

BCHW
Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2017

Call to Order

9:03 am

Roll Call

Mount Adams and Scatter Creek Riders Chapters excused. Quorum established

Adoption of Agenda

Bill McKenna made a motion to adopt the Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Dave Sunde. Motion passed.

Approval of Board of Directors Minutes for 3rd Quarter

Julie Dalzell made a motion to accept the BOD Minutes for 3rd Quarter. Seconded by Jim Anderson. Motion Passed

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

(reports are posted to the Directors webpage)

Executive Committee

Report posted. Kathy thanked Nicole for doing good job.

Membership Committee

Nicole Sedgwick advised that there are 140 members that have renewed using the new system.

Nicole has input the names of the Lifetime members into the system, so the individuals do not need to input the information themselves.

New members need to complete the paper application and send to Nicole for processing.

Treasurer

Report posted. Teri advised that there has been concerns with spam that is coming through asking for money. She encouraged the directors to pass this information down to their chapters. There has already been one chapter experiencing same situation.

Chris Enrico advised that websites with officer names can be hacked and emails harvested.

Ways and Means

There are 19 calendars left.

Teri Starke has donation forms if you need them.

Teri Starke will no longer be handling the Horse Source. Lori Lennox has volunteered to handle it. Further discussion on this matter was tabled until the New Business agenda item.

Winery ride

Dave Jackson reported the following: 665 pre-registrations, 50 late/on site registrations, 571 riders, \$31,404.41 Gross Revenue; \$17,309.71 Net Profit

Teri Starke handed out volunteer chapter checks.

This is the second largest fund raiser for BCHW. Dave reported that the number of volunteers was down and Kathy Young urged members to volunteer next year. ‘

Statewide Work Party

Report posted.

Jason Ridlon reported that the next one is scheduled for July 21-25, 2018.

Jason is working on organizing the Hot Shot Crew for work at Andrews Creek scheduled for June 29-July 4, 2018 and work in the Salmo Priest area scheduled for Aug 8-12, 2018.

Membership Development

Report posted.

Ken Carmichael advised that meetings so far have gone well. The participants are asking for handouts, and some are being posted on Ponderosa Website. Ken is developing job descriptions for chapter officers and various committee chairs.

A template for newsletters is being developed and will be posted on BCHW website for chapter use.

2 modules of the Membership Development Training will be presented at Leadership Training in January.

Ken is arranging another training session with chapters from the west side.

Governance & Bylaws

Report posted.

ACTION ITEM

Ken Carmichael advised that signed “Whistle Blower” statement forms are needed from the following chapters: Island, Methow Valley, Oakland, Peninsula, Watcom, Yakima Valley, and Darrell Wallace.

Ken asked that the signed “Conflict of Interest” statements be turned in to Ken today. These forms are needed from the state level BCHW Committee members, directors, and officers. Chapters do not need to turn forms in.

Legislative

Report posted.

ACTION ITEM

Jeff Chapman asked directors to be sure someone in their chapter is on his email list so legislative information is getting passed down to the chapters.

Chris Enrico advised that he attended a DNR User meeting this week to discuss Capitol Forest. DNR advised that the Capitol Forest will close down if the State Legislature doesn't pass a budget.

Lori Lennox asked that Jeff put the work "action" in subject line of his emails so that the reader knows to respond.

Legislative Day in Olympia is scheduled for Feb 19, 2018. Appointments with your legislators should be made by mid-January.

Chris Enrico reported that he has a database for legislators. Contact him if you want it.

Joyce Williams, BCHW Lobbyist will sign new contract at same rates for 2018. She wants to develop a flyer with data to have available.

The State of Washington is discussing options for the The Discover Pass. It is being recommended that it would be a non-opt out cost added to your vehicle license renewals.

Danny Chappell asked is this cost would apply to all vehicles/trailers in a household. Jeff advised that he thought it would be power units only.

Public Lands

No report posted. Public Lands Chairman Pete Erben reported.

Darrell Wallace and Pete Erben have been participating in the "Western States Public Lands Committee".

There was a meeting with DNR to talk about Capitol Forest and other public lands. DNR is very interested in working with BCHW.

