

Lewis County Chapter
Back Country Horsemen
Sulkum Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
March 6, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Thode, President. We welcomed Chris Vassel, Randle as a new member. Jim called for any changes to the February meeting minutes. The minutes stand as published having heard no changes.

Treasurers Report: Nancy Thode presented the Chapter's bank balances. She stated some items she handled this month included Rendezvous expenses and membership monies sent to the state level.

Director's Report: A short directors meeting will be held at Rendezvous, if any items come up on the published agenda that the chapter needs to be involved Jim Thode reported he would notify us.

Trail Boss Reports:

Slim: Snow at Burnt Ridge is 12 + inches deep under the timber.

Jackie: No report

Tony: Gave a July 31- August 4 cooperative work party at Green River update.

Tony is briefing the Saint Helens FS District on work party dates and plans.

Note: Jim Thode is communicating the 2019 Chapter work plans for the Gifford Pinchot FS District. Anyone working independently needs to communicate with a trail boss. It is very helpful for the trail bosses to know what work has been done and the condition of trails. Any work on public lands needs to remain a more formal process due to insurance coverage (or non-coverage).

Old Business:

Legislative Day: Jim Thode and Sherri Wright spent February 26 in Olympia making office calls on legislators from this area. They shared what BCHW does for public lands/DNR/Parks in Washington State.

Fun Ride: The **May 11** date was confirmed after a short discussion.

Jim Thode presented a draft flyer with a new bullet: "Bring your own food; no food for Sale."

Jim presented a plan to change the prize tent operations. Hearing no objections it was understood the new plan would be the one followed by volunteers this year.

Jim asked that members start bringing any donations they have for the prize ride to the next meeting.

Tony would like to have a silent auction also, he has made a carved wooden bench he would like to donate. No decision on silent auction was made.

Loppers/Volunteer Hours: Loppers awarded to those working a specific number of trail hours in 2018. Deb Wesselius reminded us to turn in work hours to Bobbie McTimmons for the first quarter. The report due in two weeks.

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New Business:

Awards: The LCC **top ten volunteers 2018**: Deb Wesselius, Jim Thode, Tom Conner, Tony Karniss, Doc Wesselius, Sherri Wright, Bobbie McTimmons, Tom Bouchard, Slim Mardock, Leonard Wright, and Pam Swigert. A 10,000 Volunteer Hours recognition plaque was presented to Deb Wesselius for all the volunteer work she has done for LCC and to support the State BCHW efforts.

Membership: Jim stated he will contact any members who have not paid their dues this month.

Good of the Order: Doc Wesselius stated that member **Mike Clemens** has passed away in Yakima. There will be a memorial at the Chehalis Veteran Museum on March 23 from 1 – 3p.m. The Chapter will send a card but all who knew Mike and Karen are welcome to attend.

Thank you to Tony Karniss for hosting February meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Stella
LCC Secretary