

**Back Country Horsemen of Washington**  
**3rd Quarter 2018 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Kittitas Valley Event Center – Armory Building -- Ellensburg, WA**  
**September 15, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Young, at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call by Secretary

Absent: Inland Empire, Okanogan Valley (arrived later), Peninsula, Wenatchee Valley

Excused: Cascade Horse Riders and Yakima Valley

Quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda with LNT Trailer Insurance added to Unfinished Business and Report Order changed. A motion was made and passed to adopt the agenda as amended.

Approval of Board of Directors Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 – adopted as written.

**Officer and Committee Reports** : reports were posted

Executive Committee - Kathy Young

Hot Shot Crew grant resulted in bonus for Nicole Sedgwick, Director. Kathy presented bonus to Nicole. Directors were asked to review Executive Director contract for review in April.

Treasurer/Budget - Teri Starke

There were no questions for Teri. Chapter Treasurers MUST attend Treasurer Training at Leadership each year.

Ways & Means, Calendars - Teri Starke

Directors were reminded to buy calendars.

Winery Ride - Dave Jackson

Directors were reminded that the big event is next month. At least 25 more volunteers are needed. After the 2018 Winery Ride, Dave Jackson will step down as the Winery Ride Chair/Coordinator. He will remain on the Winery Ride team to manage the infrastructure and facilities.

BCHA - Darrell Wallace, Jason Ridlon

VIP ride was held, but regional heads cancelled at 7pm the night before due to air quality.

Directors were reminded about listening in to BCHA committee and President teleconference calls.

Special Projects - Jason Ridlon

Jason reported on the Statewide Work Party at Black Pine and the additional work done this season at Andrews Creek in the Pasayten. Kitchen crew were thanked for their support. Rob DeBoer was thanked for his support. Challenges were explained to Directors. Possible plans and needs for 2019 were addressed. Several Directors spoke about their challenges working with land managers and how some of those were overcome.

Membership Development - Ken Carmichael

Directors were reminded to select a membership development person during elections.

#### Governance & Bylaws - Ken Carmichael

Directors were reminded to update the on-line Directory database.

#### Legislative - Jeff Chapman

Legislation process was explained, including bill rider effects (e.g., defunding Grizzly Bears in the House version of one) and timelines. Tunerville update was given.

#### Public Lands - Jeff Chapman

Okanogan National Forest passed uses for commercial packer with option #4.

*Jeff Chapman moved that should Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF) have to defend their decision with respect to the Pack and Saddle Stock Outfitter-Guide SUP FSEIS for the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness as a result of litigation bought by individuals seeking tighter restrictions or reduced heartbeat allowances, the Board of Directors authorizes up to \$5000 to be spent on the development of a Friends of the Court (amicus brief) filing to support the OWNF. Second. Discussion followed. Motion carried.*

*Jeff Chapman moved the President of BCHW task the BCHW Public Lands Committee with researching if the decision of the Colville National Forest (CNF) Draft Record of Decision ROD for the CNF Revised Land Management Plan with respect to new recommendations for additional Wilderness areas complies with existing BCHW positions adopted by the Board of Directors on newly proposed Wilderness, and if the Draft ROD does not, the Committee shall file an objection to the decision on behalf of BCHW. Second. Discussion followed. Motion carried.*

#### Executive Director - Nicole Sedgwick

Nicole announced success with land managers.

#### Rendezvous - Nicole Sedgwick

Nicole proposed that Chapters take back Rendezvous. Vision is to have each Chapter in charge of an aspect for the event (including paying for presenters or prizes, if applicable). Focus should be on trail building, trail maintenance, and the BCHW mission.

#### BCHW Store - Lori Lennox

Directors were reminded to buy items. Store will be at the Winery Ride. Trademark of logo and no-compete with chapters was addressed.

#### Volunteer Hours - Deb Wesellius/Louise Caywood

Final calculations for 2018 are due to volunteer hour coordinators by October 1<sup>st</sup> to be presented to regional coordinators for submission for statewide year end reports.

#### Awards - Lynn Wilhelm-Howell

Cinch award nomination was explained. Pommel bag will be embroidered for Junior BCH Award. Lifetime Achievement Award is in process.

#### Safety - Doc Wessellius

Report was posted. Jeff Chapman explained that liability release will be on agenda for the next meeting.

#### Membership - Kathy Young for Dana Chambers

Renewals will begin in October. Directors must ask members to renew on-line. Every member will receive an email on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a new password. Paper applications can still be used for members who do not want to pay on-line or do not have computer access. Discussion on YM followed. Membership chairs MUST come to Leadership Training on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sawyer Program – Nicole Sedgwick for Tom Mix

Directors were informed that the sawyer database is now on Google Docs so that Tom and Tony now have access to it at all times.

LNT - Jane Byram/Louise Caywood

LNT Class is going on today at Pilchuck Tree Farm

Grants - Darrell Wallace and Nicole Sedgwick

No written report. Current grants were outlined (16-2675 Forest Service grant and 16-2714 non-Forest Service). New grants were explained. Future grant proposals were described.

