

CAPITOL
RIDERS



OLYMPIA, WA.

HOOFBEATS

OCTOBER 2014



Next meeting October 7th 7 pm
Karen, treats and coffee

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Officers for 2014

Norman Green - President
Peggy Tucker - Vice President
Deborah Green - Treasurer
Chris Enrico - Secretary
Karen Johnson - Director
Sue Koch - Alt. Director

Chris Enrico - Newsletter
Chris Enrico - Web
Chris Enrico - Legislative
Connie Bailey - Membership
Connie Bailey - Communications
Chris Enrico - Communications
Carrie Russell - Rides
Dean Hartman - Rides
Norman Green - Work Parties
Connie Bailey - Social
Peggy Tucker - Hoofprints

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Mission :

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

www.capitolriders.org (with a link to our Facebook page)

Meet monthly at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW (larger of the two meeting rooms). Please verify the meeting by either going to the chapter web site and the Events page, or call 360-459-4759.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 7 pm at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA.

Nominations for ALL chapter officer positions are open and must be filled. Those positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director and Alternate Director.

Normally the Alternate Director position would go another year but we've learned from Sue Koch that she and David wish to sell their horses.

Three officers are willing to stay on board creating the need to fill the President, Treasurer and Alternate Director positions. As Sue had one more year to go and the Alternate Director position gets elected on alternate years as Director, we need someone to fill it for one year at this time.

The Alternate Director attends the BCHW board meetings in Ellensburg if the Director is not able to attend.

The President is almost a "figurehead" but would set meeting agendas, run the meetings, and perform other administrative tasks in addition to running meetings.

Please continue to get your volunteer hours in to Deb Hall at the end of every month. hallsmith@comcast.net or bring to the meeting.

Some of you have been going on rides and camp outs. Sure would be great if you could share your photos and provide a short write-up about your trip! You have my email address. You may get a personal request from me.

Do you have any 2015 calendars sold yet? Karen brought some back from Ellensburg and will be passing them out at the meeting. They are not hard to sell at all. What you have to do is mention them to all you might come in contact with. For me the raffle ticket is a bigger part of the sale.

Here is my spiel (again) and feel free to use it. "It is a unique raffle. The winning ticket goes back into the box so even if you win one month, you have more chances. January through November the winner gets \$300 and December it's \$3,000. With only 1,300 calendars being

sold the odds are far better than the lottery. Plus you get the calendar complete with scenic photos and room to write notes on each day's block."

Summer is over and we are headed into the wet season. But after that long dry warm summer we need all the damp we can get now. For one it'll put out any remaining wildfires out there.

October 4th is a scheduled day ride at Kennedy Creek. This is the Saturday before the meeting. We don't know at this time who may be leading it (so it may not happen.)

The last ride of the year is the BCHW Wine Ride in Zillah. **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** The chapters will get a percentage of the proceeds so help Capitol Riders out by volunteering to help park rigs, baby-sit stock while riders drink wine, or whatever else may be needed.

We still need to schedule work parties. Manure bin clean out, trail brushing. You know, the usual.

For those who have been following the Enchanted Valley Chalet developments, it's been moved 110 feet where it will stay for the winter. The park will reassess the situation next spring and decide the best option. Mules were not used in the move but only to carry supplies.

Yours truly has officially retired so will now have more time to devote to BCHW (maybe). In any case it gives me more flexibility. At some point in the future I may decide it's time to pack up and move to Cle Elum where I'll be a lot closer to all the rest of my family.

Putting this newsletter together still comes hard however. That is where your stories would be nice to have (did I already say that?)

A REQUEST from Carrie Russell - Please submit to Carrie a list of at least two places you would like to ride or camp at for next year. This has been another disappointing year for scheduled events. Not many took advantage of either day rides or camp outs. This tends to make it frustrating and one begins to wonder if it's all worth the bother. Carrie's contact info is available on request or the web site.

Currently Scheduled Events - partial for 2014

October

- 4 - chapter day ride - Kennedy Creek
- 7 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm (officer nominations)
- 25 - Wine Ride, Zillah
- 26 - National Mule Day

November

- 4 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm (officer elections)
- 13 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater (2015 event schedule will be set)
- 30 - Capitol Forest closes to Horses (Equine Loop open including trail from Margaret McKenny Campground)

December

- 5 - BCHW, USFS & State Land Managers meeting - Ellensburg
- 6 - 4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors meeting - Ellensburg
- 13 - National Day of the Horse
- TBD - Chapter Christmas Party

Capitol Riders of BCHW Potluck & Meeting

Home of Ron and Karen Johnson

September 2, 2014

“A quorum to conduct chapter business requires fifty percent of the Board to be present, one of whom must be the President or Vice President.” – Chapter bylaws

Neither officer was present.

What follows are not official meeting minutes and any motions approved are invalid! (one concerning calendars)

17 in attendance with one guest – Bud Blake (running for county commissioner), and 2 honorary members and guest.

Karen Johnson told the group how much was in the chapter bank account (we are solvent) and that there is nothing outstanding.

Karen went on to mention that the BCHW member dues cutoff is January 1st.

She also mentioned the following so far as volunteer awards – A chapter or the state organization is not allowed to use money for gift certificates or cash awards.

