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March 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Cathy Upper



Hello folks, the changing of the seasons always feels like the changing of the guard. What do we need to work on now? No more hockey or staying indoors—the outside world is beckoning! Still, it's nice to breath cool clean air.

Planning is playing a big part of my agenda these days so please don't hesitate to add an event or pick out one or two to join from our calendar. It's all still a work in progress but it's time to get those ponies brushed and their shoes on!

New FaceBook Discussion Group!

Let's Get Connected!!!

If you are a Facebook user, this message is for you! We've recently set up a new <u>Methow Valley Back Country Horsemen Discussion</u> <u>Group</u>. This Discussion Group is a place where you, a club member, can post questions, comments, announcements, concerns, work parties, rides etc. and have the rest of the club answer your questions. This is more like a list-serve in that anyone using Facebook, and who has joined the group, can post to this site (very democratic!). You can find this new Discussion Group <u>here</u>. Please join to get info from the folks that are doing the work!

The Discussion Group differs from the Methow Valley Backcountry Horsemen Page in that the Page is a great resource for any Facebook user either in or outside of our club who is looking for more information about what the club is all about or what it does. Think of the Facebook Page as the 'storefront' to our club; the Facebook Discussion Group is our 'private water-cooler' where we can have informal postings of info and chats.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Megan Casey at <u>mgcasey@comcast.net</u>

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MVBCH FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

<u>Members Present</u>: Michelle Schmidtke, George Schoenfeld, Cathy Upper, Bennet Upper, Betty Wagoner, Shelly Jones, Rick Jones, Mary McHugh, Mark Brantner, Carole Stusinski, DK Williams

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: (Bennet)

MVBCH has received recent donations and dues payments that have increased our overall balance. This allows us to proceed with planned trail work. Chapter members are welcome to contact Treasurer Bennet Upper for current balances if interested [contact info is on front page].

<u>Club Calendar</u>: Cathy distributed handouts related to work projects and proposed events. She is asking members for submissions. Bennet said it's easy to post events on the BCHW website.

Work Projects:

- * Redecking of Lewis Lake Bridge. The trail needs to be logged out in early June and an outfitter will be hired to pack in the planks.
- * Evergreen Bike Alliance has an RCO grant to do brush work on the Twisp River Trail and Lightening Creek. MVBCH can use their people to brush out the Twisp River Trail.
- The Washington Conservation Corp will be hired to work on the Williams Creek Trail on August 4-11. The trail needs lots of tread work.
- * NSHC: Wire fencing and burying the water tank still needs to be done. MVBCH has money from the USFS to complete these projects.

Spring Ride:

- Publicity: Megan Casey, our new membership chair, will be helping promote information for new members and updating our facebook page. MVBCH is also looking at setting up a group facebook page. Our ride is advertised through BCHW. Mary McHugh volunteered to distribute flyers. Cathy said anyone who in interested can take charge of more advertising (post flyers, local paper, KRoot) Flyers. All members can print up the flyers to post at various locations and distribute to friends.
- Registration: You can register online or use the mail-in address on the flyer [Registration form/ flyer is on page 7 of this newsletter.]
- * Kitchen: Cathy, Mary, and Ashley Ahearn will go through supply trailer and will form a subcommittee for purchase of food/groceries. Bennet said MVBCH is purchasing two new grills similar to the ones we already have
- * Auction: Shelly and Rick Jones are in charge of the auction. They want it noted in the minutes that they are in charge of the auction only, not the entire Spring Ride. Rick would like all the donated items for the auction in one place. Call him to give him the items and he will put them in storage (509) 699-3797. Rick has made a list of members who have solicited items from various merchants in the past and another list of merchants who have never been solicited and hopes to organize things so that no merchant is solicited more than once. He is working with Linda Seaman to produce a tri-fold promotional brochure that can be given to donors and he will have gift certificates available at the next meeting.
- * Coffee station: The coffee station needs an additional person. Mike Murray is in charge of purchasing a new coffee maker
- * Logo Wear: Michelle said she is not ordering any more large and extra large sizes of logo wear because there is such a back log of items from past auctions
- Signage: Mark Brantner is in charge of putting up signs on the way to Beaver Creek Campground Rendezvous:

Ellensburg, March 18,19,20

Christina Cline is giving a presentation on hoof care.

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"A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!"

