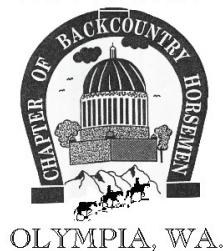


CAPITOL RIDERS



Hoofbeats - October 2010

General meeting - November 2nd, Tootie Crowson - treats

Officer Elections will be held at the general meeting. See minutes for the nominations.



Meeting Minutes

10/5/2010

Littlerock Fire hall

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Meeting called to order by President Steve Russell at 7:05 pm

The August (no September general meeting) minutes were read by Secretary Chris Enrico, motion to approve as read, seconded and passed.



Treasurer Traci Koch gave her report. No changes in the last two months. One outstanding check not cleared yet.



Newsletter / Web - Chris Enrico said he will continue to pull articles off the web for the newsletter. He continues to update the web site.

Dean Hartman said that there are no rides on the calendar. Sandra described the Buck Creek ride out of Enumclaw she went on. You can go ride on their horse or yours.

Carrie asked who would like a winter ride schedule? Traci mentioned Kennedy Creek. There was some discussion about the Kennedy Creek trails. Tom said he would like to schedule Kennedy Creek as a winter ride. Judy mentioned the Shelton fairgrounds. Sandra mentioned "mushroom" rides.



Judy asked if Hunter Tree Farm is available for riding? Traci said yes. Parking is limited. Steve asked if Traci was available to lead rides.

Work Parties - Jeff talked about the October 2nd work party in Capitol Forest. They filled a 30-40 yard dumpster and were back before 1 pm. They had good weather.

On October 23rd the Scattercreek Chapter has a work party at the March Gravel Haul location to finish graveling. Judy said this had been deferred.



On November 13th the DNR is offering volunteer and chainsaw training. DNR will also have Forest Watch training on November 19th.

Jeff said that at the Conflict Resolution meeting the group prioritized the top three issues. Bells, Education Seminars and so on. It was decided to address the horse and bicycle issues.

Ways and Means - Dean said that Joyce will be holding a garage sale "soon". The first Saturday in May.

Social - Nina said nothing is scheduled. She asked if Saturday the 4th would work for a Christmas party. Rob Keyser's place could be available, Anita will look into it and call Chris. (e-mail sent to the membership - December 5th or 12th works for those responding) Anita said the chapter should pay something for the space.

Membership - Sandra said the chapter has 41 members, 40 percent over last year.

Correspondence - Chris mentioned duplicate e-mails. Folks said they could just hit their delete key and not to worry if they are duplicate.

Director - Jeff talked about putting raffle tickets in with the calendars. Traci said it's less work and you make more money. Holding an auction takes loads of work. Jeff described Traci's scenario on calendar and raffle sales with prizes. Tom asked what is the next step. BCHW will redo the proposal to BCHW board.

Jeff said each chapter should have a public lands and education chair.

BCHA is asking members for video that could be part of a BCHA video about the organization. Members are being asked to send something.

On December 5th there is treasurer and membership training at the BCHW board meeting in Ellensburg.

The Christmas party could be held on December 5th or 12th.

No old business.

New business -

Jeff mentioned the new chapter bylaws. Anita asked about changes to the bylaws and could we show old and new in the same document? A discussion took place and it was decided that the older version and the new copy will be provided to all. The chapter does need to vote on the changes.

Nominations for officers -

President - Steve Russell

Vice President - Dean Hartman

Secretary - Barry Russell, Angelle Hickman

Treasurer - Traci Koch

Director - Jeff LaBreck

Alternate Director - Steve Russell

Dean mentioned an continuing education class being put on by Dr Vanzwol. First Aid for horses, et-cetera being put on by the Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department.

Horse Care Seminar

Michael C. Vanzwol, D.V.M. from Evergreen Equine Clinic of Olympia will once again lead a series of seminars pertaining to horse care. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Seminar Topics:

October 6 - Dentistry: Abnormalities associated with teeth and the horse's mouth, aging horses by their teeth, how preventative dentistry can improve your horse's behavior, performance and life.

October 20 - Hoof and Foot Care - Learn about proper foot care, hoof balance, shoeing, and foot problems.

November 3 - Colic: If you've ever lost, or nearly lost, a horse to colic you know first hand how serious this condition can quickly become. Learn the causes, prevention and management of colic by attending this seminar.

Nov 17 - Equine Sports Medicine: A discussion of decreased performance and exercise intolerance in the working horse with a review of causes, testing and diagnostics, and treatments.