Karen also said the Wine Ride still needs volunteers.

Chris Enrico mentioned the newsletter and web site. Someone (sorry didn't write it down) suggested including member spotlights in the newsletter.

As Peggy Ticker was not present, Karen asked that members keep track of their miles ridden and get them to Peggy by November 1st.

Deb Hall has a few people yet to get volunteer hours from.

Carrie Russell told the group that Dean Hartman had hurt his back and couldn't ride at Kalama for two days. Carrie also said “Don't miss the falls!”

She also said that there has been ONE chapter camp out so far this year. Carrie asks that members send her a list of at least two places they want to go to.

Vivian Eason told the group to start wearing brighter colors while riding (hunting season). She also suggested having a clinic with equestrians and bikers.

Sue Koch had a flyer for a clinic at the Scatter Creek arena. It's on 10/18-19. Chris will scan and post. (Sue subsequently sent Chris a PDF of the flyer which he distributed via email).

Karen will bring treats for the October meeting.

From the DNR User Group meeting: 9/11/14

DNR is applying for grants soon. They need a \$21,000 in match from volunteers to fund 4 bridges on the non-motorized section. Our volunteer hours are rated at \$15/hour. We signed onto the grant applications which means we will help to support the construction of the bridges. The grant hearings will be sometime between 10/2 and 10/10 at the Natural Resource Building (1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia). The dates and times will be determined. You can attend to speak in support of one or more grants.

DNR personnel are currently working to install culverts to divert water away from the Lost Valley trail. The trail had some dangerous spots which are much better now! (Ride it while it's dry before the rains begin!)

There will be logging sometime this fall and winter near the D4000 road/Lost Valley. Be aware of truck traffic!

Event planning for next year will take place at the next User Group meeting November 13th, 6:00 PM. There will be no events scheduled prior to June 1 or on holiday weekends in 2015.

To get a schedule of Capitol Forest events go to capitolriders.org under Events.

Legislative “stuff”

There will be a BCHW lobby day and a Big Tent lobby day.

Recreation is vulnerable including grant funds while the Legislature tries to deal with education funding in light of the recent involvement of the Supreme Court.

There will also be in-depth discussions once again on private land fees/liability, Discover Pass/State Parks, and the other matters which have shown up over the last several sessions.

DNR has been holding meetings around the state (the DNR region we are in, South Puget Sound, had a meeting in Issaquah) to help decide trail policy. Our Director Karen Johnson and other BCHW members attended the one being held in Battle Ground (Pacific Cascade Region). Equestrians were well represented.

Congress passed a Continuing Resolution funding government at current levels until December 11th. This will mean that everything will continue to work until December 11th, being after the elections. RTP will get a part-year allocation. One of the bills that may likely come up when Congress resumes after the elections is a renewal of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS), perhaps combined programs. These are important programs to Counties, to roads, and to the USFS.

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant list is out and BCHW has been reviewing it. Most all trail projects are rail trails around the state including the Spruce Railroad, Naches, Ferry County, Foothills and Willapa Hills trails. The Kalama Falls WDFW acquisition grant proposal for a riding area near Kalama horse camp rated at the bottom of its category again which once again means it may be out of reach.

Of the Natural Area projects, the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve is second on the list in that category so it may get some money. *“The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to purchase 80 acres. The project area will increase protection for one of the few remaining high-quality salt marsh communities in Puget Sound, including vital habitat for migrating shorebirds and salmon. It includes the protection of a segment of Schneider Creek which supports the health of the salt marsh ecosystems. The site is located off Highway 101 near the Mason-Thurston County line, approximately 12 miles west of Olympia. The priority parcels will add to the protection of high priority natural heritage features in the statewide system of natural areas by adding to the existing natural area. It will provide opportunities for education and research.”* As you can see this project will not impact the use of the trails upland of the marsh area.

Of interest to those of you in the south county, the State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Projects category has at the top of the list Grassland Restoration in South Puget Sound. *“Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie and West Rocky Prairie are home to rare plants, animals, and plant communities of remnant South Puget Sound grasslands and oak woodlands. They are of concern to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department of Natural Resources in that they are degrading from pressures from invasive species. The WWRP project goal is to restore these rare habitats emphasizing needs for federal and state listed threatened and endangered plants and animals and WDFW’s Species of Greatest Conservation Need. This 2-year project will a) acquire native seeds and transplants, b) prepare areas for seeding (prescribed fire, herbicide), c) conduct seeding and plug planting, d) control exotic grasses and forbs, and e) conduct integrated Scot’s broom control. Other actions include oak release at three sites, and Oregon spotted frog habitat enhancement at West Rocky Prairie. WDFW, WADNR, Joint Base Lewis McChord, and the Center for Natural Land Management have built a partnership to provide a diversity of native species for direct seeding in grassland and oak woodland restoration in south Puget Sound. This is a cooperative project due to identical restoration needs, that saves time and money by avoiding redundancies in staffing, contracting, and seed source development.”*

Come Join Us!

To join or renew your membership with BCHW, complete this application:

- Please PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Sign the LIABILITY RELEASE (all members over 18).
- Make checks out to CAPITOL RIDERS.
- Give or mail the application to :

Chris Enrico
 4809 24th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-3252



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

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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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: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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