One of Shakespeare's best known lines. The king spoke the line in Act V of the play <u>Richard III</u> after losing his horse in battle.



WE'RE IN LUCK!

WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR SOMEONE TO STEP UP AND BE OUR NEW VOLUNTEER HOURS COORDINATOR BUT TO NO AVAIL. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TRACK ALL OF THE HOURS WE WORK ON TRAILS, OUR HORSE CAMPS, AND RAISING MONEY FOR THESE PROJECTS (SUCH AS WHEN WE HAVE THE SPRING RIDE/AUCTION). ALL OF THE HOURS PUT INTO THIS WORK MUST BE RECORDED AND SHARED WITH LEGISLATORS AND THE FOREST SERVICE.

THIS FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE NEED TO KEEP THE TRAILS AND CAMPGROUNDS WE USE OPEN. IT IS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY CREDIBILITY.

MVBCH MEMBER KAY MACCREADY HAS BEEN OUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COORDINATOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS BUT WAS READY TO GIVE UP THE ROLE TO SOMEONE ELSE. WITHOUT ANYONE OFFERING TO STEP UP AND TAKE THE JOB, KAY HAS AGREED TO REMAIN IN THE POSITION UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

THANK YOU KAY, FOR STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE WHEN WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ML FARRIER SERVICES

Offering shoeing and barefoot trimming in the Methow Valley. Melissa Stusinski is a Winthrop resident and graduate of the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization's farrier school.

Contact Melissa: 425-478-4005 or mlsfarrierservices@gmail.com





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MVBCH Reports to the Methow Valley Ranger District for 2021

This is an extract of a letter signed by our Trail Boss Bill Ford and our President Cathy Upper to Chris Furr, Forest Service District Ranger of the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD) reporting on Methow Valley BCHW activities for 2021.

MVBCH members contributed 1691.5 volunteer hours on trails (logging out, tread work, brushing) as well as on the Twisp River Horse Camp (TRHC) and the second year of Phase II at the North Summit Horse Camp (NSHC).

The following is an itemized list of trails, projects and hours for 2021 (not including travel time). The trail volunteer hours were allocated to BCHW which will reallocate some hours to the Methow Valley Ranger District.

2021 MVBCH Volunteer Hours (VH) on Forest Service Land

TRAILS	<u>Activity</u>	Hours	
314 Blue Lake Trail	Log out	8.0	
342 Windy Peak Trail	Log out	18.0	
346 Freeze Out Trail	Log out	6.0	
356 Beaver Lake Trail	Log out	8.0	
382 Middle Creek Trail	Log out	8.0	
401 South Creek Trail	Log out	5.0	
402 Bear Creek Trail	Log out	6.0	
408 War Creek Trail	Log out	36.0	
411 West Fork Buttermilk Tr	ail Log out, t	read, brush 118.0	1
412 Lookout Mountain Trail	Log out, bru	sh 4.0	
440 Twisp River Trail	Log out, tre	ad, brush 69.0	
447 Hidden Lakes Trail	Log out, bru	sh 3.0	
476 Cedar Creek Trail	Log out, bru	sh, tread 55.0	
484 Monument Creek Trail	Log out, bru	sh 15.0	Trails Sub-total VH 533.0
485 Tatoosh Butte Trail	Log out	16.0	Chain Saw Certification 60.0
500 Lake Creek Trail	Log out, bru	sh 60.0	Twisp River Horse Camp 140.0
527 Wolf Creek Trail, South	Fork Log ou	† 16.0	North Summit Horse Camp 958.5
560 North 20 Mile Trail	Log out, bru	sh 82.0	······································

We look forward to completing construction of NSHC Phase II in 2022. It will be complete in the late spring/early summer, depending on the weather. The last remaining projects are installation of the horse water tank and related piping and putting up the last signs.

MVBCH intends to make a large investment of time and finances in the Twisp River Horse Camp in 2022 and beyond. This camp ground was damaged by the 2018 Crescent Mountain Fires. We plan to re-deck the Louis Lake Bridge on South Creek this year.

Because of the Crescent Mountain fire, many trails have not been completely logged out. Also many trailhead roads need to be graded and maintained- especially the road to the East Fork of the Buttermilk # 420. We appreciate our mutual cooperation and the support that MVBCH and BCHW are receiving from the MVRD.

