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Prez Says

Spring Has Sprung, and the Trees are Blooming!

By Dana Chambers, BCHW President

I know we are ready to get out on the trails to get in some much-needed riding. Work parties are ramping up and there is a lot of work to do. Our members are getting their Sawyer Certification renewed to remove the numerous trees blocking the trails! Our state is open, and I am sure we are all happy about that.

Rendezvous was a great success with record sales at the BCHW Store and incredible numbers coming out of the Tack Sale. The Saturday Night Dinner and Auction was well attended, and a lot of fun was had by all. It was great to be together and see all the smiling faces. My anxiety was high for my first big event as your president, but I am glad to say that my first Board of Directors and General Membership meetings went very well!

This year, exciting things are happening with a new state program, Next Gen Packing, focusing on the younger generation. I am still getting my bearings and my feet wet in this new role, but I am enjoying every minute.

Exciting News

One major exciting thing coming out of Rendezvous is that we have a new chapter being developed. The NEW Ellensburg Valley Chapter has been needed for a long time. They have their Officers elected and are working on their Bylaws. They were approved by the Boards of Directors on April 2nd at a Special BOD Meeting. Their Officers are Director: Teri Letcher, Alt. Director: Janet Logan, President: Dar Brady, Vice President: Lindsay Forslin, Treasurer: Brooke Robertson and Secretary: Carol Wolverton-Conklin. They currently have 32 Memberships and 55 members…YAY!!!! Their first official Membership Meeting will be May 4th at 6:30 pm at the CWU Business Foundry, 421 North Main, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Congrats, Kittitas County and everyone who has been hoping for a local chapter!

We have four Regional Work Parties and several Chapter Prize Rides on the new Event Calendar on the website. Take some time and look at the website and let us know what you would like to see on it!! Ride on and be safe!!

BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- 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.

Your Leadership Quote of the Month

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves

~ Abraham Lincoln

Joint BCHW-WTA-EMBA Sawyer Instructor/Evaluator/Certification Extravaganza April 1-2-3, 2022

Who:

About 21 candidate sawyers met with BCHW, EMBA and WTA I/Es to earn their initial or recertifications plus others were standing for level upgrades or seeking being designated a BCHW I/E. A few were dirt bike riders from the local VOLT group. We all sat around the evening fire, heard incredible stories and learned that everyone there has the same goals and feelings – We all want to keep trails open for recreation and to saw safely.

BCHW: Back Country Horsemen of Washington
EMBA: Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
WTA: Washington Trails Association
VOLT: Volunteers of Lewis Trails

What:

This event was designed to gather sawyers from different focus groups into one spot to conduct chain saw operations.

Goals:

- Foster a safe learning environment.
- Accomplish initial certifications.
- Accomplish recertifications for B bucking, C bucking, C bucking and felling.
- Identify Instructor/Evaluators for our partner groups WTA and EMBA.
- Rotate sawyers between different I/Es so the newer sawyers can learn skills and techniques.

Results:

- 18 initial bucking only certs were issued – 12 As with WTA, 2 As and 4 Bs with EMBA and VOLT.
- Recerts were issued to B and C sawyers.
- 3 sawyers with EMBA were designated as Instructor/Evaluator.
- All sawyers got to saw with at least two different I/E over the duration of the event.

When:

This event was planned primarily by Tony Karniss (BCHW and Regional Program Instructor (RPI)), Alan Carter-Mortimer (WTA) and Shawn Lorenz (EMBA) and supported by eight I/Es from BCHW and affiliated groups. April 1-3, 2022, was selected.

Friday was scheduled for a few sawyers seeking advanced levels to go with a retired timber faller and select I/Es and RPI - Tom Mix. This group was joined by the Region 6 Saw Program Manager – Aaron Pederson. All the others remained at the center to attend and present the classroom portion of the initial certification.

Saturday and Sunday were reserved for the sawyers to be further instructed and evaluated by different I/Es. This provided a great learning environment and allowed candidates to experience different techniques for addressing typical situations found on all trails.

Where:

Cispus Learning Center near Randle, Washington. The meeting room, bath and showers and camping location is a reproposed CCC work center. The local school district operates the site. There must have been about 100 junior and senior high school folks attending the grounds while we were away sawing things.

Why:

The overarching goal was for the sawyers to listen to and learn from the very senior sawyers in the group. Two of the BCHW Instructors/Evaluators were retired timber industry sawyers. The majority of those attending were about 45 or younger. When they gathered around the modest evening fire – there were comments about what were all these old guys doing here. When the engines started, they all soon realized who the teachers and who the students were.

At the Sunday afternoon closeout gathering – We thanked the attendees for participating. Comments from the attendees were very appreciative, thoughtful and they all wanted more of these events in the future. They really liked the part where they got to saw for different instructors and learn from each.

Everyone thanked us for the experience and that they each learned a whole lot. One woman thanked us all as she said she was concerned that they (women) would be outcasts but soon realized that everyone was included and that all instructors really wanted to see all sawyers successful and learn good techniques. Several participants cherished the opportunity to work in pairs so they could observe new techniques.

Our newsletter (Trailhead News) will be electronic to all members in 2022, with the exception of the May-June and Sept-Oct issues, which will be printed and mailed out to all memberships. This is due to the unforeseen reduction in revenue in 2020 and 2021.

Please go to bchw.org, Trailhead News, to view your publications.

This decision was not made lightly, and we are sorry for any inconvenience it may cause.

As always, please continue to send all articles and/or event announcements to: bchw@wamedia.com.

