



October
2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We just returned from the Director's meeting in Ellensburg on Saturday so now I'm trying to catch up on my reports and correspondence. It was a very busy meeting. The 2012 Rendezvous Committee members were finalized, the 2012 BCHW budget was presented and approved. Margaret Hartzell of the Wenatchee-Okanogan Forest Plan Revision Team leader gave a power point presentation of the revision plan, and the nominees for the 2012 BCHW were approved by the Directors.

The officer nominees for BCHW are Bob Gish, President; our very own Trygve Culp Vice President; Darrell Wallace, BCHA Alternate Director; Janelle Wilson, Secretary; and Teri Starke, Treasurer. Congratulations to Trygve, as I know he will do an excellent job as the BCHW Vice President. The voting of officers will take place at the December meeting.

Earlier this month on Labor Day weekend, we held our camp-out/trail rides at 14 mile TH. There were 11 riders on Sat., of which 7 members were from the NE Chapter. We had a loop ride of approx. 12 miles in the Loomis Forest to the Cold Springs Look-out. On Sun. a group made a day ride up into the Pasayten Wilderness. There should be a more detailed report in the newsletter.

Last weekend there was a joint ride with the Ferry Co. Chapter. Seven riders rode up the Maple Mtn. trail and back down to the Sweat Creek Th. Three others waited at the campground and the afternoon finished with relaxing, conversation and a BBQ steak and potluck dinner.

There will be one more scheduled ride on the first weekend in October and we will close out the month with a Halloween dance party on Friday Oct. 28th. More details to follow. Hope to see you there.

Dave

Leave No Trace



OCTOBER 2011 TRAIL BOSS REPORT BY TOM WINDSOR

September is history with two major rides/activities being successful and enjoyable for those who participated. The 14 Mile ride and campout was successful with members from our chapter and the Northeast Chapter all reporting a good time with no major problems. The Maple Mt. to Sweat Creek ride was enjoyed by members of both the Okanogan Valley Chapter and Ferry County Chapter. The potluck at Sweat Creek Picnic area was a hit with everyone after the ride.

The only scheduled ride for October is the Fall Color Ride in the Soap Lake area on the Colville Indian Reservation on Saturday 8 October. Contact Stan Kvistad (826-1421) for additional information on this ride.

Despite the late spring and late snow melt, we did manage to get quite a few miles of trail cleared this summer. The only trails not cleared to date are the trail from Snowshoe Cabin to Snowshoe Meadow and the Border Camp Trail from Snowshoe Meadow east to the end of the Jeep Road in the Loomis Forest.

I spent a day working with the DNR crew of Buck Sylvester and Chris Marcolin hauling cement and building forms for a new bridge on the North Fork Trail in the Loomis Forest. This bridge is scheduled for completion prior to snow fall this year. Chris Marcolin did some additional work on the Johnny Beall Trail with a mini-excavator in September. This is a multiple use trail (foot, horse and snowmobile) and is now in good shape for foot and horse traffic and a little better for snowmobile traffic.

Tom Windsor
Trail Boss
826-4595

VOLUNTEER HOURS

**If you have any July volunteer hours, please turn them in now.
If you have any make-up hours from past months, this would also
be a good time to turn those in.
Call or email Peggy Swanberg at
486-1170 davenpeg@gdimail.net**

SEPTEMBER MINUTES
BY
SEC. CHER BOWER

Sept. 21, 2011 The meeting was called To order at 7:03 by our Pres. Dave Swanberg. Our guest speaker for the night was Dale Olson from the Tonasket Ranger Dist. He discussed the



Forest Plan Revision that is being written. The last day for comments will be Sept 28. A draft DES will follow with another comment period and environmental discussion. Hopefully it will be completed by 2013. Some of the topics were the new management areas, motorized and non motorized, 100,000 acres of new wilderness and boundary changes for management. A question from Dave Sunde concerning the last meeting with Margaret Hartzel and her reference to Chapter 70 was asked. Dale will look into what this says and get back to us. Peggy Swanberg told him about the cattle guard at Wilcox Trailhead. It has no wings and it needs to be double or 16' for safety reasons.

MINUTES OF Aug. meeting; Motion to approve by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Gail Sunde. Approved

TREASURERS REPORT: The report was given by Cathy Kvistad. There is some confusion over monies from calendar sales to be sorted out. We are solvent. Dave Sunde moved to approve Trygve Culp 2nd. Approved.

Reports

Director: See Newsletter

Trail Boss: See Newsletter, Tom Windsor stated that he had a 4' cross cut saw that he would offer to the chapter for \$100.00. Peggy Swanberg moved to purchase it and Gail Sunde 2nd. After discussion as to if we would really use it a vote was taken. It was opposed. Dave Sunde will buy it.