MVBCH JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

- * MVBCH is sponsoring "Ride Our Part of the State," and we donated a \$490.00 chainsaw.
- The Trailmeister will have a booth and will be giving several presentations. He has a website where we can advertise the NSHC and possibly provide maps for the various trails out of the camp.
- * There will be a tack sale where BCHW takes 10%. Cathy wants to take the pack boxes donated by Jane Gilbertson to the sale.
- * There will be a first aid course.

Miscellaneous:

- * MVBCH still needs a Volunteer Hours chairperson.
- * Bill Ford said that if you get 16+ volunteer hours, the USFS will give you a free forest pass
- * If you want sawyer certification, Pete Stoothoff will be doing training in May and you need to get on the list

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Schmidtke

Volunteer Hours News

The final report for all chapters is here! Our chapter has done very well considering Covid restrictions on larger work parties. North Summit Horse Camp has been completed except for the plans for water, and repairing and upgrading Twisp River Horse Camp is one of 2022's important project goals.

Those of you who spent 16 hours or more on Forest Service trail work have received your free parking passes and volunteers that have earned their Volunteer Hour patches are:

For <u>50 or more</u> volunteer hours:

Karl Kaiyela Mike Liu Mary McHugh (for our chapter) George Schoenfeld For <u>100 hours Chevron</u> (which means 150 hours total):

Don Hecker

<u>For 500 hours Chevron</u> (which means 850 hours total:

Kay MacCready



Congratulations to everyone no matter how many hours you worked!

I know there are some members who don't understand why we submit our hours. For sure, we don't do it for the credit! But, it's not about us or who we are, but it's important for our organization to be recognized and considered in governmental decisions about our trails. Even if we are working on a grant project our hours count—as long as we are not being paid.

<u>The form to use is included on page 6 in this newsletter</u>. Please make copies of it because you will send one to me each time you declare your hours worked. Also, and for your information, please have a look at page 7 for our state report of hours worked in 2021. All other chapters are tracking their work, so please help us stay current. Thanks very much!

If you have <u>any</u> questions about the process or whether the work you have done counts, please call me, Kay MacCready, at 509-293-1413 or send an email to <u>kay.maccready@gmail.com</u>.

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Back Country Horsemen of Washington Volunteer Hours Report State Summary

2021 ~ Final prepared by: Deb Wesselius, BCHW VH Chair



	Trail V	Work		Admin		Total	Personal	Total	Total
Washingtor	Basic	Skilled	L.N.T.	Public	Travel	Volunteer	Vehicle	Stock	Dollar
	Trail	Trail	Educ.	Service	Time	Hours	Miles	Days	Value
Buckhorn	323	172.5	25.5	149	185.5	855.5	4354	9	32,131.55
Capitol Rid	178.5	0	44.5	314.5	110.5	648	2820	47	26,013.92
Cascade H	220.5	115.5	11	502	240.5	1089.5	4363	30	40,105.52
Crab Creek	76	2.5	19	47.5	378.5	523.5	1074	14	17,450.37
Ferry Coun	9.5	9.5	20.5	32	14.5	86	374	9	3,864.01
Grays Harb	1213	943.5	153.5	1439	940	4689	18961.5	178	184,049.31
Independer	19	179	45	2493	258	2994	6723	2	94,926.09
Inland Emp	6	0	0	46	29	81	705	2	3,216.74
Island Cour	152	118	54.5	226	118	668.5	2538	0	23,300.85
Lewis Coun	648.5	694.5	320.5	1593.5	416	3673	10479	85	133,716.94
Methow Va	692	304.5	83	141.5	327.5	1548.5	6893	80	63,432.41
Mt Adams	4	14	2	24.5	11	55.5	406	0	2,189.75
Mt Olympus	468.5	927.5	18	324	226.5	1964.5	2991	180	90,293.26
Mt St Helen	498.5	172	12.5	410	311	1404	7036	15	51,060.60
Nisqually C	139	0	30	482	148.5	799.5	2376	25	27,693.73
Northeast C	308	231.5	338.5	215.5	323	1416.5	8889	104	63,019.42
Oakland Ba	19	5	0	131	18.5	173.5	775	6	6,398.04
Okanogan	2	0	0	10	2	14	80	0	479.56
Olympic Ch	361.5	45.5	841	834.5	335.5	2418	8060	144	92,119.01
Peninsula C	4898	1024.5	333	2202.5	1151	9609	28600	153	332,760.48
Pierce Cou	595	432	322	1467	610	3426	13019	64	123,361.68
Ponderosa	541.5	38.5	139.5	1358.5	324	2402	10207	9	80,209.48
Purple Sag	448.5	75.5	41.5	383	119	1067.5	3197	7	35,440.84
Rattlesnak	163.5	16	5.5	830.5	96	1111.5	4100	21	38,150.53
Scatter Cre	406	47.5	20	565.5	324	1363	8379	83	56,256.85
Skagit Cha	401	215.5	15.5	899	465	1996	11653	93	80,994.03
Tahoma Cl	439	937	56.5	1617	482.5	3532	15326	53	134,800.27
Trailduster	198.5	68	16	156	113	551.5	1890	23	20,900.17
Wenas Cha	11	0	0	52	14.5	77.5	324	0	2,535.85
Wenatchee	48.5	0	0	19.5	32	100	973	5	4,327.00
Whatcom	428.5	575	63.5	525	293.5	1885.5	8244	153	85,561.42
Yakima Va	36	0	28.5	217	51	332.5	1620	2	11,309.55
Totals	13953.5	7364.5	3060.5	19708	8469.5	52556	197429.5	1596	1,962,069.23