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 7:30pm—9:00pm

Cost: \$10 per Seminar, \$35 for Series

Location: Tumwater City Hall

Please call Dr. Vanzwol, (360)534-9903, with questions regarding class content.

Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Enrico
Secretary, Capitol Riders.

Traci entertained an idea at the meeting concerning cards and flowers. Since we are not supposed to be using chapter funds for this we can pull \$50 out for cards and flowers. The 501(3)c does not allow for cards and flowers. Jeff made the suggestion to take up a donation for a “slush” fund and a hat was quickly passed around.

Sandra mentioned she had 3 door prizes for the evening.

September 25, 2010 Directors Meeting Ellensburg, WA

We were very lucky to have the opportunity to sit in traffic on the eastside of Snoqualmie Pass for about an hour while the construction crews cleared blasting rubble.

1. Traci Koch and myself arrived at the in progress meeting at 9:35 am.
2. Michael Mahaffey gave a report on business sponsorship. He approached 7 corporations and found them to be receptive. Ken Carmichael moved that we adopt a 6 point plan to get the sponsorship plan developed, motion carried.
3. Teri Starke gave the Treasurers Report and passed out the 2011 Budget proposal and went over it.
4. Trygve Culp gave the BCHA Report and talked about trail management objectives. He said we will have training at leadership for Trail Bosses on trail classes. The USFS INFRA Report has each trail in each district and its classification. It looks like volunteers will be able to chain saw certify other volunteers.
5. Mike McGlenn is on the Executive Committee of BCHA. The National Meeting in 2011 will be in Butte, Montana. BCHA has made some very good Legislative and USFS progress.
6. Several chapters have donated 10% of their net proceeds to BCHW.
7. Mike McGlenn, Dave Jackson, Ken Carmichael, Jeff Chapman and Jeanne Paddock are on the long term Strategic Plan Committee with Ken as chair. The Sponsor Salesperson Training Committee will be Mike Mahaffey, Jeanne Paddock and Darrell Wallace.
8. Directors and State Officers must estimate their volunteer hours for 2011.
9. Darrell Wallace said all chapter expenses should be mission related. Equine expenses should be okay.
10. Dave Swanberg gave the 2011 Rendezvous Report. Steve Rother and Barb Apple are tentative clinicians for Friday and Saturday. Cowboy Mounted Shooters are interested. We should have homeopathic medicine demonstrations. THN will put donations, donators and confirmed vendors in the March issue. Ellensburg Best Western has discounted rooms for December and March Meetings. Rick Shaeffer will entertain Friday night. Contact Dick Bailey at 360-264-2800 or dbailey@scattercreek.com with any potential vendors.
11. Dave Swanberg reported on the Calendar Raffle, much discussion , no motion, Dave will be back in December with a revised proposal.
12. Dave Jackson moved to adopt the Standing Rule regarding new chapter adoption, motion carried.
13. Heather Moorman and Dave Jackson discussed the Membership Application privacy statement. After much discussion, Dave Jackson moved we remove the privacy statement from the BCHW Membership Application, motion carried.
14. Jeff Chapman talked about Public Lands and the Columbia Gorge Trail issue. He moved to oppose and challenge an unfavorable USFS decision administratively, motion carried. Every chapter should have a Public Lands Person to work with Public Lands and distribute information.
15. Lori Lennox submitted the Awards Report that we will discuss with our members and bring ideas to the December Meeting.
16. Jane Byram wants us to be sure and show the LNT Safety DVD to our chapters. She said that each chapter should have a person on the Education Committee. Trygve Culp said there will be training at the December Meeting for new Treasurers and Membership Committee people.
17. The Public Lands grant has been in place for 2010 and will go thru 2011.

18. Heather Moorman gave the Membership Report and will be working on the 2011 Membership Application. Heather has moved and has a new address. Chapters should be using the dues form from March with the new address.
19. Dick Yarboro said that THN article size has been increased to 600 words with pictures.
20. Website decision was made to not put things that were not BCHW business on the website.
21. If a land manager needs an Additional Insured (AI) for your event then send an application with \$55 to Jeanne Paddock. We need to find out how many AI's we need for 2011 for the December Meeting.
22. Bob Brooke talked about the Lobbyist issue. Bob suggested a State Net computer program for bill tracking, this comprises 80% of what the lobbyist does for BCHW. Dave Jackson moved that we have a 2 year contract with State Net for \$1950.00 per year and a Fee for Service Retainer with Gjurrasic and Kohl for \$100.00, motion carried.
23. Jennifer Quan talked about WDFW and their lands in the state. WDFW focus is changing from just hunters and fishermen to include other users like hiking, equine, paragliding and others. Jeff Taylor talked about WDFW Land Acquisitions and the importance of them for public use. Cindi Confer gave a presentation about WDFW Elk Fencing in the Wenas and the additional gate issue. Much discussion with WDFW wanting BCHW to help the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAG) with access recommendations.
24. Mark Mauren talked about how DNR and WDFW are working together to lift the lid on gas tax funding. He discussed the need for user fees in light of budget cuts.
25. Bob Brooke said each chapter should have a Legislative Chair to keep the chapter informed.
26. Mike McGlenn mentioned the Dennis Dailey BCHA Public Land DVD for \$12.50 and recommended each chapter purchasing it.
27. BCHW got a lot of credibility for advocatong for the need that we have for the NOVA Funding.
28. Teri Starke moved to move funds from 2010 accounts identified earlier into the 2010 lobbyist and services items. Much discussion, motion carried.
29. Bring a list of new chapter officers to the December Meeting and send new Bylaws to Teunis Wyers.
30. On December 3 at 3:15 pm there will be a Packers Meeting to discuss addressing packing for grants and including it in the payment schedule.
31. All chapter expense receipts should be sent to Teri Starke.
32. Ken Carmichael said that Deb Wallace is the new State Parks Trail Person, she is a horse person and is applying for the Director's position.
33. Traci Koch made a plea for the Calendar Raffle.
34. BCHW Rendezvous 2011 theme and logo winner was announced.
35. It was decided to have breakfast, coffee and snacks available to purchase from Cascade Grill at Board Meetings.
36. All Chapter Newsletters should be sent to the President.
37. Darrell Wallace adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm. A nice sunny drive home with no construction delays.

Jeff LaBreck
 Director

9/28 and 9/30 DNR Meetings

9/28/10 Conflict Resolution Meeting

1. Meeting called to order with introductions all around at 6:00 pm. The attendees were 17 bicycle, 16 equine and 4 other.
2. Phil Wolff and Brian Poehlein talked about a variety of ideas and stressed the practicality and cost effectiveness of each idea.
3. Colored dots were passed out and each attendee had 3 dots to place on the three ideas that they liked the most.
4. The ideas that received the most dots were: 1. Bells on horses and bikes. 2. Education Seminars, 3. Basic education signage at trailheads, 4. Educational handouts, 5. Better brushing, 6. Trail segregation, 7. Trails labeled by difficulty.
5. DNR will take this information back for evaluation and we will have another meeting to discuss the results.

9/30/10 User Group Meeting

1. Discussed Ecology Day on Saturday October 2 at Tacoma Trailcruisers property.
2. There were 4 additional Capitol Forest events this year. The March 1 deadline worked well and we had 33 functions this year, some needed permits and some were small and did not need permits. Much discussion followed, bring your 2011 events to the November 18 meeting.
3. DNR is having Volunteer and Chainsaw Training November 13 at the DNR compound.
4. Forest Watch Patrol is going forward and there will be training on November 19.
5. DNR has quite a few recycled materials that can be used on other campground projects such as camp host shelters, water system and other similar projects.
6. We had about 40 people at the Conflict Meeting on 9/28. Got many general ideas, some universal ones were Brushing, Signage and Education.
7. DNR got a grant from Yamaha to replace a bridge at Straddleline. Reroute of Lost Valley Loop will come out on Trail #20 just South of the second bridge. This reroute is being worked on by the Cedar Creek Crew. The reroute is about 2 ½ miles long.
8. Mima Falls Campground and Trailhead are going to be logged from January to April to get the Fir Trees with root rot safely down.
9. New DNR Volunteer Forms are available and we are to use them and recycle any old ones that we have.

Jeff LaBreck
 Director

Hoofprint miles are due at the end of October! Submit to Jeff LaBreck as soon as possible. Also, **volunteer hours** for the year are due. Please submit those to Jeff. PO Box 716 Tenino WA 98589-0716 or e-mail wildhorses@scattercreek.com

ROPING A DEER

Author unknown - probably for good reason

Actual letter from someone who farms, writes well and tried this:

I had this idea that I could rope a deer, put it in a stall, feed it up on corn for a couple of weeks, then kill it and eat it. The first step in this adventure was getting a deer. I figured that, since they congregate at my cattle feeder and do not seem to have much fear of me when we are there (a bold one will sometimes come right up and sniff at the bags of feed while I am in the back of the truck not 4 feet away), it should not be difficult to rope one, get up to it and toss a bag over its head (to calm it down) then hog tie it and transport it home.