Volunteering in the Community

By Ken Carmichael, Ponderosa Chapter Director

This is a different kind of article because I am not talking directly about Back Country Horsemen (BCH). I met Evelyn Pederson of the Spirit Therapeutic Riding Center at Rendezvous in Ellensburg, Washington. They had a vendor booth. It got me thinking about the time I spent volunteering at the Free Rein Therapeutic Riding in Spokane.

If you like horses, which we all do, and want to help others in a meaningful way, here is a way. Let me quote their mission statements:

It is our Mission at Spirit Therapeutic Riding Center to provide equine-assisted activities to individuals with physical, emotional and learning disabilities, as well as senior citizens and challenged learners. We focus on capabilities and promote independence. website: spirittrc.com

Free Rein is a non-profit organization in Spokane, Washington, dedicated to providing health, hope, and happiness for children and adults with special needs through equine-assisted services. Website: freereininspokane.com

I cannot say enough about these organizations and the sense of satisfaction of working with them and the benefits of their programs. I will rely on their websites to do this. I can just say that the time I spent with Free Rein provided a great deal of satisfaction and a great time with some very deserving and wonderful people.

It is our Mission at Spirit Therapeutic Riding Center to provide equine-assisted activities to individuals with physical, emotional and learning disabilities, as well as senior citizens and challenged learners.

There are many ways to volunteer in our communities, and as volunteers, we should be doing what we love best. Working with horses is a good start. These are highly professional groups that use our best friends, horses, to better the lives of other people. Volunteers receive extensive training, especially those handling the horses.

Besides physically handling the horses, other volunteer opportunities with these organizations are on their websites. Another option is donating horses that we are retiring off the trail. Two of my horses have gone to similar organizations in the Spokane area. Of course, the horses have to be sound and very well broke, but it provides a very good and useful life.

I know the feelings I have as I put my left foot in the stirrup and the benefits it has on my life. Horses do this for us. They can do it for others as well. I encourage all BCH members to find similar organizations in your area and see what they need. It is a proud way to wear your BCH jacket and reach out to the community.

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Being Safe in What BCHW Does

By Chuck Regimbal, BCHW Safety Chair

We do things that are not always guaranteed safe. Getting on a powerful animal is an example. Even though they are well trained, a small BEE can ruin your day. Trail tread work on a steep slope with sharp tools can be problematic. So, what can we do to be safe? Be proactive and think ahead. However, there are no guarantees.

But a bit of common sense goes a long way. We all have inherent common sense. We are responsible for using it when we attend any Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) sponsored events, including work parties, prize rides or any BCHW activity. And just what is common sense?

You can find answers to help answer this question by going to the BCHW website, www.BCHW.org, then go to the Programs tab, then the safety tab and click on it to see several safety documents. These documents will help you evaluate your requirements and responsibilities when conducting a BCHW sanctioned event.

There is guidance on safety for rides, work parties and sawyer work. For example, you are planning a ride event. You advertise, take money, and have riders from other areas participate. This event is not for two or three folks doing a day ride for pleasure, although these guidelines are also useful for that scenario.

Consider a person unfamiliar with the area, is out on the trail, lost, hurt and not mobile. Are you, the ride organizer, ready for this scenario? Where do you go to find the tools that will help you prepare for this potential scenario?

The Safety for Trail Rides Guidance available on the website provides the following to consider

1. All participants must sign the liability release statement.
2. Provide the riders with emergency contacts (i.e., who to call in the event of an emergency).
3. Give all riders a safety brief on trails and conditions. Give them maps, mark the trails and/or provide guides for the ride.
4. Always have a first aid kit nearby and, if possible, someone with CPR training at the event.

Not on the website, but a good idea your safety chair inserted here is this. If riding alone, ensure someone knows where you will be and when you expect to be back.

The safety of work parties is considerably more involved.

1. Obtain funding if applicable.
2. Meet with landowners (US Forest Service, Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, private landowners, etc.) to discuss what work is to be done. In the case of US Forest Service work, ensure a volunteer agreement is reviewed and all participants have signed a Job Safety Analysis (JSA) before work begins. Provide a communications plan and emergency action and evacuation plan. Print out needed forms and have them available at the worksite. The website has sample forms, but often the landowners have their own forms for us to use.
3. Assemble the work crew. Sign liability release statements. Divide up the work crew if multiple jobs are required.
4. Ensure each work crew has a first aid kit and someone with current CPR training.
5. Provide job briefings and use checklists and attendance rosters. Discuss and require ALL Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used and who has the first aid kit for each work party. Ensure JHA's have been discussed, understood and signed by all participants. These briefings should cover such topics as:
   a. PPE
   b. Trail maintenance
   c. Livestock operations
   d. Chainsaw operations
   e. Crosscut saw operations
   f. Rigging operations
   g. Noxious weed control
   h. Transporting explosives

You can find the various radio frequencies used by different agencies, particulars of a first aid kit, and what protective equipment is used for what job on the BCHW website.

Safety for sawyer operations is covered in sawyer training and those trained have that information. It is not duplicated here.

Conclusions

Common sense provides that there is no good reason for a volunteer, member or visitor while engaging in BCHW activities should ever get hurt doing so. We all want to finish the activity and get home safe. These guidelines will help.

"This article reflects the views of the author and does not necessarily reflect the position of Back Country Horsemen of Washington"

Fan, Advocate or Activist? Keeping Trails Open to Equestrians

By Scott Lee, Cascade Horse Club

The second item in the BCHW Mission Statement is: "To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use." In doing so, many of us work with land managers, both public and private, in order to keep trails open and safe for equestrian use. Our relationships with those managers are preferably open, transparent and responsive in a positive manner, with our acting as essentially "fans" of the land manager. However, when different user groups compete for access to the same trails with different usage models, there can be friction when those needs come with conflicting requirements.