LEGISLATIVE: Nothing to report.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Peggy reminded us to get our August Hours in.

OVC SUPER RAFFLE: Dave Sunde stated that we are 1/2 way to breaking even with our expenses. We need to sell more tickets. They are available from Dave Sunde.

14 MILE CAMP/RIDE: Tryg Culp commented on the first part of the weekend. He and Daryl rode into Horseshoe basin and camped for three days. Dave Swanberg commented on the ride to the Cold Creek Campground and back. We had 11 riders, 7 were from the Chapter in the Spokane area. Several ladies made a loop ride on Sunday and a few people rode on Monday before packing up. It was a great weekend, good weather, Great Food (Dutch oven cooking) and good people to enjoy the weekend with.

NO HOST DINNER AT HOMETOWN PIZZA: Gail Sunde stated that we had 10 people in attendance. She reminded us that if we have signed up and cannot make it to let her know so she can contact the restaurant. We had a nice visit and ended up with ice cream at DQ. Gail suggested that we should think about not going there next year. She had to make the reservations a year in advance and this year the service was not as good as it has been.

Sept minutes continued....

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SWEAT CR/MAPLEMT. RIDE/STEAK DINNER: Tryg Culp reported that everyone had a great ride and a good time and the steaks and potluck dinner was very good

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

PURCHASE TABLES AND FIRE RINGS –WILCOX TH. Stan Kvistad thinks that we can do this ourselves and he volunteered to do the welding. Tryg C. talked to Jerry Kreshaw and he will get the Forest Service Specs to him for a quote. Dave Taylor said he used tractor wheels and they worked well. We will gather more information and talk about it later.

NEWBUSINESS; FALL COLOR RIDE/SOAP LAKE SAT 10-8 Stan Kvistad will be in charge and directions will be in the newsletter. This will be a 3-4 hour ride with a potluck following.

2012 OVC OFFICER NOMINATIONS AT OCT. MTG.; Dave Swanberg stated that we would need nominations for the President position as he was not going to run again. Gail Sunde is stepping down from the Social Director position and Cher Bower said if it was agreeable to split the Secretary position she would run again.. Tryg.C stated that he would be willing to be Sec. during Cher's absence.

COMING EVENTS;

BOARD MEETING SEPT. 24 ELLENSBURG

HALLOWEEN PARTY FRI. 10/28 WAUCONDA HALL; Gail Sunde informed us that all in in order for our Pot Luck, Desert Auction and Dance. She encourages us to wear costumes. We will not have to decorate because the Wauconda people will be having a dance the next night and they will decorate, We are looking into hiring a band or possibly DJ Dan from Oroville. More later.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER;

Cathy Kvistad questioned why the state training required to hold the Treasures position was paid for by the individual while other officers had their expenses paid by the club. Tryg made a motion that any officer required to attend state training be reimbursed for mileage at the IRS rate. Gail Sunde 2nd. After discussion the motion was amended to state that any officer that was required to attend any BCHW Function be reimbursed for mileage at the IRS rate. Dave Sunde 2nd. Motion passed. (continued on next page)

Minutes Continues

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER;

Andrea Haberman suggested that we do a Fundraiser like the wine tasting and dinner that Stan and Cathy K. did the Dutch Oven cooking for in Oroville. She reported that everyone she talked to had a great time and that they would come again. This would be easier than selling raffle tickets and fun for all. Something to think about.

Dave Sunde said that a hiker he met while on his return on Ed's Mt. was very happy with the Totes Coulee signs.

Peggy S. said she had comments by people who appreciated the website and signs.

Peggy said there needs to be a meeting to get organized for the Sweetheart Auction and Slide show at the CCC on Jan 29. We will ask for donations and try and get new members.

BUDGET AND PLANNING MEETING NOV. 21 11:00 AT Dave Sunde's house. Everyone welcome and bring ideas.

SNOWPEAK CABIN CAMPOUT' Tryg stated that we have the cabin for a campout in July. He is going to try and get 2 nights and let us know the dates.

HANGMAN FLAT HITCHING RAILS COMPLETED; Stan Kvistad stated that the work had been completed by Darwood Packers. There was some confusion in the final price to be paid. They had been quoted \$800.00. Tryg made a motion to pay the \$800. and make up the difference from the treasury. 2nd by Dave Sunde.

14 MILE TRAILHEAD; Peggy suggested that we do clearing for Highlines in the back of the campground for a more private horse camp area.

Andrea H. said she talked to two ladies who were walking on the Wilcox trail and they were really pleased with the work we had done.

October Business Meeting Refreshments provided by Dave and Sally Taylor.

