

CAPITOL RIDERS



Hoofbeats - October 2009

Minutes
Capitol Riders Meeting
October 13, 2009

President Ed Haefliger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes

Karen Johnson, Secretary, read the minutes of the September meeting and then they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Lee Munroe, gave the treasurer's report. She requested that any expenses for chapter activities (such as the garage sale) be turned in to her so that they may be paid. She would like the receipts that accompany them also. No new member or renewal dues will be accepted at this time since the chapter status is changing.

Director's Report

Director Jeff LaBreck reported that the minutes from the September BCHW meeting were printed in the Capitol Riders newsletter. He was not able to attend the meeting but arranged for the 2010 BCHW Calendars to be picked up at the meeting. He has distributed them to members.

Traci Koch who was at the September BCHW Directors' meeting gave the following report:

1. The purchase of land that involves the Whistler Canyon trailhead has been put on hold. Our chapter may see a refund of the donation toward the trailhead.
2. There was discussion about the tire tariff, which is a 30% tariff on tires imported to the USA.
3. BCHW has developed a Lifetime Membership status (@\$1500). BCHW will invest the funds so that interest may build up and help to fund administration.
4. BCHW Jubilee in Ellensburg this past year included the annual BCHW General Meeting and Leadership together. Traci suggested that perhaps chapter officers for 2010 could meet on the same days and at the same location as the Directors. It may be more cost effective for Directors/officers to share travel expenses.
5. BCHA Director and Alternate BCHA Director positions are voted in at the 4th quarterly BCHW Board meetings.
6. Chapters need to turn in Lifetime Achievement Award nominations by 2/15 to Lori Lennox, Grays Harbor chapter.
7. The proposed BCHW budget is balanced for 2010.

Committee Reports

Trail Rides/ Social Events. (Reported by Karen Johnson)

1. Three members and one guest attended the 10/4/09 Ocean Acres Ride. The weather and ride were very nice.
2. There will be a party on 10/31 at the home of Ron and Karen Johnson at 6:30 PM. The chapter will provide prime rib. Directions to their home will follow.

Karen made a motion that the chapter provides \$25 gift certificates or gift cards in lieu of the \$200 purchased miscellaneous gifts as previously planned at the September meeting. The motion carried.

3. The Dental clinic will be held at the Trails End, Tumwater on 11/14. Contact Ritz Duchesne for information.

4. A Christmas breakfast and awards presentation will be held on 12/12 at JJ North's in Olympia at 9:00AM.

Trail Maintenance (Reported by Jeff LaBreck)

Ecology Day in Capitol Forest 10/3.

Jeff represented Capitol Riders and Joan Fleming represented Scatter Creek Riders for BCHW helping other users to fill a 40-yard dumpster.

Newsletter

Editor Chris Enrico reported that the newsletter is being sent out via Ritz as usual.

OLD BUSINESS

Former member, Norm Rustvold, questioned the dissolution of Capitol Riders Chapter BCHW. President Ed then gave a summary of the chapter over the past two years and what led to the decision for dissolution.

Following the summary a discussion was held about the Capitol Riders chapter bylaws. VP Jim Munroe read a copy of the bylaws.

Several members of the chapter who were not present at the September chapter meeting did not wish to see Capitol Riders chapter BCHW dissolution. Discussion continued and they questioned the dissolution process. Jeff LaBreck made a motion to overturn the dissolution of Capitol Riders chapter of BCHW. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2010 Capitol Riders' Offices were opened. Jeff LaBreck nominated the following persons to fill the offices of Capitol Riders for 2010:

President: Steve Russell

Vice President: Dean Hartman

Secretary: Chris

Treasurer: Traci Koch

Jeff volunteered to serve as Capitol Riders' Director for 2010.

Lee Munroe, treasurer, accepted new and renewal memberships for the chapter.

For the Good of the Order

Traci Koch announced that Grays Harbor Chapter BCHW is inviting several chapters to their Christmas party to be held on Sunday, December 13 at the Westport Winery. It will be a prime rib dinner with social hour 1-2:00 followed by dinner around 3:00 PM. She said it's lots of fun.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10 at the Littlerock Fire Dept.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Johnson, Secretary

“The Attack of the Killer Shadow!”

To see at night in our barn, we use battery powered electric lanterns, flash lights or headlamps. This, on a whole, has not been a problem. On the contrary, it has been a great training aid that prepares the gang for similar light beam experiences when we must move around them in the dark, with hand lights on the trail or when they are on a highline. Many of us have, in a darkened room, used a flash light behind our hands to manipulate and project images against a wall. This is the same kind of environment you are producing when you project a light around in a dark barn or on the trail at night. Always take it slow and easy whenever you are around stock, especially when using any kind of hand held portable light.

While, I was feeding one evening, the natural light in the barn turned into the dark side of dusk. The only task I had left to accomplish was to open the hot wire gate and allow our long eared gang into the barn to eat their supper. To do this safely in the dark, I switched on my head-lamp. I was about to see first hand how a light can change an object in a critter’s view.

As they all scooted in ahead of me looking for their goodies, I began a last minute look about and glance-over of each mule, when the school house bell rang. The exact moment for the appearance of this ghostly appearance happened as I passed next to Darla and Lizzy, who were in the center of the munching gang. The mules and I all saw it exactly at the same time. An unidentified object, menacing in appearance and dark, was amongst us, just past the pipe fence, in the feed room. A real boogeyman moment to say the least!



Our recognition of the dangerous object and response was

instant. The mules left Dodge and I stopped cold. Oh my goodness! It was a vicious repositioned 30 gallon garbage can, draped in my jacket (I had placed there myself, da!). But in the semi-dark of dusk, as the light beam hit it, for a moment, it looked like a person or unfriendly critter bent down picking something up or may-be crouching to spring.

This was the first time either Sue or I have had the opportunity to observe a light projected scary object from their point of view. Normally, we are always in front of them and never able to accurately see or understand what they may be seeing from their side of the light. I attacked the would-be dangerous object, dispatching it back to its proper location and went on my way a lot wiser for its attack.

The above gives great credence to the old Chinese saying that: “Catastrophe is opportunity riding the wild wind.”

Ed Haefliger

Volunteer Packer:

Olympic National Park

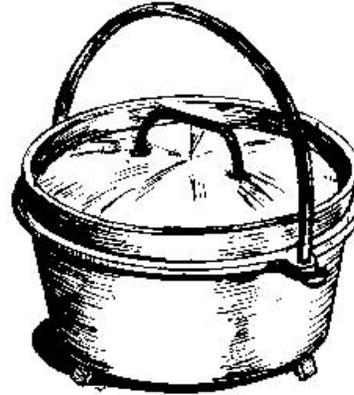
Olympic National Forest

Washington State DNR

Member of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

Cowboy Stew

1 lb. ground beef
1 onion
2 potatoes
1 can peas
1 can green beans
1 can baked beans
1 can tomato soup
1 can corn
1 can diced tomatoes
Chili powder
Nutmeg
1 Bay leaf
Salt and pepper



Cut potatoes into 1 inch cubes.
Dice onion.
Preheat dutch oven to 325 degrees.
Brown ground beef and onion.
Add potatoes and all cans, undrained.
Cook until potatoes are soft.
Add chili powder, nutmeg, bay leaf, salt, and pepper as you prefer and cook 30 minutes more.

Chicken Breast Dinner

8 chicken breasts
1 cup flour
1 Tbs. poultry seasoning
4 potatoes
4 carrots

Cut potatoes and carrots into 1/2 inch chunks.

Put 1/2 inch of oil in dutch oven and place on coals.

Mix flour and seasonings in plastic bag.
Place 1 chicken breast in bag and shake.
Repeat for each breast.
Put potato chunks in bag and shake.

When oil is hot, add chicken and cook until completely browned.
Drain excess oil from pot.
Add approximately 1/4 inch of water.
Place potatoes and vegetables over chicken.

Cook covered for 1 hour or until chicken is tender. Check periodically to ensure there is always a small amount of water in the bottom.



Capitol Riders Party on 10/31/09
Time: 6:30 PM
Home of Ron and Karen Johnson

Main course will be prime rib. Please bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert item. BYOB
Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

Directions to Johnsons:

From I-5 take Exit 95 (Littlerock Maytown). When you exit from the freeway, go WEST toward the Farm Boy Restaurant and Ritchie Brothers Auction yard. When you come to the FIRST intersection, just past the Farm Boy restaurant, turn LEFT onto Case Road. Go SOUTH on CASE Road 3.2 miles to 163rd Lane on your right. Turn RIGHT onto 163rd Lane and look for our white fence in front on the left and also our farm sign, PRAIRIE RIM FARM. (our place is the 3rd on the left)

Phone: 273-8075

Please email or phone Karen to let her know what your potluck item will be. Thanks!



Calendar of Events for 2009 -

- 10/31/2009 "End of the Trail" potluck / party. Ron & Karen Johnson's 6:30 pm
11/10/2009 General Meeting 7:00 PM Littlerock Fire Department
11/14/2009 Dental Clinic - Trails End, Tumwater - Contact Ritz
12/12/2009 Christmas breakfast and awards presentation 9 am, JJ North Buffet, Olympia
12/13/2009 GH Chapter Christmas party - Westport Winery, 1 pm (JoAnn Yost, joanny540aol.com or 360-482-3257)



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