

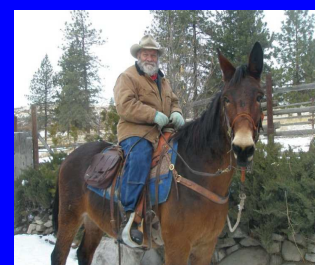


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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
NEWSLETTER**

**July 2012**

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Well Folks,

Another 4th of July come and gone.

Our June meeting at Tonasket Park was a dandy, Bar-B-Q'd Chicken, which was different. But people seemed to like it. The July meeting will probably be at the Stampede grounds, watch for further notice.

We'll have Burgers and Hot Dogs.

The reason behind these park meetings is to get more people at the meeting, you don't have to hurry to grab diner, we're providing the hot dogs and burgers and don't feel obligated to bring a side dish, if you can fine, but this is to make it easier on our members.

I will leave Dave Sunde to give you the details on work parties. Two bridges at Whistler Canyon are passable and just need a few more spikes and approach work which Dave and Jessica should finish up soon.

The Chiliwist ride was a flop, if you missed it you missed a dandy ride . Nobody showed but me, Ah well maybe next time.

It's an inconvenience, working for a living, but I will be in touch and available, Cathy will keep me in tune to what is going on.

God Bless.....Stan

## **OVCBCHW MINUTES    JUNE 20, 2012**

Our President Stan Kvistad called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the Tonasket City Park. We had 7 guests in attendance and a total of 34 people present. Trygve Culp made a special presentation of the Life Time Achievement award Jim Pruitt. He received a sculpture of a man on a horse carrying a lantern called "By Dawn's Early Light" Dave Swanberg read a letter from our State President Jeff Chapman to Jim thanking him for his years of service in the BCH.

A motion was made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Gail Sunde, as printed on the Web page and in the Newsletter, approved the minutes of the May meeting.

Cathy Kvistad gave treasurers report. We are solvent. Cathy informed us of the interest rates that we are getting on our saving and CD and mentioned the new state savings plan, which Tryg will discuss later. Motion to approve the report was made by Tryg Culp 2nd by Dave Sunde.

### **REPORTS:**

**Directors:** For the full report see the Newsletter. Tryg informed us that the State BCH have approved a joint saving pool to earn more interest. The Chapters can receive 1% interest on a One Hundred dollar account . Each Chapter can bank any amount they wish and the interest would be added to each chapters account quarterly. The Board members decided to wait and see how things work out before transferring any of our monies.

**Trail Boss:** Dave Sunde reported that the Senior Projects at Whistler Canyon were coming along and one bridge is almost complete and they are working on the benches. Tom Windsor stated that there are a lot of big trees down on the Disappointment Trail.

**Legislative:** Dave Sunde reminded the members to respond to the email that was sent regarding the bill sponsored by Doc Hastings.

**Volunteer Hours:** Peggy Swanberg stated that the electronic form for reporting Volunteer hours was emailed to the members and encouraged everyone to catch up.

**Website:** Dave Sunde stated that he always needs pictures of rides and work parties. He is trying to keep up to date and will work on changes to the program later when he has more free time.

**Newsletter:** Stan Kvistad stated that Nora Rappe is looking for someone to take over the responsibility of the Newsletter. It was discussed at the Board Meeting tht it could be a possible Senior Project. If anyone would like the job please contact Nora or Stan.

The Ice Cream Social was discussed. It will be in the Park at Omak or Okanogan. Club furnishes the ice cream and members bring toppings. More later            (Continued next page)

## Minutes Continued:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 2013 Raffle calendars: Dave Swanberg stated that they would not be back from the printers until July. Last year 1237 out of 1500 calendars were sold making this the best ever State Fundraiser. Pictures for the 2014 Calendar are still being accepted. Send to Vicki Clark

**Picnic Tables and Fire Rings:** Stan Kvistad stated that the work at Wilcox Trail head had been completed. While some were working on the tables and fire rings others cleared trails.