Some hikers and bikers object to manure left on the trail by horses; some equestrians are at risk of horses spooking in response to encounters with bicycles, especially when those bicycles are traveling at speed.

Some hikers object to both horses and bicycles on trails for ecological or other reasons. In a perfect world, these users could co-exist in balance; however, human nature being what it is, there are sometimes users who believe their needs supersede the needs of others, and that is where tension starts. In these situations, we need to operate somewhere on the spectrum between "fan" and "advocate," depending on the level of tension and the policies of the land managers.

There are paid lobbyists whose job includes convincing land managers that it is in their best interests to maximize mountain bike trail miles, not just shared access but also unique access to the exclusion of other users (like equestrians), enabling bike-specific features such as berms, jumps and drop-offs. Their playlist includes wildly inflated economic impact estimates and, on occasion, activists who discourage competing users through differing levels of harassment.

The results of their work can go as far as to make a trail system or park MTB only, as has happened at Duthie Hill Park in King County. What are we to do in the face of professionals lobbying who are paid to take our trails? If a land manager has been convinced that exclusive access to a competing user group is preferred, we can no longer be "fans" of that management, as they are denying us a resource that is a core part of our hard-paid-for lifestyle. This is where "work to ensure public lands remain open to recreational stock use" comes in. We as an organization need to execute a best effort campaign to convince those land managers that our needs have great weight and economic impact.

US Department of Commerce "Bureau of Economic Analysis" studies show equestrian economic impact is approximately 4x that of all bicycles (pre-COVID, road, cruiser, MTB) in Washington. It is one tool we can use with land managers that have been given greatly exaggerated financials from the MTB lobbyists.

Our activity as advocates can include communicating to land managers as strongly as is civil, both directly and indirectly, by

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any means available such as letters to the editor, participation in city and county council meetings, maintaining positive contact with government officials at all levels, various government "feedback collection" surveys, public meetings and possibly demonstrations.

We should also solicit partnerships with hiking organizations, as they lose trail miles and safety on their trails, as high-speed mountain bikes can represent a safety risk on shared trails. We should consider joining in with other groups whose agenda aligns with ours. There are several equestrian groups in addition to BCHW, and landowners that border areas are taken over by, say, mountain bikes, may object to the new order and join us equestrians in resistance to a proposed change that we all see as negative.

With that said, when do we transition from "advocate" to "activist"? What is the difference, and when does civil behavior transition to not-so-civil behavior?

My wife and I and several riding friends have been the victim of MTB "activists" whose agenda is to intimidate equestrians off certain trail areas by passing us at speed in an attempt to spook our horses. One friend's horse was actually slapped on the hindquarters in an attempt to spook the horse and unseat her, all to discourage equestrians from using the trails. However, the question remains, what are the behavior limits between furthering an agenda and self-protection?

What actions constitute "activism" vs. "advocating"? When the question is simply trail access, is it better to back off and let advocating in public forums, through confidential communications to land managers and the leadership above them, make our point? Probably. However, when the problem goes from access to trails to safety on those trails, is there an activist response to that threat that we should consider? What level of response is acceptable from a legal and "civil" standpoint? Organizing demonstrations, promoting equestrian participation in public meetings, pro-actively remaining "in the loop" on what is transpiring. Communicating clearly and firmly when confronted with misinformation could be construed as transitioning to "activist," as public questioning of "fact" will sometimes result in being labeled as an unrealistic reactionary conspiracy theorist or worse. Our opponents have used one defensive strategy to attack the person exposing the facts and not the facts themselves, so an "activist" should be prepared for that.

I will close by saying that we would all prefer to live in a world where we could operate as supportive fans of land managers; sponsoring work parties, generating positive press and helping co-ordinate user groups to mutual advantage is definitely the "fun" part and comes from a positive place. However, certain groups are using rather "sharp elbows" in lobbying to remove equestrians from trail systems to claim them for their own. In these cases, we need to operate firmly as advocates and support those few willing to transition to "activists" when the need arises.

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Using All Our Tools for Membership Development

By Ken Carmichael, Membership Chair

As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, BCH chapters are looking forward to holding in-person meetings. These meetings are a great tool for maintaining personal relationships and contacts that make working and riding together more fun and productive.

The meetings also play an important part in Membership Development. For BCHW to grow and prosper, we must attract new members. To do this, we must make ourselves visible in the community and show that membership has something to offer. What better tool than to invite prospective members to a chapter meeting?

This is an opportunity to tell our story and show people what we do. Of course, this also depends on what type of membership meeting we conduct. Many chapters have Boards that can conduct much of the busy work of operating the chapter. This leaves time at membership meetings for activities that attract members and guests interested in BCH or should be.

Highlights of meetings can include interesting programs, social time and something that always draws more people than ants, and that is food. There are good ideas in all of these areas. Look at what other chapters are doing for programs. I do not want to dwell on food, but some ideas are potlucks, cake and ice cream (goes good with volunteer awards night), soup night, ethnic night of your choice, and one of my favorites, ice cream night because I make a mean banana split.

Always make sure that you walk a guest to a chair, so they feel comfortable. They do not want to sit in someone's special seat. Also, take them to the buffet table.

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For these activities to be productive, people, members and guests need to know what is happening. We need to promote the good things and good times that we have. This is where the chapter newsletter, emails and Facebook come into play. Personal phone calls can help as well.

