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Well I hope ya all had a great Thanks Giving Cathy and I sure did.

I want to thank all who have helped out over the last few years and hope the best to the new administration. If you weren't at the meeting ya didn't hear the stress for members to get involved it is an ongoing problem that only you can fix. I don't know what we do with our time these days but there seems to be less of it to do the things we want to do. No I won't go on and on But I will be riding out of the game department lot in the Chiliwist New Year's day if anyone wants to join me, just a couple of hours, it's been a pleasure thanks Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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BoD Meeting Notes

December 5th, 2015

Dave Sunde

The following items are highlights of the September 2015 BoD meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Jim Anderson, Vice President.

Roll call: Absent - Alpine Lakes Trail Riders, Cascade Horse Club, Enumclaw Riders, and Olympic. Quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda - Agenda was adopted as amended.

Approval of Board of Directors Minutes

Amount paid lobbyists should be corrected. Minutes from 3rd Quarter 2015 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as amended.

BCHA Pledge Program (Five Dollar a Month Club) - Jerry Bentz, BCHOregon and BCHA and Dan Applebaker

BCHA is asking for \$5 per month from credit card or check as a fundraiser. Information should be coming out soon.

Officer and Committee Reports Treasurer/Budget - Teri Starke


Report was posted and Teri pointed out the highlights. Membership deposits with summary will go to Sally Laib and membership application forms will go to Heather Moorman. These MUST be sent in EVERY month. Amazon Smile was encouraged. If a chapter is missing a title for utility trailer see Teri.

Membership - Heather Moorman

Report was posted. Questions were answered.

Executive Committee - no action

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Rendezvous Plans - Teri Starke

Teri gave updates on the plans - parking assistance volunteers are still needed. General Meeting will be Sunday and Board Meeting will be Saturday. Send checks to Sally for mustang support donations (to pay for bedding, stalls, trainer camping, etc.). Kim Merrick explained the "discover Washington" chapter sponsored ride program which she and Missy Day will be coordinating.

Statewide Trail Work Party - Jason Ridlon

2016 statewide work party will be held June 30th to July 4th in the Methow Valley, Twisp Valley Horse Camp. Donations are being accepted. Methow Valley Chapter has pledged \$3,000 from their Spring Ride scheduled for April 29-May 1. The very successful 2015 work party cost \$6,000.

Governance and Bylaws - Ken Carmichael

Standing Rule on Safety

Ken read the rule and explained its meaning. Teunis Wyers, Mt Adams, moved to adopt the standing rule with second by Dave Jackson, Purple Sage Riders. Chris Enrico suggested that the word "picture" be changed to "image". There was consensus to accept the change. Motion carried.

Nominations & Elections - Jim Anderson

Nominations were opened for President and Vice President and no further nominations were made. Louise

Caywood, Pierce County, moved and Kim Merrick, Nisqually, seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented: President - Kathy Young and Vice President - Dave Sunde. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for BCHA Director and Alternate BCHA Director and no further nominations were made.

Louise Caywood, Pierce County, moved and there was a second to accept the slate of officers as presented: Darrell Wallace and Ken Carmichael, BCHA Director and Alternate.

Kathy Young, President elect, nominated Teri Starke for Treasurer and Janelle Wilson for Secretary. Louise Caywood, Pierce County, moved and Jackie Angermeir, Willapa Hills, second to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

Legislative - Jeff Chapman

Jeff spoke about Wild and Scenic River designations and added to his report which was posted. Legislative Day 2016 is same date as Big Tent - February 3rd.

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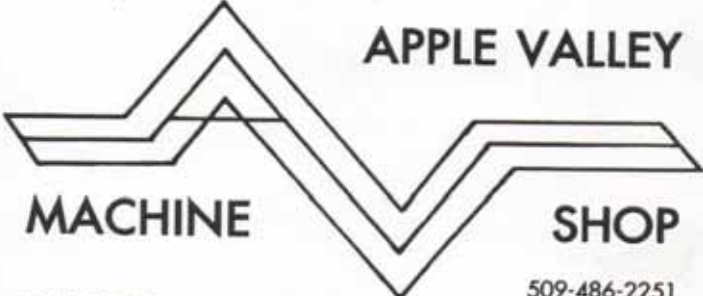
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Public Lands - Bernie Stratton

Bernie will provide Grizzly Bear action alerts. Road closures are being looked into. Mt Rainier National Park comment period is open until January 17th - make comments at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/morawild>. The committee is looking at changing Public Lands meeting to Rendezvous time in the future (for better weather and attendance and easier travel for attendees). Darrell Wallace spoke about John Wayne Trail closure meeting in Lind. The Board of Directors recognized Jeff Chapman for all his hard work with legislative issues.