Publicity/THN - Dick Yarboro

Board was given an explanation of what some other states pay for their publications.

Website - Jim Thode

Access to documents page has temporary glitch today. Louise added that event flyers should be sent to Lori or Louise and to Jim.

Trail Miles/BCHW History - Kathy Young for Chris Enrico

Kathy stopped by Chris' house, but he is no longer participating in BCHW. Kathy will pick up the BCHW History documents from him.

Education - Kathy Young for Kim Merrick

Leadership Training will be January 26<sup>th</sup>. All officers should come, even if they have been officers before. InReach GPS class will be taught by Darrell Wallace; so chapter members may like to attend also.

### **Unfinished Business:**

THN - Kathy Young

Doug Stewart spoke regarding extending contract for the Trailhead News. He read the motion which was made and seconded at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 Board of Directors Meeting: to use WAMedia publishing for the THN 6 times per year and try to get the lowest price possible. Motion carried.

LNT Trailer Insurance – Louise Caywood.

Louise Caywood moved to insure the LNT trailer to include content to include content coverage of \$25,000, for \$625 per year with a \$500 deductible. Jim Thode moved to postpone decision to the December meeting. Second. Main Motion was postponed to the December meeting. Heather Moorman moved that \$700 be added to the insurance budget line item. Second. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

NWHS - Lori Lennox

Northwest Horse Source contract ends at the end of the year. Advertising rates were sent out to Directors. *Jim Thode moved to approve the Northwest Horse Source Contract for 2019. Second. Motion carried.*

New Logo - Laura Keepers for Joan Fleming

Idea for new logo by Kim Habel was shown to the Directors.

Bylaw Amendment - Ken Carmichael

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Lifetime Membership - Ken Carmichael moved that in accordance with Back Country Horsemen of Washington Bylaws Article IX (Amendments to Bylaws): Article III Section 1. Paragraph B which reads as follows: B. Any individual member may choose to purchase a lifetime membership, by paying a one-time membership fee of \$1,200. All fees paid for lifetime memberships will be paid into a "Lifetime Member Trust", which is untouchable for an initial 5-year period. These funds must be invested in interest bearing instruments/accounts of reasonable risk levels and staying within the boundaries of a 501c3 organizational status. During the second 5-year period, only the BCHA dues for each Life member may be withdrawn to cover BCHA dues payments. During the third 5-year period, 50% of the interest may be transferred to the BCHW general fund. After 15 years, all the interest may be transferred to the general fund each year. Be totally replaced with the following paragraph: B. Any individual member may choose to purchase a lifetime membership, by paying a one-time membership fee of \$1,200 for BCHW and BCHA dues. All fees paid for lifetime memberships will be paid into a "Lifetime Member Trust", a restricted account in BCHW's financial statements. These funds must be invested in interest bearing instruments/accounts of reasonable risk levels and staying within the boundaries of a 501c3 organizational status. For each Lifetime member, BCHA dues are removed from this restricted fund each year in January of the membership year, beginning with the year the individual becomes a Lifetime Member, leaving the remaining principal and interest to continue to accumulate. Remaining principal and interest from members who have passed shall remain in the Lifetime Membership restricted fund. The BCHW Board of Directors may upon a majority vote decide to use these funds for authorized activities recognizing that sufficient funds must be retained to pay BCHA dues for the member's lifetime. Second. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Ken Carmichael, Dave Jackson, Teri Starke, Heather Moorman, and Mary Kane will work on language for the Lifetime Membership finances with simplifies accounting for membership review by publication in the Trailhead News.

Ken Carmichael asked Directors to think about time-frames for changing bylaws considering THN publication dates and Board of Directors quarterly meeting dates.

Elections - Kathy Young

Independent Director appointment of Sandra Ihly was approved by the Board.

BCHA Director position - Jason Ridlon was nominated and he accepted the nomination for the next two year term. Elections for that position will be in December.

Joe Watt Canyon – Kathy Young

Proposals are being sought which will be voted on in December for 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May 2019 (the 18<sup>th</sup>).

### **Good of the Order:**

North Summit Horse Camp - Bill Ford

New horse campground is being built at Loup-Loup pass, less than one mile off paved Hwy 20. Bill thanked chapters for funds and made appeals for more funds. Jim Anderson presented a check to Bill. Jason Ridlon will be putting together a Joe Watt proposal to help the Methow chapter.

Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie bridge is currently washed out and the decking needs to be replaced.

Dave Seibel showed an old bumper sticker about volunteer hours. He will give it to Lori Lennox.

Danny Chappel explained Naches road that is being refurbished.

Jim Thode announced that their trail private timberland was sold to Merle and Ring (M&R Timber); so anyone who has worked with these land manager please contact him.

Jim Anderson announced that the Fossil Trail bridge out of Kalama Horse Camp will be completed.

Jason Ridlon announced that the North Carolina work challenge went well. North Carolina flew out a couple of members and who attended the State Wide Work Party.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary