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Notes from the President

June 2022

BCHW mission statement: To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

CONGRATULATIONS to Melinda Smull and her Auction TEAM. You all put on a class act event and everything was done fantastically! I heard many people give compliments: on the venue, it was warm, great live auction items, loved the silent auction, pizza was good and of course compliments on the auctioneer. It was wonderful to see new faces and we all got a chance to meet friends we have not been able to gather in 2 years. I want to thank everyone who all attended who came to support and believe in the mission and this organization.

I got a chance to attend the ribbon cutting of the Galbraith Mt parking lot, along with Sharon Hoofnagle, Rosemary Vohs and Tim Van Beek. It was great to hear Nicole Oliver, a head of the Bellingham Parks and Recreation, acknowledge us in her speech. Thank you Sharon for staying strong and vigilant helping us regain parts of the parking lot. We do have 2-3 slots for trailering. We have the hours between 6am -10am to park there. I also received a compliment from a biker that stated Rosemary is a 5 star equestrian representative. Thank you Rosemary for educating other user groups so we can all get along and enjoy the trails.

On a final note I like for us to think about changes for the good of the organization. One definition of change "is the application of a structured process and set of tools for leading the people's side of change to achieve a desired outcome. These ideas my folks are the mindsets we need to have and trust ourselves to keep our trails open and to keep our organization strong for the future. Remember everything is a work in progress and Rome was not built in a day.

Happy Memorial Day!
~Proud President Cindy Piccolo

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<http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>

Auction, May 14, 2022

Our auction was a success! There are so many people to thank. The auction committee did a fantastic job considering all the setbacks we were challenged with. A big shout out to the Deming Logging Show for not giving up on us as well as the auctioneer Paul Sanchez, who did an excellent job!

That said we had so many other volunteers pitch in. Thank you to Therese Jones, Sam Miller, Roger Nelson, Nancy Giordano for the delivery of items. I'm pretty sure there were others but cannot remember everyone that was involved. The silent auction was grateful for the extra help from Marie Tiemersma, Laurie Swartwood, Tricia Doyle Morones, Judy Kinna, Shirley Todhunter, Sharon Hoofnagle, and of course Debbie Lagerwey for keeping everything on track. Thank you to Mike McGlenn for welcoming everybody and giving a short history of Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen of WA before the start of the Live auction. We had Andy McLeod at the coffee and drink station along with Verna McLeod picking up empty plates from those that enjoyed cinchettis pizzas. Ryan Heacock and his neighbor Silver did an amazing job toting around items for auction goers to view and believe me there were some heavy items. Bill McKenna and Leroy Lagerwey also helped as spotters in the live. Michelle McKenna did an awesome job writing down the items sold so that the office could read them. Thank you to Cindy Piccolo for helping setup, helping in the office, and where ever needed. We had a new member step up for an office position Ric Karon, thank you. Thank you also to the rest of the helpers in the office, Sam Miller, Lynn Johnson, Chris McGlenn, Carol Ketchum, Fran Van Diest and Joy Lagerwey. There were 3 of us that took care of the Square device, the first year we were able to take credit cards, I think it worked well! Clean up was a breeze especially since we have a professional custodian sweeping up thanks to Roger Nelson, Cindy Piccolo, I think Marie Tiemersma and everyone else that was involved with the cleanup!

None of this could have happened without the donations, we want to thank everyone for that. Thank you for all that attended and made this event what it was and that is great. Please forgive me if I have left your name out it wasn't intended, just forgetfulness. Everyone loved the new venue so clean and we were all in the same room also they provided heat!

That being said we need some new volunteers for the auction committee. Fran needs to give her bookkeeping position up for this event. If you have a good computer and skills we need your help. We may need a new silent auction coordinator also. We will not be able to continue with this event unless we find people that are willing to step up. Training will be provided.

Once again Thanks for your support,
Melinda Smull

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WBCH General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2022 Laurel Grange

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Cindy P. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Sam moved to approve April minutes and tonight's agenda, Bill seconded.

Sunshine: Michelle M.- Michelle was notified of who needed cards (to respect privacy we don't usually name recipients)

Volunteer hrs.: Verna M.- we had 129 hours for April.

Treasurer: Tim V. – balances were read. (Members can request balances)

Directors: Bill M: E-bikes are still an issue. There will be a public zoom meeting on it. If members can't get on-line contact Kathy Young (our public lands officer)

At the June directors meeting they will vote on re-organization

Work party coordinator: Roger N.- no work parties planned.