**OTC Trail Signs:** Dave Swanberg stated that our estimate has not been accepted. They do not want to pay for mileage for installation. If they will not accept the estimate with a reclassification to mobilization we will not do the signs.

**Whistler Canyon Trail Head:** Cathy Kvistad asked why the club could not finish the work at the trailhead as a fundraiser and use the rest of the Whistler Canyon Saving Account. This is supposed to be completed by the county. We have an appointment with the commissioners on Monday June 25th at 11:15 to see what is happening with the project.

## NEW BUSINESS;

**RCO2013 Grant:** Dave Swanberg stated that the \$150,000.00 grant goes in on July 2nd. We have asked for \$16,000. to complete the work on the Johnny Bell trail. We will not know anything until September. Tom Windsor stated that the Forest Service had re-flagged parts of the trail.

**COMING EVENTS;** Pine Creek ride June 24th. Dave Sunde stated that Greg James has given permission for us to ride the trails on his 3300 Acre Ranch. Bill Slusher will be at the gate on Vandersheldon Road t 9:00 We must be there on time. The gate will be locked at 9:30 Dave will email directions to those who plan on riding or call Dave for further information. We must ride on the groomed trails, keep firearms out of sight, and leave no garbage. Bring a lunch and drinks. There are great views of the hills, Blue Lake and lots of old homesteads.

**Chiliwist Ride June 30th.** Stan Kvistad said we would keep the ride as planned for now and will let people know if it is cancelled. Meet at Stan's house, plan on bringing lunch.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Ed's Mountain Joint ride with Ferry County July 13 & 14. Meet at Ed's Mtn Tril head. We have the Snow Peak Cabin for Friday and Saturday nights. The cabin has 4 bunks , first come, first serve. There is Stock water, Small corrals, high line and hitching posts. We will need certified weed free hay. If you do not want to do the 7 mile Ed's Mtn . Ride you can do the Snow Peak trail at 4 miles.

No Host Dinner June 23rd at Bonaparte Lake Resort 6:00. Contact Gail Sunde so she can make reservations. Prime Rib Night \$14.95. If you have signed up and need to cancel, please call her. To add to the list call her by noon on Friday.

GOOD OF THE ORDER;

Tri River Trail Challenge: Teresa Naylor came in second they had 22 riders.

Chain Saw Safety : Dave Swanberg stated that Tryg Culp is the certified Chain Saw Safety head for Eastern Washington. He reminded us that we all should be using PPE while on work parties and to make sure no photos are on our website that show anyone NOT following the PPE rules.

Diamond Bell Work Party: Steve McKinney reminded us that those who help to roll wire at Diamond Bell get first choice of a room in the Lodge in Aug. when we will be able to have a ride, bar-b-Que and spend the night at the lodge at Walker Lake. There will probably be another the last week of June. Check the Website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Sunde at 8:10 and seconded by Gail Sunde. Meeting adjourned. Respectively submitted,

Cher Bower, Secretary

### **LADIES RIDE AND CABIN CAMPING**

**Although this is shown in the Blue Book as a ride/pack/camp, it isn't that. It is an invite to spend the weekend at Sally Taylor's cabin in Ferry County.**

**It still seems to be too far in the future for any definite plans, but please consider this an RSVP event. If we know you are coming, we will contact you about the cabin arrangements, what you will need to bring and how we will handle some of the meals.**

**If you are going to attend, please contact either Sally Taylor at 485-3002, [taylor@starband.net](mailto:taylor@starband.net) or Peggy Swanberg at 486-1107, [davenpeg@gdimail.net](mailto:davenpeg@gdimail.net)**

**Please try to make your decision to attend early so we can have a head count and time to make some meal decisions.**

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**CONGRATULATIONS MARY JANE!!!!**

# OVCBCHW

Legislative Report

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dave Sunde

Let's start with some good news. The House voted in favor of the Highway Bill 373-52. The Senate then voted for the bill 74-19 What's left is for the President to sign it.

We are already off and running on making sure the state doesn't opt out on the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), which we expect to not be difficult. This includes educating the Governor candidates on RTP for upcoming years as well. We should be good to go for now, but expect that there is much going on behind the scenes (our ED has his work cut out for him).