When guests are at the meetings, it is very important that they feel welcome, or they will not come back. In Ponderosa, we all wear name tags and have them for the guests. This helps new people and helps us older folks, so we are not embarrassed. We meet guests at the door, especially those that come in late, and we always walk them around the room to introduce them. Then at the beginning of the meeting, they are introduced again. We learn how they found out about our chapter. Some from the website, Facebook, a friend, an event or maybe are BCH members from the "coast" and just moved to Spokane to get on the better side of the state. We get a lot of those.

Make your chapter membership meeting part of your Membership Development program and watch BCH grow.

This is one meeting where you are guaranteed to have something in common with a guest: horses, an easy conversation starter. I found a new farrier on the recommendations of a guest.

The Ponderosa chapter puts the newsletter on our website, Facebook and the BCHW website. If they keep coming and reading, they will join. Of course, we are careful about providing financial information. We want people to know about us and having a few people take advantage of our resources without joining is of no concern.

So, make your chapter membership meeting part of your Membership Development program and watch BCH grow.

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW memberships expired on December 31, 2021. Please go to BCHW.org and click on the Membership tab to join or renew. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers, at membership.bchw@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952. I'm here for you!

PRICING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIPS

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BCHW Rendezvous 2022

By Teri Starke

Rendezvous 2022 at the Kittitas Valley Event Center was wonderful, and we had a chance to actually see our friends face to face, take in new clinics and the weather even cooperated! We had several great clinics this year, including our own Robert Eversole and he was also the keynote speaker at the General Membership meeting on Sunday morning. With our new president, Dana Chambers, focusing on youth during her presidency, it was very nice having Rick Mathis from NW Montana Back Country Horsemen (BCW) talk about how they developed a 4-H packing club. Some of the kids even came over to talk about what they learned and can do now. The auctions, vendors and tack sale were packed with items for our members to bid on and purchase!

We have already started the planning for Rendezvous 2023. I have the Umtaneum Hall full of paid vendor booths already! If you are an individual or chapter and want to sponsor a clinician, let me know so we can get the rooms/areas reserved. We will be bringing some ideas to the June board of directors meeting for your director to bring back to chapter members. We would like to know what you think and what you would like to see at Rendezvous. If you want to help in the myriad of planning, parts and bits it takes to put on a great event packed with clinicians and everything BCHW, please give me, Teri Starke, a call at 253-709-5052.

PHOTOS BY JIM THODE

Congratulations to Your 2021 BCHW Awards Recipients

By Sue Sundahl, BCHW Awards Committee

It was so exciting to be able to meet in person this year at Rendezvous and actually present the Awards for 2021 in person for most of our recipients. All BCHW volunteers are award winners in my book, and acknowledging those special people that go above and beyond is a pleasure each year. Thanks goes out to all the Chapters and businesses that donated to the Awards Program this year.

It's not too early to start thinking about next years awards. Now that we are back to a "new normal," everyone is eager to get out and work on all those trails, projects, fundraisers and committees to keep our trails open. Please select a member of your Chapter to start a list of those special people that you would like to see nominated next year for an award. I know I already have someone in mind that I will be nominating. Take care and happy trails.
Sue Sundahl, BCHW Awards Committee

Presidents Diamond Award

Chuck Regimbal

Doug Stewart

Desk Jockey Award

Barb Thomas

Cinch Award

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Dick Yarboro

Mike Reedy

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Bill Bennett and Mary Bennett

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Lopper Award

Norma Wright

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Lesa Gregory

Ken Schulz

Camp Cook Award

Ranae Stevens

STANDING RULE 2022-1
Board – Executive Committee Delegation

This Standing Rule covers partial ceded authority by the BCHW Board of Directors (BOD) to the Executive Committee for the purposes of conducting the business of BCHW. This covers how the board will have assurance regarding compliance of the Executive Committee with Board Directives. Other standing rules may be adopted from time to time to cover the relationship between BCHW and the BCHW Chapters.

Accountability and authority for public lands issues management, administration of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), creating strategic partnerships with other organizations, fundraising, and other delegated authorities as the BOD directs, rests with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is the Board of Directors' operating arm with those areas of operation. The BOD will instruct the Executive Committee through written directives that specify the results to be achieved and limiting the means or situations and actions to be avoided. The BOD will allow any reasonable interpretation of these policies.

The BOD will provide guidance which describe those practices, activities, decisions, and circumstances that would be unacceptable to the BOD.

The Executive Committee shall not cause or allow any organizational practice, activity, decision, or circumstance that is either unlawful, imprudent, or in violation of the BCHW By-laws or Standing Rules and commonly accepted business and professional ethics and practices.

The Executive Committee shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures, or decisions that violate confidentiality or privacy, or are unnecessarily intrusive. The Executive Committee shall not collect information that does not clearly serve the needs of BCHW.

The Executive Committee shall not cause or allow financial planning for any fiscal year to deviate materially from the BOD's adopted budget, without prior approval of the BOD.

The Executive Committee shall provide a monthly report of all activities to the BOD, following the monthly Executive Committee meeting.

The BOD may change its expectations and shift the boundary of delegated authority between the BOD and the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote. By doing so, the BOD changes the ceded authority given to the Executive Committee, for future decisions. As long as the Executive Committee has followed the expectations and boundaries to date, the BOD will respect and support the Executive Committee's decisions and actions as if they had approved the decisions and actions themselves. Reversing Executive Committee decisions requires a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors, per Robert's Rules.

The President shall be the chief governing officer of BCHW. The duties shall be subject to BOD By-laws and Standing Rules. The President will be the liaison between the Executive Committee and the BOD and ensure that governance integrity remains with the BOD.

The assigned result of the President's job is that the BOD behaves consistently with its own By-laws, Standing Rules, and those other rules legitimately imposed on it by law.

If an emergency election is required or ratification of removal of an Executive Committee member is required, the President will nominate a replacement and will notify the Executive Committee and the BOD of the proposed nomination. A vote will be held by the BOD in person or via Video Conference, as provided for in the BCHW By-laws.

June 18, 2022, BCHW Policies
Adopted 4/30/11, Updated April 2018 & April 2019

STANDING RULE: ELECTIONS 2009-1
Revised June 18th, 2022

Starting in January each year the Directors shall announce to their chapters which offices are scheduled for election. The President, Vice President, Position 1 BCHA Director and Alternate BCHA Director are elected at the June BCHW Board Meeting of the even numbered years commencing in 2022. The Position 2 BCHA Director is elected at the June BCHW Board Meeting of the odd numbered years. Directors should be encouraged to submit names of persons to fill specific offices that are up for election. If the named person accepts the nomination, then that person may provide any information to the board for consideration, and to the Trail Head News.

Nominations will be handled per the "Nominations from the Floor" process set forth in Robert's Rules of Order and will officially open in March each year. Nominations will be closed at the beginning of the June meeting. Information about the qualifications of candidates may be presented to the board in session as a quasi committee of the whole. The quasi committee of the whole will function as an executive session, and deliberations will be held. At the conclusion of the deliberations, the board will move into open session, and an election will be held. Officers duly elected will assume their duties on July 1st following the election.

Approved by the Board
June 18, 2022

BCHW Bylaw Revisions:

By BCHW Re-Imagined Committee

BCHW is in the process of revising the BCHW bylaws. It is important that the organization follows the bylaws and that the bylaws reflect the needs of the organization. Part of the process to revise bylaws is to notify the general membership via the THN 30 days prior to the BCHW Directors ratifying them in June. The BCHW Directors have seen the changes in writing and discussed them at a formal electronic meeting. There are several minor changes and some significant changes throughout the bylaws. We also have a new Standing rule for an Executive Committee and some edits to our Elections Standing Rule. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at president@bchw.org

BYLAWS
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this organization shall be BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON (herein referred to as BCHW), and it shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization with local chapters (hereinafter referred to as chapters) without the issuance of stock. Except as provided herein, the corporation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT
BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows:
The mission of this organization shall be:
To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
To work to ensure 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 backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
Section 1.

A. Any adult person, who subscribes to the mission of BCHW by application and payment of current annual BCHW dues, may become a member, either as an independent member, or through membership in a chapter. Memberships may be individual or family. For purposes of this rule, an individual must have reached his/her 18th birthday and a family includes a person, his or her spouse or partner, and the children in their household. "Children in the household" includes children residing in the home under age 18, and children age 18 to 23 who are residents of the household, dependent upon the family for support, and actively enrolled in a formal education program. All household members 18 years of age or older shall sign the BCHW membership application.

B. Any individual or family may choose to purchase a lifetime membership, by paying a one-time membership dues for BCHA and BCHW in accordance with the appropriate Standing Rule.

C. A youth group may qualify for an individual membership through a chapter by making application and paying dues in accordance with the appropriate Standing Rule.

D. The Board may establish and modify classes of membership, with appropriate rules governing such classifications and relative annual BCHW dues.

Section 2.
Local chapters may be formed in any area of the State of Washington by making application to the Board as described in the appropriate BCHW Standing Rule.

Section 3.
The Board may revoke a chapter's affiliation with BCHW upon receipt of substantial and credible evidence of conduct by the chapter or its members on behalf of the chapter that is contrary to the mission of BCHW or adversely reflects on the integrity of BCHW. Revocation may be ordered if it is deemed to be in the best interest of BCHW and is ratified by a vote of three-fourths of the Board members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. A revoked chapter will be required to promptly return any and all BCHW property, literature, and promotional materials of all types, and said chapter's right to the further use of the Back Country Horsemen name or any similar name in any way will terminate. See the standing rule "Dissolving a BCHW Chapter."

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ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of BCHW shall be elected (or approved) by the Board of Directors, and shall include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two BCHA Directors, and an Alternate BCHA Director. Officers (except the President) shall be ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. President.

A. The President shall be elected for a term of two years or until a successor has been elected. The President shall chair all Membership, Executive Committee, and Board meetings. In addition, the President is the chief executive and administrative officer of BCHW and will exercise supervision over BCHW and all its activities.

B. The President shall appoint such committees as may be necessary and appropriate to the conduct of business of BCHW, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees. Each committee chair shall present a written report to the President for distribution to the Board members, at least one week prior to each Board meeting.

Section 3. Vice President.

The Vice President shall be elected for a term of two years, or until a successor has been elected, and in the absence of the President shall chair Membership, Executive Committee, and Board meetings. In addition, at the President's discretion, the Vice President will act in place of the President in all matters of BCHW. When acting in the place of the President, the Vice President shall have all the powers, duties, responsibilities, and privileges of the President.

Section 4. Secretary.

The President, subject to Board approval, shall appoint the Secretary for a two-year term or until a successor has been selected. The primary duties of the Secretary shall include taking careful and authentic notes of all the proceedings of the Board, Executive Committee, and Membership meetings as a basis for preparing the minutes of BCHW and maintain the official corporate records of BCHW. In addition, the Secretary shall perform tasks as needed under the direction of the President.

Section 5. Treasurer.

The President, subject to Board approval, shall appoint the Treasurer for a two-year term or until a successor has been selected. The Treasurer is the financial officer of BCHW and shall maintain the financial records of BCHW, including the income and expenses, and will make these records available for review at the request of the President, the Executive Committee, or the Board. The Treasurer shall provide a current financial statement for each Board and Membership meeting, and as needed by the President. The Treasurer shall also serve as financial officer for BCHW functions involving the handling of significant funds, such as, but not limited to, BCHW membership meetings and BCHW fundraisers. The Treasurer may, subject to the President's approval, appoint a BCHW member to serve as Treasurer Pro Tem at any major function the Treasurer cannot attend. The Treasurer shall produce a financial report for each major event or fundraiser.

Section 6. Back Country Horsemen of America Directors.

A. The Board shall elect two BCHA Directors for alternating two-year terms, so that only one position becomes open each year. The BCHA Directors are to represent the interests of BCHW on the BCHA Board, and report BCHA Board actions to the BCHW Board and Executive Committee. The BCHA Directors shall attend the BCHW Board meetings unless excused by the President.

B. The Board shall also elect one Alternate BCHA Director for a term of two years. The Alternate Director shall fill in for either BCHA Director in his or her absence, and if the absence of a Director becomes permanent the Alternate Director will complete that Director's term.

Section 7. Executive Committee

A. An Executive Committee (EC) will be formed for BCHW consisting of eight (8) members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and five (5) member positions consisting of five (5) BCHW Directors. Only Directors on the Executive Committee will be voting members, except in the instance of the President breaking a tie vote, per Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum consists of four (4) voting Directors. The EC Director-Members will be elected for a term of two years, starting on July 1st, or until a successor has been elected. Commencing on July 1st, 2022, all BCHW Officers and Director-Members of the EC will be elected in June and take office on July 1st. This changes the elections cycle from a January 1st basis to a July 1st basis. The EC Director-Members are elected by the BCHW BOD on a bi-annual basis, as noted below.

B. The five (5) Directors will serve on staggered terms such that some continuity between Executive Committees is maintained. For the 2022 (initial) elections only, three (3) BCHW Directors will be elected for two-year terms. Two (2) BCHW Director will be elected for one-year terms. After the initial election, all positions will be for the full two-year term.

C. A nomination committee will be appointed by the President in March of each year, consisting of three BCHW Directors not running for a seat on the EC, to establish the slate of nominations for each election. All BCHW elections will be held in June each year.

D. The BCHW President will preside over the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will have delegated authority from the Board of Directors as defined in BCHW Standing Rules. The President will hold monthly meetings with

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the Executive Committee to conduct this business, either remotely or in person. The President will also conduct at least two (2) in person Board of Directors meetings a year for the purpose of reporting the progress of the Executive Committee and discuss any open topics with the Chapter Directors. The President may vote on the Executive Committee in the event of a tie or if the President's vote would change the outcome of the vote, even if he or she is not a BCHW Director.

E. The Committee Chairs will liaise with the President and the Executive Committee as needed to conduct the business of the organization.

F. The Board of Directors will continue to have oversight for running the organization and will be updated monthly by the President on all actions taken (or future actions to be taken) by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Executive Committee may hire, with the advice and consent of the BOD, such independent contractors as it sees fit to perform management and technical functions that benefit BCHW. Written contracts describing the independent contractor's authorities and responsibilities will be approved by the Executive Committee. Supervision of the independent contractor will be specified in the contract.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership; Directors.

A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President and a BCHW Director representing each chapter in good standing and one BCHW Director representing the Independent Members.

B. Each chapter shall elect a BCHW Director, and an Alternate Director to serve in the Director's absence, as that chapter's representative on the BCHW Board. In addition to serving on the Board, each Director shall act as a general liaison between BCHW and his or her chapter.

C. The BCHW Director and BCHW Alternate Director representing the Independent Members shall be appointed by the President subject to BCHW Board approval. The term of office shall coincide with the term of the BCHW President. The BCHW Director positions shall be published in the Trailhead News and be available for input by an Independent Member. The BCHW Director will communicate to Independent Members individually or as a group, depending on the circumstances.

Section 2. Responsibilities.

The Board is responsible for the election of officers, the creation and administration of the policies and programs of BCHW, the bonding of the Treasurer, hiring of independent contractors, and preparation of any formal report to the membership. The Board shall adopt an annual BCHW budget, based upon a fiscal year ending December 31. The Board shall establish, and amend from time to time as appropriate, the guidelines for the collection, administration, and disbursement of the funds of BCHW.

Section 3. Removal of an Officer.

An Officer may be removed from office for inattention to duties or responsibilities, failure to attend meetings, conduct that may adversely reflect on the integrity of BCHW, or for other reasonable cause as determined by the Board. Removal requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the voting members of the Board in attendance and voting at a regular or special meeting.

Section 4. Removal of a Chapter Director.

The Board may, if it has reasonably determined by a vote of three-quarters of the Board in attendance and voting at a regular or special meeting, that a Chapter Director has engaged in inattention to duties or responsibilities, failure to attend three or more consecutive board meetings without excuse, or conduct that adversely reflects on the integrity of BCHW, deliver a written request that said Director's chapter declare his or her position vacant, and elect a replacement. If the chapter is unwilling to comply with the request, the matter will be referred to a recognized community-based mediation program, and if that does not result in an agreement, to binding arbitration as provided in RCW Chapter 7.04, except that the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding and non-appealable.

Section 5. Removal of an Independent Director, Committee Chair, or Independent Contractor.

Persons holding these positions may be removed from that position for inattention to duties or responsibilities, failure to attend meetings, conduct that may adversely reflect on the integrity of BCHW, or for other reasonable cause as determined by the Board. Removal requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the voting members of the Board in attendance and voting at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS; VOTING

Section 1. Membership Meetings.