Trailheads

Vedder: Roger N. He has been weed-eating at the parking lot. New bark was discussed, the cost will be about \$350. Bill asked if we need a vote. Since we had budgeted \$500 we do not need a vote. The work will be done in June.

Cindy reported an abandoned car to the sheriff, they were there in ½ hour, the car had been stolen.

Marie T. has been picking up garbage. Asked about the protocol for approaching people who are parking cars in the stock areas. Sharon repeated what the board discussed: it is private property; however, the consensus was that the owner felt hikers were welcome but not to park in stock areas. Rocky is working on signs. Sharon had sent the board info on educating non-horsey people on sharing trailheads.

Saxon: Bob Rathjen said that the first creek Edfro crossing is in bad shape. We are uncertain if it is DNR or Land Trust land. Cindy asked if we could use grant money for it? Tim V will check it out

Y Rd: Sharon- logging is still on-going. The parking signs are staying up.

Silver Lake: Sharon talked to the 4-H leaders at their meeting. They are in favor of our proposed changes to the barn and very excited over the proposed camping sites with highlines. Bill is working on more plans for trails.

Old Business: National Trails Day is June 4th. Roger N is coordinating our work. We will be packing gravel but we don't know the particulars. The DNR will contact Whidbey Island Naval Air for helpers. Sharon asked that equine first aid kits be with the horses. Roger N will take one. Sharon will walk in but will take another. Hyden is expecting us to put in for food, however Melinda S received an email that food would be provided (We should clarify this soon S.H.)

New Business: Hwy 20 closures, time and place, were sent out by Mike M. They were discussed. One stretch will be one-way. There is a big wash-out by Cascade Farms.

Auction: Melinda- we tagged items on Saturday the 7th. Hauling will start at Nancy's at 9 am on the 14th. We will do a walk-through with the auctioneer on Friday at noon. Roger N and Sam will bring horse trailers. We need an enclosed trailer also. We have around 230 items in the silent. Paul Sanchez is the auctioneer, he used to run the "Red Barn". LeRoy Lagerwey and Bill M will work the live auction floor. Verna will pick up trash. All workers need a badge. The silent auction will be closed in sections ½ hr. apart.

It was moved by Melinda and seconded by Sam to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 Sharon Hoofnagle secretary.

Whatcom BCHW Annual Auction

Our annual auction was held on May 14, 2022 at the Deming Logging Show place, after being postponed several times in the last 2 years. We want to thank everybody that helped make this a successful event! Special thanks to Paul Sanchez for donating his time and expertise as auctioneer. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals that continue to support Backcountry Horsemen of WA by donating an item or helping out with our auction!

We appreciate all the support the community has given us thru out the years to continue to keep trails open for all users.

Below is a list of all the businesses and individuals that donated for 2022! Please show your support by visiting all the businesses and let them know we appreciate their help!

Fran

Gary Anderson

Anonymous

Barbies Berries

Barrett Transmission

BB Stables

Toni Beck

Dick Bedlington Farms

Gary Bellows

Blue.Ink Real Estate

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Margaret Visser

Washington Tractor



CALENDAR



Due to the coronavirus, more information on the following will be sent by email at a later date. All dates are currently pending until further notice.

At this time work parties will be scheduled as needed and email will be sent to notify members.

June 4, 2022----National Day work party with DNR at Blanchard trail.

Sign-in begins for volunteers at 8:15am, morning brief at lower trailhead at 9:00am, Load and pack in gravel to trails. For more information contact Roger Nelson at ramjet1961@hotmail.com.

June 6, 2022----zoom board meeting at 7:00pm.

June 8, 2022----general meeting at Laurel Grange on Guide Meridian, social hour at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

June 11, 2022—work party at Vedder trail head. Meet at the trailhead around 9:30 on Saturday June 11th for a work party of spreading wood chips around berms at trailhead and around the rocks. Roger will bring brush cutters if someone wants to use them close to the trailhead rain or shine. Lunch will be provided.

July meeting maybe a heady trailhead and the other summer months, the meetings will be held at Misty River . More information at a later date!

2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

LEGISLATIVE:

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360-599-2526

LEAVE NO TRACE:

Bill McKenna
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VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Verna McLeod
360-595-2744

PROGRAMS:

Sharon Hoofnagle
360-7344258

SUNSHINE

Michelle McKenna
360-599-2526

TRAIL HEAD COMMITTEE

Mike McGlenn
360-739-2619

SCRAPBOOK

Debbie Lagerwey
360-354-2804
Need Pictures!

E-bike Survey:

The departments are also taking public feedback through an online public survey, available in English and Spanish, through Friday, July 15. To complete the online public survey, visit wdfw.wa.gov/ebikes or dnr.wa.gov/ebikes or call Wildlife Program Customer Service Desk at 360-902-2515 to request a print version of the survey

Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Michelle McKenna at 360-599-2526 or send her an email at: wintercreek10@gmail.com

Volunteer Hours:

Report your hours to Verna at verna@soundengineering.com.

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Trailhead break-ins

Trailhead break-ins are rampant through-out the country and through-out the ages

Here is some information gathered from a few sources.

According to a sheriff's deputy the average theft takes 45 seconds. The window is smashed, glove box opened with a crowbar, and the thieves know exactly where folks hide things.

While some thieves are opportunistic smash and grabs for things visible in the vehicle, many are professionals who use Blue Tooth and RFID detectors to find credit cards, phones, and other tech that are hidden in trunks or under seats.

Another source said they smash the window and reach in instead of opening the door to avoid setting off a car alarm.

It is hard to ID someone in a hoody with a camera, but it may ID a vehicle.

Local law enforcement and land managers are working on the issue.

Some of our members are doing trailhead work to establish a presence.

But the key to stopping the break-ins is for everyone to remove the incentives.

Leave nothing of value in your vehicle. Carry wallet, i.d., and registration with you. Purchase a vehicle vault for your tire inflator and tool kit.

If you have a beater vehicle leave it unlocked and/or the windows down.

So why is this article in vet notes? Because we need a certain amount of equipment and supplies to travel safely with our horses. If you are on a day ride and close to home take a basic first aid and carry it on your horse. Carry your wallet with you.

Many of us carry extra gear like halters, ropes, cinches, saddle blankets. We also carry more elaborate bandaging materials. We also carry extra clothing and blankets. Most of these items are not of value to thieves. But don't risk that expensive extra saddle, leave it home

Monitor your grass to maximize your forage potential

Ideal Forage (4-6in)

High Nutrient Value
Healthy Root Development

High Yield

Undergrazed Forage (>6in)

Low Nutrient Value
Healthy Root Development

Low Yield

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Stunted Root Development

Low Yield

When more than 70% of the plant is removed, the roots stop growing, and there will be less yields

Rebates!

We have up to \$200 rebates available for fencing that will help you with your pasture rotation!

whatcomcd.org/financial-assistance

May'22--April'23

Volunteer Hours for April 2022-total of 129hrs.

(Basic--5hrs, LNT/Edu--47 hrs., Admin--52.5 hrs., and travel--24.5 hrs.)

- Andy McLeod**
- Bill McKenna**
- Cindy Piccolo**
- Debbie Lagerwey**
- Donna Remenar**
- Fran Van Diest**
- Gary Anderson**
- Joe Remenar**
- Kathy Adams**
- Laurie Swartwood**
- Letitia Wheeler**
- Melinda Smull**
- Michelle McKenna**
- Mike McGlenn**
- Nancy Giordano**
- Rocky Leavitt**
- Roger Edmonds**
- Roger Nelson**
- Sam Miller**
- Sharon Hoofnagle**
- Tim Van Beek**
- Verna McLeod**

Auction Day, May 14, 2022. Here's some pictures before the auction started, and once it started doing with registration. More pictures on the next page.





More pictures of the auction, silent and live. Auctioneer, Paul Sanchez below. Bottom right picture of the helpers in the office, doing all the paperwork.



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Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



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Member Info

Check One: New Member Renewal Secondary Chapter Application Only

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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- Single \$41.00
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- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00
- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

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Chapter Name (or Independent):
Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues have been paid for 2021:

Chapter Dues \$10.00

Please consider making a Chapter donation: \$

Please consider making a State donation: \$

Chapter Subtotal \$

State Subtotal \$

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$

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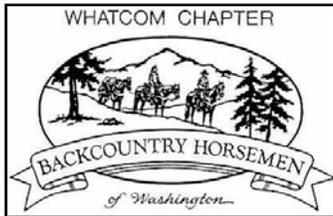
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Signature: _____
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Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:
General Meeting: June 8, 2022
Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden, WA

Social at 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm---8:30pm