Met with Olympic National Forest talked about maintenance of road systems. Pete Erben is involved in the formation of the Olympic Peninsula Access Coalition which will include both horsemen and other access users. Continued access and road maintenance will be their focus. Pete is encouraging all users with related interests work together. This cooperation is getting attention. The Coalition will work with Rangers and will be involved in work and providing input.

The National Forests are working with various user groups focusing on National Park access and maintenance. Some timber companies are also on these committees and providing input on road systems, etc.

Executive Director

Report Posted.

Posters for Rendezvous are now available. Nicole asked the Directors to take a few back home and hang some up around their town. The poster is also available on BCHW website if you need more copies, or if you want to share on social media.

Grants

Report posted.

BCHW spend all of their available grant money. Darrell pointed out that \$30,000 of the grant was spent on administrative costs in lieu of having this an operating expense. So this saves BCHW money. Peninsula Chapter was recognized for their 315% participation in work financed by grant funds.

The next Forest Service Grant of \$150,000 scored 8 and will start sometime this month. Darrell is waiting on the paperwork.

Grant #16-2714, Maintaining County, State & National Park Trails for \$465,418 scored 12th and it is likely that it will be funded when the capitol budget is passed.

BCHW Store

Lori encouraged everyone to buy stuff. Store was very successful at the Wine Ride.

Volunteer Hours

Report posted

BCHW Awards

ACTION ITEM

Committee chair Lynn Wilhelm-Howell encouraged nominations from the chapters. Keep in mind the Junior Achievement Award and nominate someone. Donations are needed from the Chapters to purchase the awards. If your chapter sends a check, be sure to write "awards" on your check so Teri knows where to apply the funds.

Potential of a Packing Award has been tabled. Criteria needs to be developed.

ACTION ITEM

Be sure to report any competition awards earned at Rendezvous to Lynn Wilhelm-Howell so that the winners have proper recognition at the awards ceremony at Rendezvous.

Safety

Nothing reported

Sawyer Program

Several cross cut saws have been donated to BCHW and are available for members and chapters. Contact Tom Faubion for information on how to obtain a saw. If you get one, take care of it because a lot of labor has gone into refurbishing them.

LNT

Jane Byram reported that the LNT committee meeting on Friday night prior to the BOD meeting was successful. There will be an LNT segment at Leadership Training in January.

Publicity/THN

The Trailhead News publishing contract is renewing. Further discussion when meeting reaches the Business segment.

New BCHW brochures are available.

Nicole advised that Director Information will be posted on Your Membership after Dec 10.

ACTION ITEM

Chapters need to post the names of their newly elected officers on the Directory in the Directors website by Dec 10 post so that the names appear in the next THN issue.

Ken Carmichael will send all directors on the group email instructions for director responsibilities. Please be sure that your new directors are posted.

It was recommended that the alternate director receive all the information that is sent to directors so they are in the loop.

Website/Facebook

Website report was posted. Notice was give that updates to the Chapter directory made by Dec 10th should show up in the January THN.

Trail Miles/BCHW History

Report posted. Scott Lee declared a failure of the ad hoc committee to reach consensus. There has been a disagreement among the committee on how to define a trail mile and no compromise could be reached.

Discussion followed with various suggestions on how to accomplish the definition:

Chris Enrico suggested that we talk to 2 primary chapters Peninsula & Lewis and find out what their definition is and go with that.

Jason Ridilon suggested that the question be asked at Leadership Training.

Nicole Sedgwick suggested that a survey be taken of the membership and then committee could analyze.

ACTION ITEM

It was suggested that BCHW could eliminate this category. Argument that trail miles are important or awarding of grants. What works for RCO? How do the other user organizations define it? Kathy will research.

Chris Enrico reported that Mt. Adams, Scatter Creek, Ferry County has or will submit their history write-ups. He received 1986 copy of a BCHW newsletter.

ACTION ITEM

Chris encouraged other chapters to submit their history information to him.

Education Leadership Training

LNT has been added to Leadership Training in January. A revised agenda will be issued.