A. Meetings of the Membership shall be held upon such dates and at such locations as the Board shall determine. Notice of a Membership meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted shall be published in The Trailhead News at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon receipt of written petitions containing verified signatures of not less than ten percent of the current members of record, the Board shall call a Membership meeting, subject only to the 30-day notice requirement, to be held on the date of the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

B. The President, or BCHW Board, may call a special membership meeting by giving at least 30 days written notice of the time, place, and the nature of the business to be conducted. The notice may be published in the Trailhead News, and/or sent by regular mail, and/or e-mail to the current addresses of the members on record.

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C. Each adult member in good standing and present shall be entitled to 1 vote on any issue that comes before the membership. Children ages 18 through 23 included in a Family membership are not eligible to vote. Each Youth Group Organization shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2, Board Meetings.

A. The Board shall meet at least 2 times per year, upon such dates and in such locations as the Board shall determine. Per RCW 24.03.110 Quorum of Directors requires thirty-three (33) percent of the voting board membership shall constitute a quorum except in the case of amending or repealing the bylaws, see Article IX.

B. The President may call a special meeting of the Board by giving a minimum of 10 days' notice of the time, place, and subject matter to be discussed. The notice may be given by regular mail or e-mail. Thirty-three (33) percent of the voting board membership shall constitute a quorum in a special meeting, except in the case of amending or repealing the bylaws, see Article IX.

C. Each BCHW Director shall have one vote at a meeting or special meeting of the Board. If a member will be attending as a substitute BCHW Director, written authorization shall be delivered to the President or Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Only BCHW Directors (or their substitutes) may vote at Board meetings, provided however, that the President can vote as any other member when the vote is by ballot (secret) and shall be entitled to vote (but is not obligated to) in the case of a tie or if the President's vote would change the outcome of the vote, even if he or she is not a BCHW Director.

D. The Board may conduct its meetings by electronic or other remote access means as reasonably necessary. The Board shall use its best efforts to implement any such virtual meetings with full regard for the need to maintain, as much as possible, accessibility for all members, including those with disabilities and those who lack access to sophisticated technology tools. Any action that could be taken at an in-person meeting, including bylaws amendments, may also be taken at a virtual meeting held pursuant to this clause. Virtual meetings shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs A, B, and C above.

ARTICLE VIII. THE TRAILHEAD NEWS

The Trailhead News shall be the official publication of BCHW, and communication link between the membership and the Board. The Editor shall oversee the publishing of the Trailhead News per the guidelines and editorial policies set by the Board.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

BCHW bylaws may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire board of Directors. Any proposed change to the bylaws shall be distributed to each Director, and to the general membership via the Trailhead News at least 30 days prior to the meeting that addresses the issue.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Robert's Rules.

Except as otherwise provided in the BCHW Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the official procedural guideline for BCHW meetings and affairs. The President may serve as Parliamentarian or may appoint a Parliamentarian. The decision of the Parliamentarian shall be final in all questions of procedure.

Section 2. Gender.

Wherever the masculine gender is used herein the feminine shall be deemed included. Wherever the singular form is used herein the plural shall be deemed included to aid in the interpretation of the sense intended.

Section 3. Savings Clause.

If any provision of these Bylaws is determined to be unlawful or unenforceable by any court, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 18th, 2022.
Rev. 2022-1

Free Entrance Days in the National Parks

June 11 — National Get Outdoors Day
June 12 — Free Fishing Day
June 19 — Juneteenth
Sept. 25 — National Public Lands Day
Oct. 10 — World Mental Health Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
Nov. 25 — Native American Heritage Day

BCHW – Board of Directors' Meeting 1st QUARTER March 18, 2022 Ellensburg, WA KVEC – Teanaway Building

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Dana Chambers.

Roll call attendance was taken by Secretary Kathy Iddins. Absent: Mt Olympus, Oakland Bay, and Pierce Co. Quorum was present.

Agenda was adopted.

Minutes from the 4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting were accepted as published.
Officer and Committee Reports:

Appointments of:
Teri Starke - Treasurer, Kathy Iddins - Secretary, Teri Starke - Independent Director, Barb Penniston – Alt Director Independent. EC Implementation Committee of Doug Stewart, Bob Iddins, Jim Anderson, Bill McKenna, Tony Karniss and Darrell Wallace.

Darrell Wallace moved to accept all the Appointments, Bob Hoyle seconded, and Motion carried.

Executive Committee – Implementation Committee approval as a Committee. Danny Chapel moved to accept the committee as listed. Seconded by Tom Conner and Motion carried.

Executive Committee – Dana Chambers, no report.

BCHA Report – Darrell Wallace reported that April 10th to the 13th in Kansas City is the BCHA Annual Meeting. He reported that due to health issues Doug Stewart will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Kathy Young Moved to accept Darrell Wallace as a substitute for the Director 2 position for the Annual Meeting. Bill McKenna seconded. Motion carried.

BCHW Store – Lori Lennox report posted and there were no questions. Darrell Wallace expressed appreciation for all Lori does and the entire BOD applauded.

Winery Ride – Dana Chambers spoke and let us know that the 2022 Winery Ride will be Dedicated to Danny Steinbeck and Doc Wesselius.

Grants – Jenn Bond report posted and there were no questions. Jenn reminded everyone that she is holding a Grant Info class on Saturday at 12:30 for those interested.

Treasurer - Teri Starke report was posted and there were no questions.

Ways and Means – Teri Starke reported that BCHW will need more volunteers for the 2023 Rendezvous. 2023 Calendar orders are needed ASAP to Teri. Terri Crawford thanked everyone who sent in pictures for the Calendar. She also requested that everyone who will be sending pictures to follow the rules on how to submit them.