Executive Director/Grants - Darrell Wallace

Darrell noted that 1/5 of BCHA donators are from WA State and asked Directors to thank their chapters. Insurance - agent Patti Sander was present and explained the Directors and Officers liability insurance proposal to the Board of Directors. Teunis Wyers recommended that this be referred to the Executive Committee. Bernie Stratton, Lewis County, moved to refer the D&O liability insurance policy decision to Executive Committee and that the Board give authorization to have the committee make a decision prior to December 31st. Second. Motion carried.

Darrell thanked all the winery ride volunteers. He also shared some articles about the wine ride and BCHW. Deb Wesselius gave volunteer information from the wine ride fundraiser. She requested that volunteers complete the debrief form and return it to her. There were 600 riders (and 60 pre-registered "no shows").

Liability Release Language: Darrell requested that the Board approve adding the "not directly caused by" language to the liability release. Dave Sunde, Okanogan Valley, moved and it was seconded that the Board approve the language of the new release. Motion carried.

Website simplification: Darrell announced we are working on not having old stuff inadvertently accessible to members and others.

Leadership Training 2016: Training will be held on January 9th in Moses Lake and January 23rd in North Bend. The agenda will be posted.

Grants: BCHW needs more chapters involved in the Grant Application in order to score better. The Grant Application will be worked on at Leadership training. Darrell is requesting comments about the running of the last grant.

Ways & Means

Wine Ride checks need to be cashed before the end of the year.

Calendars - Teri Starke

1,400 calendars will be ordered for 2017 (to be sold in 2016)

Photos need to be emailed and should be high resolution from cameras, not cell phones. calendareditor@bchw.org or mailed to Jason Ridlon.

Reseller permit is available and was distributed to Directors. By using the permit Chapters don't pay sales tax for fundraisers.

BCHW Store - Lori Lennox

Lori gave an update on sales. Order Form is available on the website.

State Trail Standards - Jim Anderson

Jim explained the DNR process of policy guideline review, especially for closing trails. The results should be posted on the DNR website soon. The State Trail Standard function will happen in the next year.

Awards - Deb Wesselius

Report was posted. Directors were encouraged to submit nominations by the February 15th deadline. BCHW is looking for committee members and judges. Deb is stepping down as chair after Rendezvous. Lifetime Achievement Award bases will be made by Tony Karniss - notify Deb if there are any nominees.

Volunteer Hours - Deb Wesselius

Reports were posted. There were a total of 74,643 hours during the annual reporting period. Peggy Swanberg is retiring as co-chair. Deb Wesselius will be chair for 2016. More regional coordinators are needed. Send chapter coordinators to Leadership Training in February. Keep in mind that a 10,000 hour award needs to be decided upon.

LNT - Louise Caywood

Grant was finalized and is closed. LNT trash bags will be available at Rendezvous. Classes are scheduled for 2016 training - Randle in April and Northeast in TBD. Horse Expo is 3rd weekend in February. LNT will be at Leadership training.

TrailHead News - Dick Yarboro No report

Website - Darrell Wallace

Calendar of events will be updated on the website and the THN will get that information from there. Send updates to Janelle Wilson, Secretary at Janelle_w@hotmail.com and she will get the information to Jim Thode for posting.

LUNCH BREAK

Advertising proposal - Karen Pickering, NWHS

Karen presented the proposal for Northwest Horse Source magazine advertising which she would give to BCHW at her cost. There were questions and discussion. There would be no more than 5 emails per week and addresses are not shared. Teri Starke has offered to be in charge of getting the content to NWHS. Dave Sunde, Okanogan Valley, moved that the matter be sent to the Executive Committee to make a decision on behalf of the Board before Christmas. Second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

New Ponderosa Chapter - Ken Carmichael

Ken asked the Board to form the 33rd chapter in the state, called Ponderosa. Dave Jackson, Purple Sage Riders, moved to approve the adoption of the new chapter into BCHW. Second. Motion carried.

