

# Back Country Horsemen of Washington General Membership Meeting 2018

Kittitas Valley Event Center – Teanaway Room

March 18, 2018

**Meeting** called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Kathy Young, President.

Kathy introduced **guests**.

Agendas were distributed.

Kathy thanked the Rendezvous team. “Clearing Trails As We Ride”

**Guest Speaker** – Jeff Chapman introduced Robert Yates, Friends of John Wayne Pioneer Trail, and electric bike user. Robert Yates addressed the group about electric assist bicycles (E-Bikes). With the help of slides, he explained what e-bikes are, how they work, and what they can do. He also explained the legislation - SB6434 – which is only regarding state of Washington land. Robert responded to questions.

**Attendance:** 82 people were present at the meeting by 10:32 a.m.

**Agenda** was accepted as distributed and amended.

**Minutes from the 2017 General Meeting** were outlined by Kathy Young, President. Minutes were approved as published.

**BCHA** – Kathy announced that Darrell Wallace became the Vice Chair of BCHA. The **National Board Meeting** will be in Spokane on April 23-25, 2018. Bill McKenna, BCHA Alternate and Whatcom Director, is coordinating volunteers. Bill explained that members can sign up on the website to attend or volunteer. Bring Home the Hardhat Fund bucket was circulated and an additional \$463.08 was collected at the General Membership Meeting to bid on the hat at the BCHA National Board Meeting.

## **BCHW**

Accomplishments Video was prepared by Louise Caywood.

Volunteer Hours Legislative Day flyer was prepared by WAMedia.

Pete Erben, new Public Lands Chair, was introduced.

Dana Chambers, new Membership Chair, was introduced.

YM program was addressed. Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick will be attending a YM Conference and get all our questions answered. YM Tips will be in the THN.

Kathy thanked the BCHW chairs, Directors, and committees for all their work for BCHW. She explained the two grants that BCHW received for trail work for the next two years.

Nicole Sedgwick was named to NOVA advisory committee. Jim Thode was named to the RTP grant committee as the equestrian representative. National Wilderness Stewardship grant proposal is due in April; so Nicole asked that chapters submit projects to her by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Andrews Creek Project pamphlet was explained. Due to

fire there was no State-wide Work Party in 2017. 2018 Statewide Work Party (SWWP 6) will be at Black Pine Horse Camp July 21-25.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business.

**Announcements:**

Nicole Sedgwick, Executive Director, explained that there is a stack of flyers from WAMedia to help chapter members write to their legislators.

2018 Rendezvous Tack Sale sold at least \$17,000.00 of tack.

**New Business:**

Kathy Young, President, asked 3 times for new business and there was none.

**Awards:**

**BCHW and WTA – Saw Program Awards**

Gary Zink was given a joint award for all his work both on and off the trail for trails maintenance. Gary thanked everyone and all those who contributed to the success of the saw certification program.

Tom Faubion was given an award for getting saws sharpened and sized for sawyers state wide.

Jim Thode was given an award for being the BCHW webmaster. For almost 20 years he has tirelessly posted tech tips for crosscut saw and other things for BCHW on-line.

**Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Karen Johnson – Scatter Creek Riders and Capital Riders

Peg Greiwe – Pierce County

**Lopper Awards**

Bernie Stratton – Lewis County

Audery Gunderson – Trail Dusters

Pete Stoothoff – Methow Valley

Peter Mahrt – Mt St Helens

**Trail Warrior Award**

Ron Celestres - Tahoma

**Backbone Award**

Kim Habel – Scatter Creek Riders

Judith Hoyle – Buckhorn Range

**President's Diamond Award**

Bill Ford – Methow Valley

Tom Faubion – Pierce County

Chapter Pride Display 2018

Pierce County

### Hard Hat Decorating Contest

1<sup>st</sup> - Renee Stevens

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kim Merrick

3<sup>rd</sup> - Greg Dielman

### Photo Contest

#### General

1<sup>st</sup> - Betty Wagoner

2<sup>nd</sup> - J Adams

#### Volunteer Work

1<sup>st</sup> - Dave Seibel

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Seibel

#### Humorous

1<sup>st</sup> - Dar Brady

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Seibel

#### On the Trail

1<sup>st</sup> - J Barcony

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dar Brady

#### Wildlife

1<sup>st</sup> - J Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> - J Barcony

People's Choice Award - Dar Brady

### Table Decoration Contest

1<sup>st</sup> - Awesome Mission Statement - Mt St Helens Chapter

2<sup>nd</sup> - Show Me the Green - Ferry County Chapter

3<sup>rd</sup> - Just Fabulous - Grays Harbor

### Truck and Trailer Rodeo

#### Women

1<sup>st</sup> - Heidi Staheli

2<sup>nd</sup> - Chery Clark

3<sup>rd</sup> - Claire Fisher

#### Men

1<sup>st</sup> - Del Sage

2<sup>nd</sup> - Greg Dielman

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jason Cummings

### Cross Cut Saw Competition

#### Individual 8" round

1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Thode (0.14.59)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ken Evans (0.23.78)

#### Individual 14" round

1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Thode (0.19.55)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Quade Henderson (1.55)

Team 8" round

1<sup>st</sup> – Cindy Chenier & Sheri Wright (0.24.25)

Team 14" round

1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Reiss & Jim Thode (0.19.57)

Kathy Young announced that all **auctions** together raised - \$19,986

**A moment of silence** was held for all those members that BCHW has lost this year.

**Accomplishments Video** was presented.

**Announcements:**

State Parks is considering renaming the John Wayne Trail.

Cathy Upper, Methow Valley Chapter, announced that the new horse camp has been started. She thanked Crab Creek Riders chapter for donating money for one of the campsites. More money is needed.

Meeting was **adjourned** at: 12:20 p.m.

Notes submitted by Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary.