve asked him to explain it.

Steve reiterated that meetings are to be held at 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of each month. They will be one hour in length with a social hour after with goodies.

Steve explained Jeff LaBreck's illness.

Steve brought up Committee Chairs.

Joyce Nelson will be Activities, the primary of which will be rides. Joyce could use some help.

Ways and Means Chair to be Tom Crowson, Dean Hartman will assist.

Membership Chair will be Sandra White.

Newsletter is Chris Enrico.

Parliamentarian is Don Laurance.

Dean Hartman had a question regarding chapter e-mails. Connie Bailey took over from Ritz Duchesne. There was then discussion amongst members. Don Laurance made a motion that Chris Enrico explore using Yahoo Groups. Motion seconded and passed. Tom Crowson asked that Chris write up an explanation to help people get on the list. Connie will call Ritz and have Ritz redirect the chapter e-mails to her.

Steve mentioned that trail maintenance makes the chapter visible to land managers. It saves them money.

Chris read the November meeting minutes. Chris mentioned that the statement about him being Alternate Director had been omitted. Traci Koch mentioned that she was unable to attend the Treasurers meeting as she had to act as Director for Oakland Bay chapter. A motion was made to amend the minutes. Seconded and passed.

Sandra White asked to be deferred until the February meeting.

Steve asked for ideas to involve the chapter. He mentioned getting to know other chapters by going on rides and helping them with trail maintenance. Traci mentioned an Oakland Bay chapter ride, Moonlight ride and BBQ. Connie mentioned the possibility of potlucks with other groups.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Traci Koch stated that the chapter has \$1,016.66 in the bank with \$37.07 in outstanding bills. BCHW has a new Chart of Accounts.

Directors Report:

December 4th, 2009

Dick Yarboro represented Capitol Riders. (Traci Koch discussed the following with some further text by Chris Enrico from Traci's hard copy)

Sustaining and Enhancing Recreation During Difficult Economic Times:

Rex Derr, Director, Washington State Parks - No money.

Gail Throop, Trail Programs and Travel management, Region 6, USFS - 23,000 miles of trail in Washington and Oregon.

Becky Heath, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Motorized trails revision. There has been USFS staff turnover.

Weed and seed free hay is required in National Forests. Haul your manure out. The Umatilla NF has \$3 million in recovery funds.

Mark Mauren, Recreation and Public Access, Assistant Division Manager, DNR - Snowmobile parks are closing down. DNR working on a maintenance manual and will require saw certification. \$816,000 budget for DNR.

Larry Lack, Trails Supervisor, Olympic National Park. - Olympic NP has a Mule program. Wilderness planning for 2010 underway, need input. "Hero's on horseback" Wilderness management program. "Wild Rider" plan.

WTA is in the same position as BCHW - no funding for NRTP grants (National Recreation Trails Program). Good News! Forest Foundation grants still exist. Dollar for dollar education uses.

Beaches; Horses allowed unless posted. State Parks asked group if they want horse camping? No money and acquiring property is the biggest issue.

BCHW annual budget: Spent \$164,163.24. Income is \$161,695.39 with \$65,000 in checks to cash. BCHW audit with chapter audits possibly to follow.

Legislative Day is Feb 3rd, need a Legislative Chair. Lobbyist contract expires June 30, 2010. Group was asking if we renew? \$18,000 per year.

Membership down in 2009. Need to get former members renewed. Need to get 2010 membership applications out. Lifetime Membership was added to the form - \$1,200.00.

Ways and Means report: Calendars - Idaho sells theirs for \$20.00 and includes a raffle ticket. Winning ticket wins \$500.00. Gives 10% to chapters that sold calendars. Dave Swanberg to investigate further.

BCHW tax advisor has concern over name change. On 4/14/09 Darrell Wallace filed with Secretary of State's Office, changing from Back Country Horsemen of Washington State, to Back Country Horsemen of Washington. BCHA constitution mandates including the term "Back Country Horsemen" in the name. Also on 4/14/09 Darrell registered the name Back Country Horsemen of Washington State so BCHW can use either name.

As BCHW is a 501(c)(3), chapters need to pay attention to who they give money to, and who gives money.

The Second Amended Articles of Incorporation were approved. Back Country Horsemen of Washington State shall be the name of the Corporation.

Standing Rule Elections: The president, vice president, position 1 BCHA director and alternate are elected on the 4th quarterly BCHW board meeting of odd numbered years. The position 2 BCHA director is elected at the 4th quarterly BCHA board meeting of even numbered years. Approved.

Standing Rule Membership access to directors documents: Section detailing board minutes being grouped in one page on the BCHW web site was removed and approved.

Standing Rule Presidential Appointments was approved. The president of BCHW shall have authority to appoint a volunteer executive assistant, volunteer legal counsel, volunteer tax and accounting advisors or other volunteer professional advisors as the president deems appropriate. All volunteer advisors shall serve at the pleasure of the president.

Standing Rule Gambling Activities: All chapter gambling activities when licensing is required by law such as raffles or prize rides, must be licensed at the chapter level, and the chapter involved is responsible for submitting and processing applications, and for compliance with the law. Approved.

Standing Rule Public Statements on BCHW Positions: no member or chapter is authorized to make statements to the public about the position of BCHW on any matter without special consent of the president or the state board. Approved.

Standing Rule State Approved Forms: BCHW will provide and all chapters will use. Approved

Web site / on-line payments: At the Sept 2009 BCHW board meeting, proposal to to implement on-line membership application and renewal. Seek out details for implementation in a reasonable time frame, at least in time to implement on-line membership for 2011, and no later than August 31, 2010. Approved.

Members can now renew their membership on-line.

Larry Baysinger of Buckhorn Range Chapter is working on a Packing display and could use help.