(Th) Mar 3 Fri-Sun) Mar 18-20	Regular Business Meeting @5 pm, in TwispWorks Conference Room 2022 BCHW Annual Rendezvous, General meeting + 1st Qtr Directors' meeting at fairgrounds in Ellensburg	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955 See Trailhead News for details
(Th) Apr 7	Regular Business Meeting 5 p.m. @ Twisp Works conference room	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Sat) Apr16	Spring Ride Work Party — Beaver Creek Campground cleanup work party	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Wed) Apr 27	Trail Flagging Party — Beaver Creek Campground @ 10:00 a.m. (bring lunch!!) Also firewood delivery and Sani-cans/water truck arrive.	Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717
(Thu) April 28	Tents/Tables set-up in BC campsite for registration/auction/logo wear sales, etc	Phillippi 509-668-1024, Cathy Uppe 509-429-2955, Rick Jones 509-69
ri-Sun) Apr 29-May1	2022 Annual Spring Ride with dinner and auction	3797.
(Th) May 5	Regular Business Meeting 5 p.m. <u>OUTSIDE</u> @ Twisp Works (dress for the weather)	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Fri) May 6	Golden Doe Ride — @ 10:00, bring lunch and invite someone new to ride with us! Please call if you will be joining us!!	Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717
(Fri) May 6	Cut out Wolf- Ridge trail (NO horses!) Start @ 9 am	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Fri-Sun) May 6-8	49'ers Days in Winthrop — Ride to Rendezvous comes through town @ noon on the 6th	
(Thr) May 12	그는 이 것 것 같은 상태에서 집에 가지 않는 것을 것을 알았다. 그 것 것 같은 것이 같은 것 같은 것 같은 것 같은 것이 같은 것이 같이 있다. 것이 것 같은 것이 같이 없다.	Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717
(Fri) May 13		Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Fri) May 20	Appreciation dinner for helping at Spring Ride Ann Port's house up Twisp River.	Ann Port 509-997-5491
(Sun) May 22	Log out South Creek Trail to Louis Lake bridge in preparation for bridge redecking project.	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Mon) May 23	Volunteer hours are due to Kay MacCready.	Kay MacCready 09-293-1413
Fri-Mon) May 27-30	Jason Ridlon's Wolf Creek trail log out in prep for WCC crews.	Jason Ridlon 509-699-9927
(Thu) Jun 2	Regular Business Meeting @ Twisp Park starting at 5:00 pm.	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
Date TBD??	<u>Note</u> : We will be planning the Louis Lake bridge redecking and the Twisp River horse camp clean up. Bill Ford and Tony Karniss will be organizing these projects. Timbers for the bridge will be packed into the job site before the work day. (If you are interested in helping please contact Bill at 509-997-0133.) We will be brushing out the Twisp River trail #440 with the Evergreen Bike Alliance. Dates and times to be decided.	Bill Ford 509-997-0133 or Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Sat) Jun 25	Work party at Twisp River horse camp 9 am. <u>bring lunch</u> ; log clearing and finishing new campsites.	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955 and Bill Ford 509-997-0133
July Meeting TBD??	Regular Business Meeting ???? (TBD)	
(Mon) Jul 4	4 th of July Twisp Parade	A STATE OF A
(Fri-Mon) Jul 1-4	Hot Shot work party #1	Jason Ridlon 509-964-9260
(Sun-Fri) Jul 17-22	Hot shot work party # 2	Jason Ridlon 509-964-9260
July 20, 24 & 29	Connie Mehmel is looking for someone to pack her into Spanish camp (Forest Service might be able to do this), move her from Spanish camp to Pygmy Basin and then pack her out Billy Goat on these <u>3 dates</u> . She is doing a <u>white-bark pine survey</u> in the Pasayten wilderness.	Contact information?
Date TBD??	Log out of Williams Lake trail prior to the Wash. Conservation Corp coming August 4- 11. They are hired by us to do thread work on this trail.	TBD??
(Thur) Aug 4 (Tues) Aug 23	Regular Business Meeting 5 p.m. @ Twisp Park Volunteer hours due.	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955 Kay MacCready 509-293-1413
(Th) Sep 1	Regular Business Meeting 5 p.m. @ Twisp Park	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955
(Sat) Sep 17	3rd Qtr BCHW Directors' Meeting	DK Williams 360-676-1319
(Sat-Sun) Oct 1-2	Come ride out of our new North Summit Horse Campground! Share Potluck Saturday night.	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955 & Bett Wagoner 509-279-8717
(Mon, Tue, Wed) Oct 3, 4, and 5	Betty's 3 days of riding. Starting with the Latte ride from Brown's Farm to the Mazama store. Camping in the Goat creek sno-park. Second day might be	Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717
(11-1) (2-1)	Cutthroat pass. Third day is the Big Valley ride.	Cathy Upper
(Mon) Oct 6	Regular Business Meeting 5 p.m. @ Twisp Works Conference Room	
(Th) Nov 3	Regular Business Meeting @ 5 pm in Twisp Works Conference room. THERE IS NO MVBCH BUSINESS MEETING IN DECEMBER	Cathy Upper 509-429-2955

