

**Back Country Horsemen of Washington**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Kittitas Valley Event Center – Armory Building -- Ellensburg, WA**  
**December 1, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Young at 9:10 a.m.

Roll Call by Secretary

Absent: Inland Empire

Excused: Scatter Creek Riders

Quorum was present.

Agenda was adopted as amended.

Board of Directors Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 were approved as published.

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

Executive Committee - Kathy Young

No actions that need ratification were taken.

Treasurer/Budget - Teri Starke

Report was posted. Teri responded to questions. New donation forms are available. Please do not use the old ones.

Ways & Means, Calendars - Teri Starke

Calendar pictures are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Amazon Smile came out with Charity List – we can put anything amazon sells on BCHW Wish List.

Awards - Kathy Young for Lynn Wilhelm-Howell

Board of Directors must select a Cinch Award recipient – send nominations directly to Kathy Young by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Definition is on the BCHW website under Volunteers.

BCHA - Darrell Wallace

Darrell explained the Legacy Fund.

BCHW Store - Lori Lennox

Merchandise selling went well at the Winery Ride. Remember ORDER FORMS can NOT be available on-line. Directors were asked to remind members.

Education - Kim Merrick

Leadership Schedule was distributed and posted on the projector for Directors to see. It is also on the website and will be on Facebook. Kathy reminded Directors to get Chapter members to Leadership Training.

Executive Director - Nicole Sedgwick

Report was posted.

Governance & Bylaws - Ken Carmichael  
Report was posted.

Grants - Darrell Wallace  
Report was posted.

Leave No Trace – Jane Byram  
LNT meeting was held and a Train-the-Trainer Class will be set the first week of May in the Teanaway. Jane asked Directors to consider a WA State Horse Expo at Clark County Fairgrounds line item in the BCHW Budget. Jim Anderson reminded chapters to get ride flyers to Mt St Helens Chapter for distribution at this event.

Legislative - Jeff Chapman  
Jeff updated Directors on Legislative and Public Lands issues and concerns. Wilderness Watch has objected to the decision of the Superintendent for the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest preferred plan and the BCHW may still consider legal action to support the OWNF preferred alternative, based on a motion previously made by Directors. Jeff provided an update on the reported on the Colville National Forest Plan. Darrell Wallace explained the difference between Wilderness and Recommended Wilderness.

Public Lands - Pete Erben  
Pete explained Grizzly Bear recovery plan decisions and administration. He also outlined several meetings with public land managers that have been held. As Forest Revision plans develop, concerns with road access and maintenance of trails will be followed and addressed. BCHW Capitol Sate Forest VIP Ride in September PowerPoint presentation was shown to Directors.

Membership - Dana Chambers  
Dana gave an update and explained correspondence to folks who have not renewed their memberships and welcome letters to new members, etc. Number of renewals by month were announced to Directors. She also explained various reports available to chapters. Step-by-step for family membership cards will be distributed. Dana responded to questions.

Membership Development - Ken Carmichael  
Report was posted. Ken reminded chapters to send representatives to Leadership Training session on Membership Development.

Publicity/THN/Social Media/NWHS – Louise Caywood for Dick Yarboro  
Louise reminded Directors to send events to her and Jim Thode for Facebook and BCHW website.

Rendezvous - Nicole Sedgwick  
Nicole gave an update on Rendezvous, distributed posters to put up locally, and explained “invites” for local land managers. “Large Animal Happenings” was explained. Nicole responded to questions.

Safety - Doc Wesselius  
Directors were encouraged to make nominations to Doc or Tom Mix for WTA Leadership College which will be held in May. Nicole explained her experience attending last year. 2 people from BCHW can attend.

Sawyer Program - Tom Mix

Not present. Nicole will update list of trainers on website.

Special Projects - Jason Ridlon

+ Statewide Work Party is on the Umatilla Forest (Blue Mountains, SE WA) July 1- 4, 2019

+ Mt St Helens Monument July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

+ Twisp River Horse Camp trails were all lost to the fires.

+ Conrad Meadows was suggested as a possible focus for trail maintenance, now that the road is rebuilt and other areas were discussed.

Volunteer Hours - Deb Wesselius

Report was posted. 73,683 hours reported in the BCHW "year". Deb asked Directors to thank their coordinators for all their hard work. Two new regional coordinators are needed. BCHA is working on an app for reporting volunteer hours.

Website - Jim Thode

Newsletter publishing location – Jim asked, "Do Directors want to post theirs on a site open to the public?" Pulling out minutes and financial information was suggested by several Directors and discussion followed.

Winery Ride - Dave Jackson

Not present. Kathy reported a great turn out. \$16,180.00 net. Share checks were distributed to volunteering chapters. Teri asked that all checks get cashed before the end of the year.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Nominations - Kathy Young

Kathy requested nominations for BCHA Director three times and there were no further nominations. Jason Ridlon was nominated at the last meeting.

LNT Trailer Insurance - Kathy Young

Motion that was postponed to insure the LNT trailer to include the content coverage of \$25,000 for a year with a \$625 premium and \$500 deductible was brought back for consideration by Directors. Louise Caywood, Pierce County, requested an amendment to the motion to change dollar amount from \$625 to up-to \$700. Second. No discussion. Amendment passed so motion was amended: *to insure the LNT trailer to include the content coverage of \$25,000 for a year with a \$700 premium. Motion passed.*

There was discussion about ownership of chapter trailers. Per Patty Sander: for chapter trailers to be insured - titles need to be in BCHW's name (and can include chapter name), but the address can be the Chapter's or where the trailer is "housed". Chapter will be responsible for paying premium.