Whistler Canyon - USFS not living up to the agreement.

The volunteer hour program is "falling apart". Traci will revamp it.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Enrico
Secretary, Capitol Riders

There are 3 basic skills LNT classes scheduled for this coming year.

April 10 & 11 Randle/Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station. contact wesselius@localaccess.com

April 23-25 in the Port Townsend area. baysinger@centurytel.net.

May 21-23 there will be a class in the Okanogan/Tonasket area. contact LNTJane3@hotmail.com

Train The Trainer class is scheduled for September 17 thru 19, 2010. Location to be determined. Contact for this is Jane, LNTjane3@hotmail.com



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

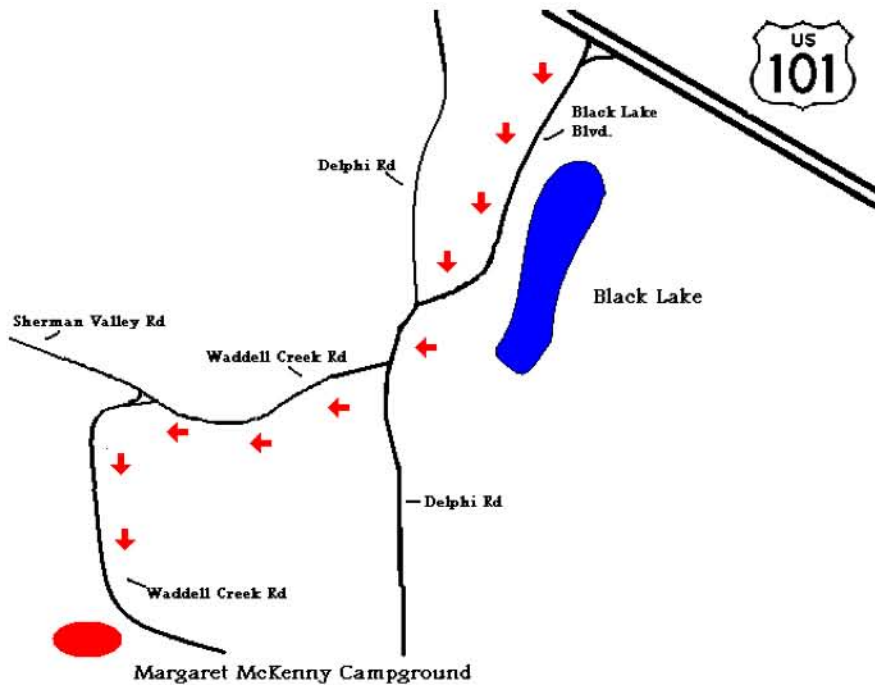
PLEASE LEAVE ALL DOGS AT HOME for the safety of animals and people. Dogs will not be allowed under any circumstances

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

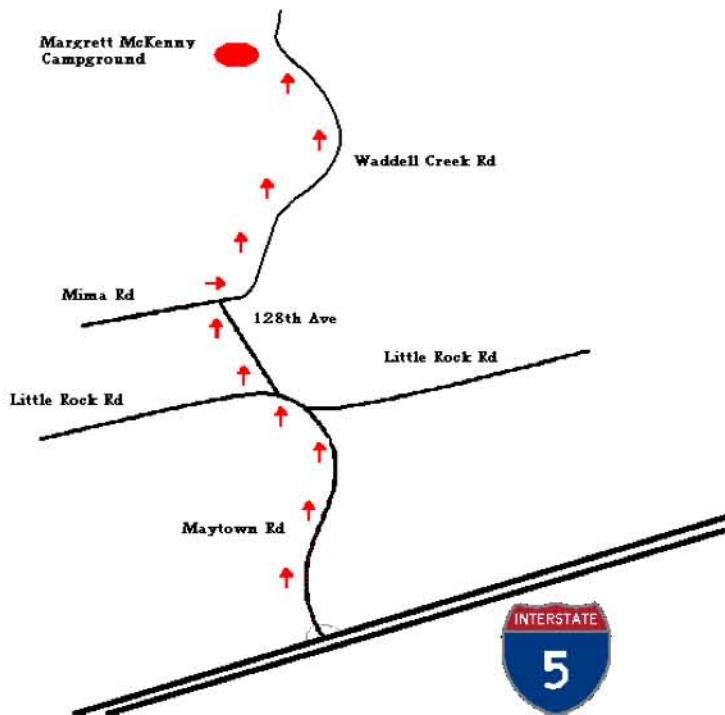
DNR Volunteer Coordinator
Nick Cronquist 360-480-2700
Nick.Cronquist@dnr.wa.gov

DIRECTIONS TO Margaret McKenny Campground:



From the North

From US 101 take the Black Lake/Capitol Mall Exit and head south. Follow Black Lake Blvd 4.3 miles until it comes to a "T" with Delphi Rd. Take a left and go 2.2 miles until you come to Waddell Creek Rd. Take a right on Waddell Creek Rd. and follow it for 2.8 miles till you come to Margaret McKenny Campground. Drive through and look for parking instructions.



From the South

Leave Interstate 5, at Exit #95. From this exit head west, on the Maytown Rd. for approximately 3 miles. At Little Rock, this road becomes 128th Ave. Continue about a mile until the road ends at the "T" of the Waddell Creek Rd. and Mima Rd. intersections. Turn Right onto Waddell Creek Rd. /Mima Rd. Continue on this road for 2.5 miles entrance to campground will be on left. Drive through and look for parking instructions.

Calendar of Events for 2010 -

- 1/27-31 Puyallup Sportsman show
- 2/2/10 General meeting 7 pm, Littlerock firehall
- 2/3/10 Legislative Day
- 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)
- 11/6/10 Dental Clinic Trails End Tumwater (see Dec 09 newsletter)



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