ACTION ITEM

Chapters are to give a headcount to Kim Merrick so that adequate food and supplies are available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Horsemanship Development.

Doug Stewart gave a brief oral presentation. He gave the history of how Northeast Chapter became involved in their youth program. People taking the lessons are asked to become BHCW members, and NE Chapter has grown their membership.

Doug encouraged other chapters to consider starting a program on a smaller scale in an effort towards membership development and getting youth involved.

ACTION ITEM

Doug will put together a business plan for other chapters to be used if they'd like to start a horsemanship development program.

BCHA National Board Meeting

Report posted.

Darrell advised that the BCHA National Board Meeting is scheduled for April 23-25, 2018 at Northern Quest Casino.

BCHA refers to BCHW as BCHWA to distinguish us from Wisconsin and Wyoming.

ACTION ITEM

Darrell needs help arranging for entertainment for Monday night, which is a hosted off site activity.

LNT trailer will be available.

BCHW hosting the Wednesday night banquet and will be servicing the bar.

ACTION ITEM

Local members are needed to act as a help line if out of town participants need directions, etc. These volunteers should be familiar with the Spokane area.

ACTION ITEM

Registration information will be out within next couple of weeks. Darrell will research other local hotels for rates, etc. and provide that information.

The National Board Meeting is open to all BCHA/BCHW members. There is some benefit in attending the committee meetings.

Jason's Hard Hat Buyback

Kathy raising money to buy back Jason's hat, if we don't win the bid, a decision needs to be made on what to do with the donated money.

MOTION

A Motion was made to establish a fund to bid on the hard hat at the National Board Meeting. If not successful in winning the hard hat, the money roll over into the general fund for the board to decide in perpetuity until the hard hat is won at the National Board Meeting. Motion seconded. Discussion.

AMENDED MOTION

Original motion was amended to read: "To establish a fund to bid on the hard hat at the National Board Meeting. If we are unsuccessful, the funds will roll into the general fund. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

2018 Joe Watt Canyon Ride

The committee has evaluated the Chapter proposals for the use of the money earned at the ride. Traildusters Chapter was selected to host the ride in 2018. They will use the money to fund signage for Lord Hill Park in Snohomish County. The ride has been scheduled to May 19, 2018.

YourMembership

Nicole Sedgewick reported that there has been some problems with duplicate signups and glitch in system regarding the year.

ACTION ITEM

Nicole will be putting out directions for chapter membership chairs on how to pull membership lists.

Registrations for Rendezvous will be done using the YourMembership program as a trial run.

Membership cards will be generated on the new system and members can go in and print them off.

This system will also so be used for database/phone list and this should be set up by March 2018.

USFS Lack of Access

Dave Sibel read a statement regarding the maintenance, or lack of, on some of the Forest Service roads.

MOTION

Julie Dalzelle moved that BCHW write a letter to the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners supporting the rebuilding of the Dosewallips forest service road. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion Passed.

Lunch Break

MOTION

Motion was made to adjourn for lunch. Seconded. Motion passed

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm

North Summit Campground – Methow Valley (aka: Loup Loup) – Bill Ford

Methow Valley is asking for donations and help from other chapters, other horse groups, etc. to construct a new horse camp. The area is about 10 acres in size. Easy terrain. Good location for front country riders. Contract was signed with supervisor of Okanogan/Wenatchee Forest Service for the construction. The camp will be built in two phases and financed through grants and money from Methow Valley BCH.

Phase 1 has already begun; roads are being built, 6 campsites are planned, picnic tables, fire rings, highlines, and 2 manure bunkers. Phase 1 completed is estimated to be completed by the end of 2018. Eventually this will be a fee campground, but the Forest Service is considering no fee during Phase 1.

Phase 2 will begin after a “sufficient use” study period and after securing grant funds. Phase 2 will include a bathroom, picnic shelter, water development, and 2 more manure bunkers.

Fundraising for Phase 2 idea proposal is to “sell” campsites to individuals and organizations for the price of \$2,500. This money will go towards building a campsite and the donator will be recognized on a bulletin board in the campground.

