

OVCBCHW

Director Report March 2014

Dave Sunde

I attended the BoD meeting held in conjunction with the BCHW Rendezvous on the 14 of March. I think this was the best Rendezvous I've attended. There were more vendors than in the past, the dinner was excellent, and the auction made money. My only complaint if you can call it that is that there were more classes available to attend than I had time for. But that is probably a good thing. One highlight of the membership meeting on Saturday was the award presentations where our own Michael Alvarado was presented with a Trail Warrior Award. This year instead of a band we had live entertainment which included Stan Kvistad.

Here are the condensed meeting minutes from the BCHW Director's Meeting held in Ellensburg on March 14th. I have only hit the high points.

Minutes of December Meeting - 4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes need to be updated to state Bernie Stratton's motion more clearly as: "we temporarily suspend pack stock support of PCTA until the MOU and liability issues are addressed". The minutes were approved as amended.

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer - Teri Starke - Report was posted. Gambling commission flyer was distributed.

Ways and Means - Dave Swanberg - **2014 Raffle Calendar** - Dave requested that unsold calendars (200 so far) be given to him; Dave will talk to Vicki Clark regarding 2015 calendar production. - **Wine Ride** - Dave Jackson reported that Deb Wesselius has volunteered for wine ride; therefore, there will be a 2014 Wine Ride to benefit BCHW in October.

Wilcox Ride - Michael Mahaffey reported that the annual Wilcox Ride to benefit BCHW is scheduled for August 16-17, 2014.

Legislative - Jeff Chapman - Report was posted.

Rendezvous - Lori Lennox and Jason Ridlon - Rendezvous is bigger than last year - more campers, more vendors, etc. There will not be a band - instead there will be musical entertainment by Stan Kvistad and Tearney Ford.

Leadership Training - Darrell Wallace - Darrell explained the published report. Feedback from the Board was requested by June.

Saw Certification - Trygve Culp - Report is posted. BCHW now has the authority to certify experienced sawyers at the “c” level.

Safety - Doc Wesselius - Report was posted. Doc explained the changes to the safety forms.

LNT - Jane Byram - Report was posted. Trygve Culp announced that the LNT booth at Washington Horse Expo has generated hundreds of good contacts. Louise Caywood thanked southwest chapter volunteers.

Governance and Bylaws - Teunis Wyers - Report was posted.

Awards - Deb Wesselius - Report was posted. Deb explained that 16 awards will be given out and thanked the chapters for participating in nominations, contributing to donations, and judging the awards. Harbor Saw and Supply and Chris Tornow Saddlery business sponsors were also thanked.

Volunteer Hours - Peggy Swanberg and Deb Wesselius - Report was posted. Trygve Culp thanked Traci Koch for her long time volunteer hours contributions. Peg Swanberg explained the new program. She is co-chairing with Deb Wesselius for the next two years. Quarterly reports will be presented to the Board of Directors (and volunteer hours coordinators will be expected to comply with quarterly reporting).

Executive Director - Darrell Wallace - Brock Millern, the new recreational coordinator for DNR was introduced. Darrell reported that BCHW will not be charging chapters for DNR Additional Insured certificates in order to encourage chapters to have rides on DNR land.

Public Lands - Darrell Wallace reported on Les Hilde easements, BBQ Flats private lands access issues, and Teanaway Community Forest (Jason Ridlon will be BCHW’s representative).

Publicity/THN - Dick Yarboro - The Board thanked Dick for lining up the hotels and City of Ellensburg grants for advertising Rendezvous.

Website - Jim Thode - Trygve reported for Jim Thode and asked that Directors communicate with Jim regarding the web site and propose solutions for any issues they have concerns with.

BCHA Directors - Darrell Wallace, Jason Ridlon, and Ken Carmichael - Darrell Wallace read excerpts from the upcoming newsletter column from the BCHA Chair. Utah challenged Washington (and three other states) to match their donation of \$1,500.00 towards the projects mentioned in the column. BCHA also wants all members' email addresses for the BCHA Crowdfunding campaign. Teunis Wyers, Mt Adams, moved that "BCHW meet \$1,500.00 challenge from Back Country Horsemen of Utah." Second. Motion carried. Teunis Wyers, Mt Adams, moved that we grant BCHA access to all BCHW members' email addresses. Second. Discussion followed. Dave Jackson proposed that the original motion be amended to note that since BCHA has all email addresses the motion is moot and no action is therefore required. Second. Discussion followed. Amendment failed. Main motion failed. Dave Sunde, Okanogan Valley, moved that BCHW communicate to BCHA that BCHW member email addresses are not to be sold, traded or otherwise used outside of BCHA. Second. Motion carried.

Membership - Heather Moorman - Report was posted. Heather explained that 814 memberships are un-renewed.

Unfinished Business - PCT MOU - Agreement with Pacific Crest Trail Association for organizational liability needs to be established; so packing can go on this season. Dave Jackson, Purple Sage Riders, moved that Board of Directors authorize the President to negotiate and to enter into an agreement with the PCTA in regards to pack stock support. Second. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Whistler Canyon - Dave Sunde - Dave reported that the property has been purchased. A letter was distributed to Directors for Chapter Presidents regarding use of donated funds. Responses are needed by May 1, 2014.

Skagit Update - Mike Mahaffey - Mike reported that challenges regarding easements in Les Hilde area may have been resolved with Sierra Pacific, Cowboy Campsite, etc. by Fall. Mike thanked BCHW for helping resolve the issues.

New Business

Tri-Rivers Chapter - Dave Sunde, Okanogan Valley, moved to dissolve the Tri-Rivers Chapter. Second. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Any current Tri-Rivers memberships will be converted to "independent" and will receive notice from Heather Moorman, Membership Chair.

Great Gravel Pack In - Karen Johnson reported that non-motorized volunteers will be working on motorized trails this year up at Capital Forest on March 29th.

Accomplishments - Louise Caywood distributed Chapter accomplishment videos to all Directors. February 1, 2015 is the deadline for chapter photos on CD in full resolution to

be submitted to Louise for the 2015 CD. Remember to take photos in 2014 and write down chapter accomplishments.

Good of the Order:

Contributions to the USFS - Gary Sterner explained becoming a registered contractor with the USFS to work on projects.

Haney Meadows Road Project - Kathy Nelson gave an update on the Haney Meadows Road Project. Her report was posted and she thanked the chapters who donated money and Jason Ridlon. Fourth of July will be the second annual work party.

Announcements

New Director meeting at 7:00 a.m. Alternates are welcome.

Directors meeting at 8:00 a.m.

FYI - at the end of auction the auctioneer will ask for money donations this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's Board of Directors was held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, at 8:00 a.m., on March 15, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by President Trygve Culp.

Roll call was taken; directors from 28 chapters were present so a quorum was declared.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED that the officers of Back Country Horsemen of Washington shall have authority to apply to RCO for RTP grants for the 2015/2016 grant cycle.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.