METHOW VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ANNUAL SPRING RIDE & AUCTION **BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND, TWISP, WA** A FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND IN THE METHOW APRIL 29-MAY 1 VALLEY-JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! DIRECTIONS TO BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND: From SR #153 -Just south of Twisp, turn east on Hwy. 20 toward Okanogan-Omak. Go about 2.5 miles on #20 and turn left onto Upper Beaver Creek Road. From the east DUTCH OVEN POT LUCK side (Okanogan/Omak) - Follow Hwy #20 to MP 207. Turn right onto Upper **FRIDAY EVENING** Beaver Creek Road. The campground is about 7 miles after turning onto Up-TRAIL RIDE SATURDAY per Beaver Creek Road-watch for the MVBCH Spring Ride signs! 10-3PM POKER GAME ON RIDE Discover or WDFW Fishing License Pass Required SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY (CLOSES @ 5PM) ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED WHILE IN CAMP - NO DOGS **BBQ DINNER SATURDAY** ON THE RIDE. NO STALLIONS. EVENING @ 5:30PM **EVENING CAMPFIRE** Need More Information? MAIL REGISTRATION TO: ENTERTAINMENT Call: Bev Phillippi **MVBCH Bennet Upper** BUCKAROO BREAKFAST 509-668-1024 156 Spook Haven Rd. SUNDAY MORNING E-mail: bev2ap@gmail.com Winthrop, WA 98862 AND, BEST OF ALL-FRIENDLY FOLKS!! Please detach lower portion Please detach lower portion Please detach lower portion RIDE REGISTRATION (INCLUDES SATURDAY BBQ DINNER) REGISTER BY APRIL 22ND

(AFTER APRIL 22ND, \$30 EACH ADULT RIDER, \$15 EACH FOR 12 YRS AND UNDER)

Pre-Registration	@ \$25 Each	{kids \$13 (12 &	under)	} Poker game	@\$5 each	
If registration is after 2	April 22nd:	_@\$30 Each	{kids \$15 (1	2 & under)	}	
Buckaroo Breakfast:	@ \$10 Ea	ch {kids \$	5 (12 & under)	} Other:		_

Complete the registration, each adult sign the release and send with your check to the address above

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in Trail rides or other BCHW or chapter functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses. Under Washington law, an equine sponsor or equine professionals are not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to RCW 4.24.530 (Equine Activity Liability Act).

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