Next we need our BCHW RTP grants to rate high so we can use some of the \$\$\$ we saved!! If they don't rate high, well I know whom we should be throwing pies (or Pulaski's) at. (Not forgetting that there are many other RTP grant applications from the agencies and other nonprofits that benefit us as well, but it is always more personal when it is your own. And our advocacy efforts from our state will ultimately save trails in many others.)

We are continuing to monitor the Sportsmen's Heritage Act. About 273 House members gave this bill their blessing. BCHW and BCHA have not come out either for or against this bill. There have been dozens of amendments some of which were soundly defeated and some added to the bill. We will continue to watch this and see what the US Senate does and then what happens in the conference committee if it does in fact pass the senate which at this time is doubtful.

Congressman Rick Larsen introduced legislation Wednesday, June 27th to save the Green Mountain forest fire lookout in the wilderness near Darrington. Larsen told The Daily Herald that the lookout is an important part of the Glacier Peak Wilderness for both recreation and history. A federal judge in Seattle ordered the Forest Service to remove the lookout after the group Wilderness Watch was successful earlier this year in a lawsuit that said the agency violated the Wilderness Act by using a helicopter for restoration. The lookout on top of the 6,500-foot peak was originally built in 1933. No longer used a fire lookout, it was restored in 2009 and remains a hiking destination. The lookout is on state and national registers of historic places. This is an evolving event that we are watching.

We'll keep everyone updated on these and upcoming issues with email and website articles.

Ride often and ride safely. Have a good summer as soon as it gets here.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

PLEASE....Forward to Peggy Swanberg any hours you have accumulated for July and any hours preceding that month so that she may make sure we have credit for all the hard work you put in. This is extremely important, so that at the end of the year the Chapter gets full credit for all we have earned.

Contact Peggy Swanberg at 486-1107 or

[davenpeg@gdimail.net](mailto:davenpeg@gdimail.net)

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# OVCBCHW

## Trail Boss Report

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dave Sunde

June started off with a work party at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July area for National Trails Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had 9 people show up for work. We cleared the Cabin trail and a good portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ridge trail. We added a water bar at the woodcutter's cabin and had a BBQ/potluck afterwards. On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> we gathered 7 people (5 went up the trail) and 11 horses and mules to work on the bridge projects on the Whistler Canyon Trail. Stan packed up some of the decking for the bridges and the rest of us packed tools and supplies. We then set and notched the sill logs and placed the stringers for the long bridge at the Black Diamond Lake trail. That was a rather long day. I started loading horses before 07:00 and got back in the house that night about 19:00.

We made several more trips up Whistler Canyon in June to work on the bridges. The upper bridge is almost complete. We need to finish spiking the deck and attach the bull rails. The bolts for the bull rails will be in this week so that work should progress. Stan, Jessica and I went up on July 1<sup>st</sup> with the last load of 3 pieces of decking. We leveled and placed the decking on the lower bridge. It is now passable, but still needs more work. Jessica and I are going up again this week. Anyone who wants is welcome to join us. We also need to finish the upper bridge so I can bring our stash of tools back.

The chapter had a trail ride on June 24 on the Property of Greg James. This is a 3,300 acre ranch in upper Pine Creek. The property borders the coulee wall on the west with great views down into the Sinlahekin and on to the Pasayten. We did have a little rain but it cleared up almost as soon as everyone put on their slickers.

Looking into July we have the usual work parties and two rather big rides. The first is the Joint ride/campout at Edd's Mountain with the Ferry County Chapter. This ride is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The other event is the annual Ferry County Chapter Steak Ride on July 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure you keep track of ALL your volunteer hours and turn them in to Peggy Swanberg each month. If you don't write the numbers down after each event and try and remember what you did during the month, you are liable to miss some hours. We need these numbers as they give us standing with land managers at all levels of government. It is what sets us apart from many of the other organizations clamoring for attention, recognition, and dollars. It gives us a level of legitimacy that others can only wish for

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