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HOOFBEATS

NOVEMBER 2013



Next meeting November 5th 7 pm
Karen (Coffee), Karen (Treats)

The next general meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 7 pm at the Littlerock firehall on Littlerock Road.

Elections will be held for the 2014 chapter officers. No nominees were selected other than the position of treasurer. I have previously offered to continue in the position as chapter secretary.

We have had somewhat of an Indian Summer in some locations. Our little corner here around Olympia has struggled to even see the sun it seems. The fog had settled in and some days could not burn off. But on those days it did, oh boy, what deep blue sky we had..

Okanogan County is moving forward with it's plans to auction off 70 acres of land immediately adjacent to the Whistler Canyon trailhead just south of Oroville. The Pacific Northwest Trail Organization at pnt.org has a donation button on their web site. The 63.5 acres of cliff lands will cost a minimum of \$47,625 plus taxes and closing costs. The remaining land is deemed agricultural and not an issue.

Not sure what the area looks like? Head on over to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Save-Whistler-Canyon-Trailhead/226750700820740> (note the https and all the hyphens) or google for images of whistler canyon trailhead. It's about 3 miles south of Oroville on Hwy 97.

Please remember as you head out into the woods with your horse or mule that it is hunting season once again. Play it safe and wear "hunter orange" so you are visible. It's a good idea for both you and the horse or mule to wear orange.

The chapter Christmas party will be on December 14th at Rob Keyser's barn on LaFrance Road in Littlerock. 6 pm. As usual it will be a potluck and gift

exchange. See the meeting minutes for details on the gift exchange.



If you want more content in this newsletter please submit stories or other items to me.

Capitol Riders Meeting Minutes

Littlerock Fire hall

October 1, 2013

Meeting called to order by president Laura Kingman.
Time was not recorded.

14 members in attendance

A motion to approve the minutes from the September Capitol Riders meeting was made by Director Karen Johnson and seconded by Cindy McAllister. Motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer position was discussed. Traci Koch said she can keep doing QuickBooks. We need someone to collect the membership dollars and submit them to BCHW. Traci and Dean Hartman are the two people who can sign checks for the chapter.

Traci said the chart of accounts is accurate and matches how the state level BCHW does their books.

Deborah Green, an accountant by trade, offered to take over the Treasurer duties. Traci and Deborah agreed to meet at the end of October/early November.

Club rides were discussed. Carrie Russell asked for feedback from this year and for 2014 ride planning. Most people said they are willing to travel a maximum of 3-4 hours. Forest fires caused some people to avoid rides this year. Several people said they thought the ride schedule for 2013 was great. Some people commented their availability just didn't always mesh with the ride schedule.



Currently Scheduled Events - partial for 2013

November

- 5 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm
- 21 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater
- 30 - Capitol Forest closes to Horses (Equine Loop open)

December

- 6 - BCHW Land Manager meeting, Ellensburg
- 7 - BCHW Director's meeting, Ellensburg
- 13 - National Day of the Horse
- 14 - Chapter Christmas Party 6 pm Rob Keyser's barn in Littlerock

The Chili Ride on New Year's Day was discussed. Traci will host a ride at Kennedy Creek again. Kalama and Keenes were discussed.

Director Karen Johnson attended the DNR user group meeting. Our trail (which feeds the equine loop) has some mud developing. She will coordinate with DNR to get gravel in.

Cindy McAllister volunteered Connie Bailey (who was not present) to be the lead for our Christmas Party which Laura quickly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

If members choose to participate in a gift exchange, members may bring a gift valued at \$15-\$25. All participating (and all gifts) must stay inside the circle until the gift exchange is complete.

Capitol Riders received a thank you letter for the \$50 we donated for food at the BCHW Gravel Haul from Bob Gish, president, and Darrell Wallace, executive director. Capitol Riders also received a letter for our \$100 donation to the Ken Wilcox Horse Camp work in July. The last work party there was very successful.

The winery ride is in Zillah on October 26. You can ride for free if you volunteer before or after. They need 2-4 people at each winery, plus trail guides and people to help deliver wine.

Rendezvous volunteer spots are also available including ticket sales for the auction and several other spots.