NEW BUSINESS

Tunerville Campground in Pacific County

Jeff Chapman advised that there is a bridge failure in Tunerville Campground and the road is no longer accessible for horse trailers. DNR and BCHW are looking for solutions. BCHW has written a letter in support of funding a new bridge.

Bikes in the Wilderness

HR 1349 is a bill in congress in Washington DC, which would amend the Wilderness Act to allow bikes on wilderness trails. (Bikes, wheelbarrows, etc.). BCHW opposes the bill. Jeff would like some feedback on our position on HR1349.

It was suggested that BCHW take the same position as on the previous bill; oppose it for safety reasons.

MOTION

Motion by Julie Danzelle to maintain BCH position on HR 1349 as with the prior bill. 2nd by Bill McKenna.

Discussion followed.

Julie Danzelle presented motion to withdraw original motion and move that BCHW has a resolution in opposition to HR 1349 with language as per our opposition on prior bill S3205. 2nd and passed.

Northwest Horse Source

NW Horse Source contract ends in December. Cost is \$300 per month. Lori Lennox and Nicole Sedgewick have offered to write articles. Teri Starke was approached by the Montana BCH Bitterroot Chapter. They are interested in occasionally purchasing space from us.

MOTION

Motion was made to continue with the contract with Northwest Horse Source with Lori and Nicole taking the lead and for Lori and Nicole to make any decisions on whether we share the space with other BCH organizations. Motion Seconded. Discussion followed.

Motion Amendment: Motion amended to read that BCH renew the Northwest Horse Source Contract for next year. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Trailhead News Renewal

Renewal offer as follows:

Option 1

Offer to renew for the next 2 years for same rates as expiring with printing expenses expected to go up by 2% in 2018.

Option 2

4 Issues per year

Option 3

Quarterly publication

Option 4

Electronic version with one printed copy per year.

MOTION

Dave Sunde moved to table the decision to renew the contract until the March Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded. Motion Passed with opposition.

MOTION

Dave Sunde moved that this be referred to the Executive Committee to decide on two options to be discussed at the March meeting. Motion fails.

MOTION

Motion by Dave Jackson to pull Dave Sunde's motion to refer the decision to table the decision until March. Motion Seconded. Motion passed.

MOTION

Louise Caywood made a motion that the Directors be given the renewal documents for review and that they report back to Kathy Young with their vote via phone or email by a date that Kathy picks. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion failed.

Publisher has agreed to continue to provide services without a contract the until March BOD meeting.

MOTION

Motion by Doug Stewart to approve renewal Option One for 12 months. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion Passed with opposition

BCHW Budget

Proposed 2018 budget was posted.

Teri Starke amended the proposed budget to include the cost for Northwest Horse Source, and the Trailhead News cost was revised.

ACTION ITEM

Teri advised that meeting rooms cost need to be revised; and the cost for Your Membership will be corrected.

MOTION

Motion made to accept the proposed 2018 budget with corrections. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections

Kathy Young announced that Nominations for 2018 Officers are open.

Nomination Slate:

BCHA Alternate Director - Bill McKenna

President - Kathy Young

Jason Ridilon - Vice President

BCHA Director - Darrell Wallace

MOTION

Motion made to accept the slate of nominees. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Slate of nominees has been approved.

MOTION

Motion made to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. Motion seconded. Motion Passed.

MOTION

Kathy Young motioned to approve Janelle Wilson as Secretary and Teri Stark as Treasurer. Motion seconded. Motion passed

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Accomplishments Video

Input for the 2017 accomplishment video is due to Louise Caywood in February.

Conrad Meadow Access Update

Danny Chappell reported that maintenance has been planned in 2018 for Road 1000 access into Conrad Meadow. The Federal Highway Administration will make the road more user friendly and will repair the washout. This work is scheduled to occur in the Aug-Oct 2018 time frame.

Yakima Valley Chapter

Yakima Valley Chapter Director reported that the chapter was ready to fold until some of their new members stepped forward to take leadership positions.

Membership Development

Ken Carmichael announced that a meeting with some of the west side chapters has now been scheduled for Feb 17-18.

MOTION

Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sander, Substitute Secretary