Membership Ideas - Ken Carmichael

Ken summarized the ideas in 3.5 pages that were given to him by chapters. The list is available for all chapters to use. Ken encouraged all chapters to use or get membership chairs.

Kittitas County Fair - Jason Ridlon

Jason noted that over Labor Day weekend BCHW could have a presence and/or be in the parade.

Good of the Order

Disaster donations and 501c3 SR - Teri Starke

Teri reminded everyone that donating 501c3 money to individuals can not and should not be done. So be careful when there are tragedies - individuals can donate money to individuals when money is collected outside of any BCHW meeting. If you have questions, Teri can help - call her. Teri asked that the Standing Rules be written to help chapters understand - Teunis Wyers will take this up with Governance and Bylaws Committee.

Announcements

Darrell Wallace announced that he received the first delivery of USFS day and annual passes. 8 volunteer hours in any national forest in region 6, when signed in as a USFS volunteer, earns a day pass. 16 volunteer hours earns an annual pass. These passes are for distribution to volunteers in 2016. They can only be given out if the recipient was signed in as a volunteer with the National Forest or District, and the recipient names must be given to Darrell.

As part of new grant that just started, decals were purchased for BCHW Crew Leaders and the first one was given to Jason Ridlon by Darrell Wallace.

Calendar - winery ride is October 29th in 2016.

Kathy Young, BCHW President-elect, was presented with the BCHW Presidential gravel along with a copy of Roberts Rules of Order by Jim Anderson, Vice President, on behalf of Trygve Culp, BCHW President. A photograph of the first female BCHW President was taken by Louise Caywood.

Doc Wesselius noted that Crew Leader College is scheduled for Rendezvous weekend in 2016, but WTA may change the date. Get nominations for attendees to Doc or Tom Mix.

Louise Caywood reminded Directors - 2015 Accomplishment Video Photos are due.

Lori Lennox is taking orders and money (\$7.00 or \$10.00 with postage) for nametags for new Directors or Officers.

Lori Lennox said BCHW should be mentioned as partners on websites around the state (like Olympic National Park). Just ask the webmasters.

Remember to update the Officer Directory with new chapter elections. Meeting adjourned at: 2:20 p.m.

Next Event

Reminder about the Christmas party on Dec. 19th at 6pm at the CCC in Tonasket. The Chapter will provide the turkey and dressing. Other items that will be provided are beans, mashed potatoes and punch. Please bring your favorite dish and your gift exchange, if you would like to participate.





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OVCBCHW LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Senator Cantwell’s Yakima Basin Plan passed out of committee today. It would be great if this bill passed. It doesn’t particularly help that we write our Senators to support the bill since they are the bill sponsors.Jeff

[Cantwell Secures Votes to Advance the Yakima Bill through Committee](#)

Legislation Will Bring Drought Relief to Washington Farmers, Families and Fish – Restoring Fish Runs Blocked for More Than a Century

Cantwell: ‘Yakima Bill Is a Model for 21st Century Collaborative Watershed Management’

[Download video of Sen. Cantwell here](#) or [Watch on YouTube here](#).

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, secured the votes to advance her bill, S. 1694, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act, which addresses long-standing water challenges in Washington’s Yakima River Basin. The bill builds on existing legislation and authorizes the initial phase of a integrated water resources plan that aims to enhance the long-term sustainability and resilience of the Yakima River Basin.

The senator’s bill would benefit farmers, families and fish. First, the bill would support drought relief and resilience for farmers and communities in one of Washington’s most productive agricultural regions, through improved water infrastructure, storage and conservation. The bill would also support efforts to conserve 85,000 acre feet of water, as well as the restoration of habitat and ecosystems throughout the Yakima Basin. This includes fish passage and restoration projects that would restore one of the largest sockeye salmon runs in the lower 48 states that has been blocked for more than a century.