DNR will be spraying trees in a clear cut area in Capitol Forest. Oct. 12 is the start of the rifle hunting season. REMEMBER TO WEAR your red and ORANGE. Be safe out there.

Lori Lennox runs the BCHW store. She lives in Elma so we can get orders from her locally. Karen Johnson has details.

The turnout wasn't that great for the Equine Courtesy Days in Capitol Forest.

Application for funding from the BCHW RTP Grant Committee (Karen):: Items that she may apply for:

1. Brush cutter for trail work.
 2. Materials to construct a manure bin in the lower parking lot at Mima Falls Trailhead. Karen will contact DNR.
- A high number of volunteer hours will be needed to justify the funding. Traci said we can borrow Oakland Bay's brush cutter whenever we need to.

Injury reporting: Any injury that occurs during a BCHW chapter work party on state, national, or private land must be reported immediately. Document the injury with anyone who is involved. Report first to the landowner (such as DNR, WDFW, USFS, or private). Report second to the BCHW President and Exec. Director (within a minimum of 3 days). We must document all injuries for our insurance coverage.

Treasurer training:

The BCHW treasurer is asking ALL chapter treasurers to attend training in January. One class will be held in Western WA and one in Eastern WA.

There is a Leave No Trace video (9 minutes) that is available. We will show it at a later meeting.

Carrie Russell gave a presentation on the Thurston County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol. The mounted patrol has been in place for 20 years. Members work for the Thurston County Sheriff. They have \$xx,xxx - \$xx,xxx in their account. They made most of their money helping to park cars at the old Richie Brothers Auction site on Case Road.

They assist at educational events. They held a horsemanship clinic. They assist at education events. They ride the Chehalis Western Tail and other areas and report problems to the sheriff. They do not approach or get involved in any law enforcement activities. They do carry radios.

Carrie handed out a list of qualifications your horse must pass. You have to own or lease your own horse, pass a background check, and attend mandatory meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month to become a mounted patrol member. When parking at a trailhead, Carrie offered the following tips: only bring your driver's license and not your whole purse. Do not leave any valuables in your truck or trailer. Only bring what you are going to carry with you on the trail.

They can help you get your horse used to flares, sirens, flashing lights, bubble machines, etc. Barrie Russell pointed out your horse doesn't have to be able to handle all that to join. You can become a member and qualify later. Call Carrie with any questions: 360-438-1873.

Good of the Order

Jeff LaBreck has calendars for sale and Capitol Forest maps. He discussed the auction donation items for Rendezvous. He said he has tools at his house that haven't been used: chainsaw chaps, white helmets, pulaskis and rakes. Deborah will ask Norman about them. They may be willing to keep them at their place.

Sue Koch asked whether we could have the garage sale at Rob Keyser's barn. Jeff LaBreck will ask him.

Traci reported she received five new membership applications today and that the chapter is solvent.

Deborah asked what our membership count is. Traci will get the actual number. She guessed it is near 40.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by President Laura Kingman

After the meeting :

Thank you email received by Karen from Jason Ridlon who was the BCHW coordinator for organizing the BCHW state work party for the purpose of restoring the Ken Wilcox horse camp and trails that were lost in the Table Mountain Fire (July 2013). Capitol Riders donated \$100 toward the restoration effort. Our donation was much appreciated and helped to build 5 bridges that were lost in the fire. There will be another BCHW state work party to continue the restoration efforts in July 2014.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington
Board of Directors Meeting
3rd Quarter - September 21, 2013
Ellensburg, WA
Kittitas Valley Event Center
Manastash Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m. by President Bob Gish.

Roll Call Attendance - Excused: Alpine Lakes Trail Riders, Cascade Horse Club, Purple Sage Riders and Yakima Valley; Absent: Crab Creek Riders and Tri-Rivers; Late: Island County. Quorum was present.

Agenda for the meeting was accepted as amended.

2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were approved as published.

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer - Teri Starke

Teri reported. She is posting the budget monthly on the Director's website.

Membership - Heather Moorman

Report was posted.