#### **New Business:**

Trail Ride Liability Release Form - Doc Wesselius

Liability Release form was discussed. There were many concerns about the language. *Jim Thode, Lewis County, moved that the issue be postponed to the March meeting and discussed between now and then. Second. Motion carried with two opposed.* Safety Committee - Doc Wesselius, Patty Sanders and Ken Carmichael were directed by Kathy Young to get information out to Directors by the end of January; so that a decision can be made in March.

#### Chainsaws in the Wilderness - Darrell Wallace & Jason Ridlon

Jason introduced the Resolution Concerning the Use of MRA's in Wilderness for BCHW to sign on jointly with Oregon. Jim Thode moved to amend the Resolution to be more specific and define MRA. Second. It was ruled out of order because there was no motion to accept the resolution. *Heather Moorman, Purple Sage Riders, moved to accept the document and sign it with BCHO. Jim Thode, Lewis County, moved to amend the resolution with language which was posted on the screen for Directors to review. Second. Bill McKenna called the question. Second. Carried. Amendment passed with 16 for and 11 against. Then, the resolution as amended was adopted.* The full adopted resolution is available with these minutes.

#### BCHA National Board Amendment - Darrell Wallace & Jason Ridlon

A resolution was proposed to have BCHA change their constitution to have 1 voting BCHA Director per state instead of two. *Jim Thode, Lewis County, moved to accept the resolution as posted. Second. Resolution was adopted.* The adopted resolution is available with these minutes.

#### Legacy Fund - Darrell Wallace

The Legacy Fund is meant to build an investment that the interest can be used for BCHA. Darrell Wallace presented \$100 to the Legacy Fund in Jim Murphy's name. Teri Starke will take and track donations for giving to the Legacy Fund by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Gateway Bridge - Joan Burlingame

Joan asked the Board to give \$2,000 for the bridge project on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Restoration Project. *Louise Caywood, Pierce County, moved that BCHW make a donation through Mountains to Sound Greenway of \$2,000 for planking material to refurbish the Gateway Bridge in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie trail system. Second. Discussion followed. Motion carried.*

#### Savings Account for YM - Teri Starke

Dana Chambers has taken over Membership. Teri asked the Board to approve the opening of a Savings Account which wont cost anything and is cleaner accounting. *Mary Kane, Tahoma, moved to have BCHW open a savings account that Dana Chambers will have access to in order to deposit membership checks. Second. Juelie Dalzell, Peninsula, called the question. Second. Carried. Motion carried.*

Teri announced that Becky Seibel has resigned and will not be signing checks anymore. *Louise Caywood, Pierce County, moved to have Becky Seibel's name removed from the checking account. Second. Motion carried.*

#### 2019 BCHW Budget - Teri Starke

Teri explained the proposed budget. Teri asked the Board to approve the budget and responded to questions. *Jim Thode, Lewis County, moved that the proposed budget be accepted as printed. Second. Kim Merrick moved to add \$500 to the budget in Education to pay for the WA State Horse Expo booth. Second. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Budget was accepted as amended.*

#### Nominations and Elections - Kathy Young

Jason Ridlon was the sole nominee for the position for BCHA #2 2019-2020. Jason was elected.

## **Good of the Order:**

BCHW Colors - Teri Starke

Goldenrod and Black are historically the colors. Teri asked to see if there were any suggestions to changing this.

Joe Watt Canyon Prize Ride - Kathy Young for Jason Ridlon

Kathy announced that the Methow Valley chapter will be the recipient of funds as they were the only applicant.

Winery Ride and Rendezvous Chairs - Nicole Sedgwick

Chairs are needed for Winery Ride and Rendezvous. Nicole asked Directors to look for volunteers to take over. Ken Carmichael has asked leaders of big BCHW events to create a document that explains how each of the big projects are run.

North Summit Horse Camp - Mary Pat Bauman

Methow Valley thanked all the contributors by name and gave an update on the project.

BCHAlaska - Paula Keohane

Paula outlined the work she has done in Alaska trying to get trails re-opened.

Trail Etiquette Handouts - Laura McDaniel

Laura distributed a flyer the Yakima Chapter uses.

Spirit of the West - Mary Kane

Mary explained the event which will be held February 15-17, 2019 at Kittitas Valley Event Center and attracts all sorts of horse folks with music, art, etc. Tickets are typically \$20 per concert. Ellensburgcowboygathering.com BCHW will have a booth and Mary could use some volunteers.

Mule Parking Only cones were presented to Jason Ridlon by Mary Kane.

Trail Miles - Darrell Wallace

There is a database where information can be entered. Numbers of wilderness and non-wilderness miles that were maintained need to be provided to BCHA.

New Officers - Kathy Young

Please update new chapter officers on the BCHW Directory on the website.

WA State Fair Parade - Louise Caywood

Chapter Accomplishment Photos are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Great Gravel Haul - March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Wreaths for Sale - Dave Seibel

Mt Spokane Nordic Area and Horse Camp - Ken Carmichael

Patty Sander and Ken Carmichael were married last Saturday.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Next meeting is Friday March 15, 2019 7-9 p.m. at Rendezvous.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Janelle Wilson, Secretary