I filled the cattle feeder then hid down at the end with my rope. The cattle, having seen the roping thing before, stayed well back. They were not having any of it. After about 20 minutes, my deer showed up-- 3 of them. I picked out a likely looking one, stepped out from the end of the feeder, and threw my rope. The deer just stood there and stared at me. I wrapped the rope around my waist and twisted the end so I would have a good hold.

The deer still just stood and stared at me, but you could tell it was mildly concerned about the whole rope situation. I took a step towards it, it took a step away. I put a little tension on the rope .., and then received an education. The first thing that I learned is that, while a deer may just stand there looking at you funny while you rope it, they are spurred to action when you start pulling on that rope.

That deer EXPLODED. The second thing I learned is that pound for pound, a deer is a LOT stronger than a cow or a colt. A cow or a colt in that weight range I could fight down with a rope and with some dignity. A deer -- no chance.

That thing ran and bucked and twisted and pulled. There was no controlling it and certainly no getting close to it. As it

jerked me off my feet and started dragging me across the ground, it occurred to me that having a deer on a rope was not nearly as good an idea as I had originally imagined. The only upside is that they do not have as much stamina as many other animals.

A brief 10 minutes later, it was tired and not nearly as quick to jerk me off my feet and drag me when I managed to get up. It took me a few minutes to realize this, since I was mostly blinded by the blood flowing out of the big gash in my head. At that point, I had lost my taste for corn-fed venison. I just wanted to get that devil creature off the end of that rope.

I figured if I just let it go with the rope hanging around its neck, it would likely die slow and painfully somewhere. At the time, there was no love at all between me and that deer. At that moment, I hated the thing, and I would venture a guess that the feeling was mutual. Despite the gash in my head and the several large knots where I had cleverly arrested the deer's momentum by bracing my head against various large rocks as it dragged me across the ground, I could still think clearly enough to recognize that there was a small chance that I shared some tiny amount of responsibility for the situation we were in. I didn't want the deer to have to suffer a slow death, so I managed to get it lined back up in between my truck and the feeder - a little trap I had set before hand....kind of like a squeeze chute. I got it to back in there and I started moving up so I could get my rope back.

Did you know that deer bite?

They do! I never in a million years would have thought that a deer would bite somebody, so I was very surprised when ... I reached up there to grab that rope and the deer grabbed hold of my wrist. Now, when a deer bites you, it is not like being bit by a horse where they just bite you and then let go. A deer bites you and shakes its head--almost like a pit bull. They bite HARD and it hurts.

The proper thing to do when a deer bites you is probably to freeze and draw back slowly. I tried screaming and shaking instead. My method was ineffective.

It seems like the deer was biting and shaking for several minutes, but it was likely only several seconds. I, being smarter than a deer (though you may be questioning that claim by now), tricked it. While I kept it busy tearing the tendons out of my right arm, I reached up with my left hand and pulled that rope loose.

That was when I got my final lesson in deer behavior for the day.

Deer will strike at you with their front feet. They rear right up on their back feet and strike right about head and shoulder level, and their hooves are surprisingly sharp. I learned a long time ago that, when an animal --like a horse --strikes at you with their hooves and you can't get away easily, the best thing to do is try to make a loud noise and make an aggressive move towards the animal. This will usually cause them to back down a bit so you can escape.

This was not a horse. This was a deer, so obviously, such trickery would not work. In the course of a millisecond, I devised a different strategy. I screamed like a woman and tried to turn and run. The reason I had always been told NOT to try to turn and run from a horse that paws at you is that there is a good chance that it will hit you in the back of the head. Deer may not be so different from horses after all, besides being twice as strong and 3 times as evil, because the second I turned to run, it hit me right in the back of the head and knocked me down.

Now, when a deer paws at you and knocks you down, it does not immediately leave. I suspect it does not recognize that the danger has passed. What they do instead is paw your back and jump up and down on you while you are laying there crying like a little girl and covering your head.

I finally managed to crawl under the truck and the deer went away. So now I know why when people go deer hunting they bring a rifle with a scope to sort of even the odds.

All these events are true so help me God... An Educated Rancher



Calendar (partial) of Events for 2010 -

- Nov 2 General Meeting, Littlerock Fire Hall, 7:00 pm
- Nov 6 Dental clinic, Ritz Duchesne
- Nov 13 DNR volunteer and chainsaw training
- Nov 19 DNR Forest Watch training
- Dec 3 BCHW, USFS & State Land Managers Meeting, Ellensburg
- Dec 4 BCHW Board of Directors Meeting, Ellensburg

- Dec 7 General Meeting, Littlerock Fire Hall, 7:00 pm
- or
- Dec 5th or 12 - Christmas Party



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