Nominations - Trygve Culp

The nominating committee has nominees for President - Trygve Culp (Okanogan Chapter), BCHA Director Position #1 - Darrell Wallace (Northeast Chapter), BCHA Alternate Director - Ken Carmichael (Inland Empire Chapter). President Bob Gish opened the floor to nominations. Jim Anderson (Mount St Helens Chapter) was nominated for the position of Vice President.

Ways and Means - Dave Swanberg

Raffle Calendar update was given by Dave.

Event Fundraiser Program proposal was presented by Dave and discussed. *Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved to amend the introduction of the proposal to state that "this program is designed and prepared to cover all BCHW fundraising events sanctioned by the state Board of Directors and not including chapter fundraisers." Second. Motion carried. Kim Merrick (Tahoma) moved to strike "to determine if a separate bank account must be established, or if a chapter treasurer will utilize the chapter's account". Motion carried. Dave Swanberg (Okanogan) moved to adopt the program to become a Standing Rule for BCHW as amended. Motion carried.*

BCHW Store update was given by Lori Lennox. Directors who need white name tags should purchase order them from Lori.

Wilcox Ride final report was given by Mike Mahaffey.

Wine Ride was explained by Darrell Wallace for Dave Jackson. Volunteers are needed.

Public Lands - Jeff Chapman

Jeff explained mountain bikes in wilderness study areas. Existing uses can continue in study areas in region 6, until Congress acts. Trails Coalition caucus was last week in Wentachee where Jason Ridlon gave a presentation on the Table Mountain work. Next year's conference will be in Bellingham for the Trails Coalition. December public lands meeting invites will be handled by Darrell Wallace. Heart Beat rule in the Pasayten was discussed and there was support from the Directors for BCHW to advocate for protecting the status quo. DNR/WDFW/State Parks land use concerns should be given to Jeff.

Rendezvous - Lori Lennox

Lori thanked volunteers for the upcoming Rendezvous 2014. Parking attendants and sponsors for expenses

are still needed. Volunteers are needed to organize the 2015 Rendezvous.

Education - Trygve Culp

Saw Certification - Trygve reported that there are 130 certified sawyers around the state. There will be a session May 18th to certify sawyer certifiers.

Safety - no report

Incident Report - Darrell Wallace noted that a draft of the form was posted; so please comment and it will be amended again based on comments. In the interim, use the draft form.

LNT - Jane Byram distributed National Park Service DVDs. Smoky Mountain National Park has requested permission to use BCHW's LNT DVDs. Lynden Horse Expo is October 4th - 6th. WA Horse Expo is February 14th - 16th. Randle LNT class will be April 5th - 6th.

Governance and Bylaws - Teunis Wyers

Tool trailer liability insurance coverage goes with vehicle when it is under tow so whoever is towing the trailer should lease it from the Chapter for \$1.00.

The Board of Directors needs to think about expectations of business members.

Executive Committee

No report

Executive Director - Darrell Wallace

Report was posted.

Grant Committee - RTP Trail Maintenance report was posted and explained. Upcoming RCO process was explained. Project development workshop at Rendezvous must be attended by any chapter wishing to get grant funding for 2015-2016 projects.

Legislative Committee - one year proposal from Gjurassic and Kohl for 2014 was explained. *Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved to approve the contract with Gjuarric and Kohl. Second. Motion carried.* Based on a straw poll of Directors BCHW will not be taking a position on HOV lane use by stock/horsetrailer.

Awards - Deb Wesselius

Report was posted. There was concern from the Board of Directors that Lifetime Achievement Awards are too plentiful and that this detracts from their meaningfulness. A motion was made and withdrawn. It was suggested that a maximum of two awards per year, and possibly none, be given out. Awards committee should review the Lifetime Achievement Award and develop criteria to elevate its status.

Volunteer Hours - Traci Koch

September 30th is the deadline for all hours to be given to regional coordinators by Chapter VHC's.

Publicity/THN - Dick Yarboro

No report.

Website - Jim Thode

Report was posted.

Unfinished Business

Mt Rainier NP access - Jeff Chapman

Jeff explained the progress and issues surrounding Mt Rainer National Park equine access. More development of trails up to the park may be the place to start. *Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved not to send that particular proposal to Mt Rainier, but that Public Lands Committee continue the dialogue with Mt Rainier as to what possibilities might exist. Second. Motion carried.*

Table Mountain Project - Darrell Wallace

The Table Mountain Project Slide Show was presented. Thanks to Louise Caywood for putting the slide

show together and to Jason Ridlon for putting the project together.

New Business

Timing of Tax Report & 2014 Budget - Teri Starke

2014 Budget proposal was explained. *Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved to approve the 2014 Budget as presented. Second. Motion Carried.* Treasurer was applauded for her work.

2012 taxes are finally complete. Teri explained the issues and requested changes for 2013 to get timely accurate reports from chapters. Chapter Treasurers MUST attend training and comply with deadlines.

Business Plan - Bernie Stratton

Bernie explained that BCHW needs a business plan and there is a way to pay Sherry Jennings to help us set one up and train a committee at a discounted rate. *Bernie Stratton (Lewis County) moved to adopt the business plan proposal. Second. Motion carried.* The Business Plan Committee was appointed as follows: Tom Saunders, Dave Jackson, Michael Mahaffey, and Dave Taylor.

TrailMeister Proposal - Bob Gish

Jim Hudkins moved to approve the TrailMeister proposal of Robert Eversole. Second. Motion carried.

Business Membership - Darrell Wallace

Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved that we postpone the business membership issue until after the business plan. Second. Motion carried.

Radio Talk Show - Phil Bennett

Phil suggested that BCHW pay for monthly radio programs at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays on 1590AM out of Seattle as it streams over the internet all over the USA. It would cost \$1,020.00 per 6 months. Directors will take this matter back to their chapters to see if there is interest.

Good of the Order:

Chapter Forum

Announcements

Whisler Canyon - Trygve Culp (Okanogan)

Trygve updated BCHW on the acquisition of the Whisler Canyon trailhead. \$34,000.00 has been raised to assist the Forest Service with the purchase, but that option is not available. On December 13th the land will be auctioned. The question was raised - Can we partner with other non-profits to purchase the land instead of partnering with the forest service for the purchase? *Teunis Wyers (Mt Adams) moved to authorize BCHW to divert the funds to the non profit Pacific Northwest Trail Association to contribute to the purchase when they bid on the Whisler Canyon land at the foreclosure sale. Second. Motion carried.*

BCHA - Lori Lennox (BCHA Director)

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation elk camp presentation was posted on the Directors website.

Group Spaces - Bob Hoyle (Buckhorn Range)

Bob Gish will look into a possible "reply all" glitch.

Chapter Elections - Ken Carmichael (Inland Empire)

Ken reminded all Directors to update records with BCHW as soon as election results are available.

Access To Camps and Trails - Dan Chappel (Rattlesnake Ridge Riders)

Dan explained problems with the access roads and camps.

Traildusters Halloween Ride - Cathy Nelson (Traildusters)

Cathy announced the October 26th Halloween ride on the west side.

Raffle Calendar - Dave Swanberg (Ways & Means)

Dave announced that calendars need to be picked up today.

Ken Carmichael (Inland Empire) reported on a meeting and hike which will help with horse friendly trails.

Jim Anderson (Mt St Helens) explained his chapter's work with WTA.

Bob Gish (Northeast) reported on a project.

Louise Caywood (Pierce County) reported that her chapter parks 3,000 cars per day on horse back at the fair and got new members as a result.

Bernie Stratton (Lewis County) reminded that other chapters want to know about projects they can help others with.

Phil Bennett (Olympic) reminded Directors to let other chapters know about fund raiser rides to get more money for chapters.

Lori Lennox (BCHW Store) announced that brochures are here for pick up and reminded Directors to let her know of white pin-on nametag orders by November for the December meeting.

Michael Mahaffey (Skagit) complimented BCHW for the help his Chapter received.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary.

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- Please PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Sign the LIABILITY RELEASE (all members over 18).
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Chris Enrico
 4809 24th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-3252



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Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

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- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$75.00
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- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

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Subtotal A \$ _____

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Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Capitol Riders

Chapter Dues - Single \$10.00
 - Family \$15.00 \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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