Since the bill’s introduction in July 2015, Sen. Cantwell and her staff have worked with the Yakama Nation, farmers and irrigation districts, conservation groups, state and local governments, and community members to improve the bill. These efforts have resulted in a number of changes to the bill since its introduction, including:

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President: Stan Kvistad
Vice President: Frank Osborne
Secretary: Cher Bower
Treasurer: Cathy Kvistad
Trail Boss: Dave Sunde
Director: Dave Sunde
Alternate Dir: Ted Sharr
Webmaster: Dave Sunde

Appointed Officers for 2015

Volunteer Hours Coordinator: Cheryl Johnson
LNT Coordinator: Steve McKinney
Newsletter Editor: Ted Sharr
Publicity Chair: Linda Osborne
Alternate Trail Boss: Trygve Culp
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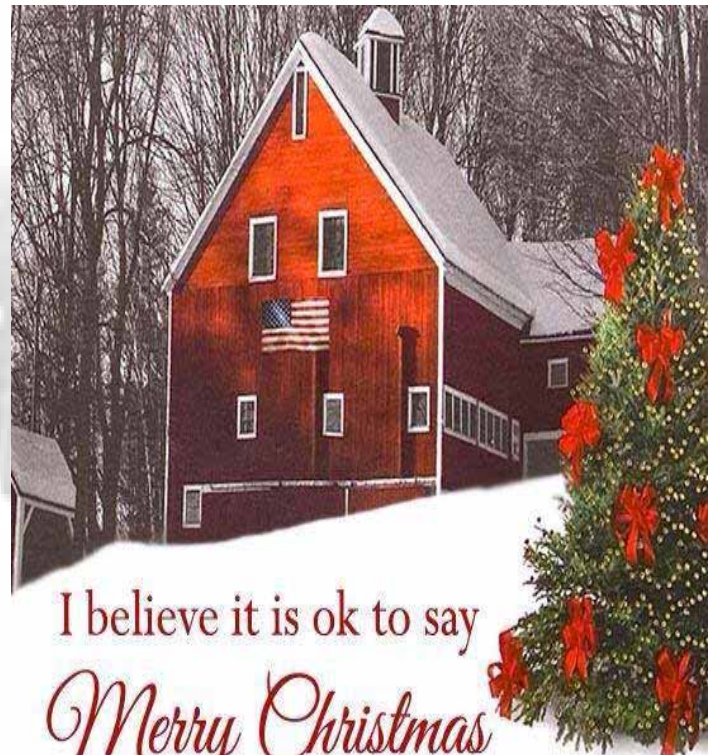
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Out Behind The Barn

2016 Chapter elections were held last night at the November business meeting. President: Cher Bower; Vice President: Katherine Woodfield; Secretary: Mary McHugh (south), Karla Stucker (north); Treasurer: Trygve Culp; Trail Boss: Trygve Culp; Alternate BCHW Director: Ted Sharr. BCHW Director Dave Sunde has another year remaining on his term. Appointed positions approved by the membership include: Volunteer Hours Coordinator: Cheryl Johnson; Newsletter Editor: Ted Sharr; Legislative Chair: Gene Wehmeyer; and Social Director: Gail Sunde. Congratulations to the new officers for 2016!



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Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Business Meeting

President Stan Kvistad called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. there were 23 members and 2 guests, Lynn Clark and Nora Snyder, present.

A. Reports:

1. There was no business meeting in October; there are no minutes to read or approve.
 2. Treasurer's Report: Cathy K. is absent; Stan K. gave the report. The Chapter is solvent. We have not received the \$9000 reimbursement from BCHW for the Johnny Buell trail grant. Dave Sunde will check with BCHW for status of that reimbursement.
 3. Director's Report: Dave Sunde reported that the BCHW Board meeting was coming up on December 5th at the Kittitas Valley Events Center in Ellensburg. He reminded members to let him know their BCHW Store requirements and that he could pre-order them for delivery at the Board meeting thereby saving the members shipping on their orders. He also invited the members to attend Public Lands Day on the Friday before the Board meeting, December 4th.
 4. Trail Boss: Dave Sunde reported that the 2016 -2017 RCO grant was awarded to BCHW; that grant includes \$13,000 for work at Carter Mountain to relocate the main trail around the hog farm at the south end above the new trailhead. Work remains to be done on the Johnny Buell trail. The remaining grant funds for that work was obligated in mid-October to meet the spending deadline. The Chapter has a \$9000 credit at Midway Lumber and Rental for supplies and equipment needed to finish up the grant obligation. There will be a planning meeting for 2016 rides and work parties at 1:00PM on Saturday, November 21st at Frank and Linda Osborne's home.
 5. Legislative Chair: Gene Wehmeyer reported on the proposed revision to the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act that would give more money to the states for maintenance of existing Federal lands and less money for acquiring more federal land. He also briefed members on the BCHA resolution regarding transfer or sale of federal lands to the states. Gene announced that the BCHW Legislative Day would be on Wednesday February 3, 2016 in conjunction with "Big Tent" Day in Olympia. (Big Tent is a coalition of outdoor recreation user groups, land management agencies, manufacturers and others interested in outdoor recreation – BCHW belongs to the coalition).
 6. Volunteer Hours: Cheryl Johnson reported that our hours and value were down this year. The value of our contributed work was around \$75,000. She also pleaded with members to get their volunteer hours turned in as soon as possible each month.
 7. Web Site: Dave Sunde urged members to use Amazon Smile when making on-line purchases this holiday season and designate BCHW as the charitable recipient of that program. It does not increase the price of the item being purchased.
 8. Newsletter: Editor Ted Sharr urged officers and other contributors to get their articles to him not later than the 25th of each month in order for him to get the newsletter put together by the first of the month.
- Socail Director: Gail Sunde announced that there would be a ladies luncheon on Monday, November 23rd. Contact her for details. The annual Chapter Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 19th at the Community Cultural Center in Tonasket. The Chapter will furnish a turkey and ham; members are asked to bring an appropriate pot luck side dish. Gail will coordinate the side dishes – cooks should contact her. There will be a \$15 limit gift exchange.

B Unfinished Business:

1. Stan K. thanked all of the members who attended the Chiliwist Jewelry Party earlier in the month it was a success.
2. The 2016 planning meeting will be held at Frank and Linda Obornes house on Saturday, November 21st at 1:00 PM. Ride locations have been identified throughout the year and recorded in the minutes of the business meetings. Work Parties and other events will need to be scheduled. Members are encouraged to attend and submit their ideas for new activities.

Trail Boss discussion: Stan K. stated that the Chapter should designate a Trail Boss to lead rides and a Trail Work Coordinator to schedule and oversee Chapter work parties. The consensus was that for 2016 the elected Trail Boss would coordinate work parties and individual ride leaders would be appointed until a By-Laws change can be made.

C New Business:

1. Officer nominations: Vice President Frank Osborne reported that the following individuals would stand for office: President – Cher Bower; Vice President – Frank Osborne and Katherine Woodfield; Secretary: Mary McHugh (south), Karla Stucker, (north); Treasurer – Trygve Culp; Alternate Director – Ted Sharr. He also reported that the following individuals would serve in the appointed positions: Legislative Chair – Gene Wehmeyer; Volunteer Hours Coordinator – Cheryl Johnson; Newsletter Editor – Ted Sharr; Social Director – Gail Sunde. Dave Sunde made a motion that the nominations be closed; second by Linda Osborne; motion passed without dissent.

Officer elections: Dave Sunde made a motion that all uncontested officer position nominees be elected by acclamation and the appointees be approved; seconded by Ted Sharr; motion passed without dissent. In the election for Vice President, Katherine Woodfield was elected. Congratulations to the 2016 officers.

D Good of the Order:

1. Gail Sunde reminded the Members that the Chapter Christmas Party would be at the CCC in Tonasket on December 19, 2015.
2. Lu Young reminder Members that the Ferry County Chapter Christmas Party would be at Dr. Doris Bacon's home on the Lambert Creek Road on December 12th.
3. Ted Sharr informed newly elected officers that the BCHW officer training would be at Moses Lake on January 9th.
4. Theresa E. won the 50/50 split.

Lu Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trygve Culp; motion passed.

President Stan Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectively submitted;

s/Trygve Culp

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Upcoming Activities



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To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members 18 and over), and enclose payment:

Cathy Kvistad Treasurer
PO Box 391
Malott, WA 98828



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: _____
 Check to opt out of mailed (hardcopy) newsletter: BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

- Single \$41.00
 Family \$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$75.00
 Sustaining \$125.00
 Patron \$250.00
 Benefactor \$500.00
 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____
 State Subtotal \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid once each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2015: _____

Chapter Dues	\$10
Additional Chapter Donation	\$ _____
Chapter Subtotal	\$ _____
Grand Total (State+Chapter)	\$ _____

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 Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., 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: _____

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.