Tryg moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sally Taylor 2nd. Adjourned at 8:50

Respectively Submitted, Cher Bower, Secretary

MOTION AMENDMENT: My Robert's Rules Guru tell me this is the proper way to handle this issue. I would like to modify the motion made at the Sept. meeting regarding reimbursement for travel by officer/members or attach some guidelines for the process. This is apparently easily done with a motion that can be passed or rejected by a simple majority vote at the next membership meeting as long as you have all been notified that this issue will be presented at the October meeting. Thus, you are all subsequently notified by this article

**A NOTE FROM YOUR SILENT VICE PRES.
STAN KVISTAD.....**

Has everyone had a good Summer? Mine has been the Pits, all work and no play, Oh Well the bills are paid. Two things prompt me to write this. As Vice Pres. It is my job to inform everyone **Chapter Elections** are coming up—Nominations will be at the **October** Meeting and the Election will be at the **November** meeting.

Our President, **Dave Swanberg** is moving up and on Ward at the State Level. Dave has done an excellent job and I could go on for a whole page on his **Accomplishments, Leadership, and Enthusiasm** Thank

I am not sure what **Trygve** will be doing at the Director Level, but I think Trail Boss will be open which will be more **Big shoes** to fill. **Thank You Tom.** And I think a full time or maybe part time Secretary as **Cher** will be headed South for the Winter. **Thank you Cher.**

So as you see there will be some seats available for **YOU.**

Next our **Fall Color Ride** will be changed to the Chiliwist. Ride out of our place (**615 Chiliwist Rd.**) up and around Lower Thrapp Mt. . Mostly old logging roads with great views of the Chiliwist and as we go around we'll see the Sawtooths and up to Gardner Mt. The route will be a Level 1 and is O.K. . For unshod stock. A Chili Feed Potluck to follow.

We will, or I should say, My Wife Cathy will provide the Chili, so just bring a side dish and you lawn chairs....OH YEAH TRYGVE, BRING THE MATCHES...MAYBE WE CAN PRACTICE OUR "LEAVE NO TRACE LOW IMPACT, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BONFIRE SKILLS."

Got Questions call 826-1421.

See you Saturday Oct. 8, on the trail..

Stan Kvistad
Vice Pres. OVBCH



HELLO

ANYBODY OUT THERE??????

We are in the final months of selling our Okanogan Valley Chapter
ter

Super Raffle Tickets and we still have a long way to go to sell all
the tickets.

As of this writing, we have only sold 30% o our 400 tickets.
Remember, this is our only fund raiser for 2011 and if we do not
sell all the tickets, our chapter will have to dip into our small
reserve funds soon.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Dec. 3rd at the Holiday
Bazaar at the CCC in Tonasket. Winners need not be present to
win.

The Chapter needs your help, please consider taking a packet of
5 or more tickets and sell them to you r friends, relatives,
Neighbors or new found friends.

I know some of our members do not like to sell tickets, but
please reconsider. If we do not raise funds through fundraising
efforts, we will not be able to uphold our Mission Statement of
keeping our public lands and trails open for all to enjoy.

Please take the time and make the effort to do your part with
ticket selling. Your help will be greatly appreciated by me and
your fellow members.

Thank You in Advance,

Dave Swanberg, your Chapter President

SWEETHEART AUCTION

Preliminary decisions regarding the January 29 Sweetheart Auction are already in the works, stated Chairperson Peggy Swanberg. As many of you remember it was voted thru the Chapter to try a different venue for this event . The first meeting for planning and structure will be in November at Peggy's home, at a date to be set soon.

Some Committee heads are set and they are as follows:

Trygve Culp, Mc, dialog, picture narratives

Dave Sunde, Managing computer photos

Gail Sunde, Dinner Menu

Nora Rappe', Publicity

Cathy Kvistad, Dessert Auction

Stan Kvistad, Entertainment

Rae Morris, Program narrative, publicity

Mark Morris, Photo segment from his vast experience in Ok .Nat'l Forrest

Dave and Peg, Resurrecting old Chapter displays

We still need opinion on presentation of membership forms or donation forms

We still need opinion on possible door prize

Any other suggestions? 486-1170

Call now and let Peggy know your interested in helping in some way.

This is our opportunity to make some money (**outside our membership**) ,Have some fun and show the public what we are all about.

2012 BCHW RAFFLE CALELNDARS

The Chapter still has several unsold 2012 Raffle Calendars. These calendars are \$20. each and come with an enclosed raffle ticket good for monthly drawings throughout 2012 . The monthly prize is \$300.

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Please Contact Dave Sunde (486-1547 or Dave Swanberg (486-1107 for information or to purchase calendars

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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