Education Report – Kim Merrick reported that Leadership Day went well but that they learned that virtual training is not successful as not very many people who signed up showed up. Her report is online.

Special Projects - Vacant

Governance & Bylaws – Ken Carmichael's report was posted and there were no questions.

Membership Development - Ken Carmichael's report was posted and there were no questions.

Nominating Committee – Dana Chambers is looking for 3 people to be on the Executive Committee Nominating Committee on or before the April 2nd Special Board meeting.

Legislation – Mitzie Schindele talked about the Dept of Health and the proposed Domestic Animal Waste Regulations. BCHW official stance on the matter was sent to DOH and given as a handout at the meeting. April will begin the formal comment period with a proposed final Vote to happen in June.

Public Lands – Kathy Young – full details posted in her report.

Volunteer Hours – Deb Wesselius report was posted. There will be a special report to fill out for people that had Volunteer Hours at Rendezvous. Chair persons will have the form and are to keep track of when and how long people worked.

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Safety – Chuck Regimbal spoke about Education and Safety and where to find all the guidelines on the BCHW Website. He stressed how very important it is for everyone who is engaged in any BCHW event either riding or working to follow strict safety guidelines. There are multiple Safety Guidelines on the website that address the different things BCHW does and is involved in.

Sawyers - Tony Karniss report is posted. Tony also mentioned that there is a general Sawyer meeting on Saturday at 1pm for anyone interested. Rob DeBoer suggested that BCHW start to look to our partners in Work Parties and Packing to help offset the cost of the Sawyer Program. He explained how they use our Program to Certify their Sawyers and that it might be a good idea to see if they can help pay for it?

Membership – Dana Chambers report was posted. Dana let us know that as of 3/14 there were 1137 BCHW Memberships. We had 75 New Members and lots of members that let their memberships expire in past years were rejoining. There is a new BCHW Chapter starting up. The Ellensburg Valley Chapter is getting ready to become vested. They are hoping to be on the Agenda for the April 2nd Special BOD and be Accepted as a New Chapter.

LNT – report was posted, Jane let us know that there will be a LNT class in Randal the first weekend of April.

Publicity – report was posted.

Webmaster – Dana Chambers reported Scott Lee is no longer the Webmaster. Tina Short is still helping Dana with the Website, and they are able to do everything they need to do.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Michele McGehee is the new Trailhead Newsletter Editor.

There is a Special BOD Meeting on Saturday April 2nd at 6:30pm via Zoom. The Agenda will include Establishing an Executive Committee, Proposed By-Law and Standing Rule Changes, and accepting the new Ellensburg Valley Chapter in BCHW.

Darrell Wallace Moved that the BOD approve applications for grants in 2022, including RTP. Bill McKenna seconded. Motion carried.

Teri Starke is looking for a few people that would like to be on a Financial Advisory Committee. This committee would be looking out for and advising BCHW on how to manage their Investment Funds. Please email or call Teri if you are interested.

Ken Carmichael Moved to Approve the changes to Standing Rule 2021-2 titled BCHW Contracts, Assets and Reports. Bob Hoyle seconded. Motion carried.

Darrell Wallace voiced a Vote of Confidence for our President Dana Chambers with a very positive response from the Directors.

Good of the Order: Bob Hoyle informed us that a Sawyer Class is being held March 26th and 27th at LeBar Horse Camp.

Dana Chambers formally introduced the new Leadership of BCHW for the next 2 years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

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FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • **Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event.** • **Check to see if dogs are welcome.**

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: bchw@wamedia.com.

Ponderosa Chapter Poker Ride
Sunday-May 15, 2022
First rider out 9:00 am
Raffle
Pre-registration by May 3, $25
Registration available on line
Registration at ride $30
Riverside State Park, Spokane
Camping available
Ken Carmichael 509-466-2225
Kcarmichael2225@gmail.com
www.pbchw.com

Purple Sage Riders' Riverside State Park Camp & Ride
Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, 2022
Bill & Mary Bennett 479-886-3950

Purple Sage Riders' Sahara Horse Camp & Ride-
Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18, 2022
Jim & Janesse Murbach 509-840-2345

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
Saturday-June 18, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
president@bchw.org • 509-699-9927

Purple Sage Riders' Abels Ridge Camp & Ride
Friday-Sunday, July 22-24, 2022
Pomeroy, WA
Gary Westergard 509-572-7462

2022 Ferry County Steak Ride
Friday-Sunday, July 29-31, 2022
Colville National Forest In Ferry County
Ride Starts from the Jungle Hill Trailhead off the Albian Hill Road
Potluck dinner July 29
No Children Under Age of 10 on trail ride
$25.00 Per Person – Children Ages 11-12 $15
Silent auction open Friday-Saturday,
Live auction starts at 6:30 pm Saturday July 30.
Doris Bacon 509-775-3544 • repvet86@gmail.com

Purple Sage Riders' Humptulips Camp & Ride
Thursday-Sunday, August 18-21, 2022
Heather Moorman 509-947-7792

Pierce County BCHW Annual Prize Ride
Saturday-July 16, 2022
Elbe State Forest
Sahara Creek DNR Horse Camp
Bob robett57@outlook.com

Cascade Horse Club BCHW Breakfast Ride
Saturday-July 23, 2022
Breakfast served 8-10 am
Pilchuck Tree Farm Arlington Wa
Registration on Site
Breakfast cost $10.00 adults $5.00 children, includes $2.00 trail fee to PRA
Barbara 425-791-4003, dunerydr2 @aol.com
Ray 425-238-5422, Ray8131@gmail.com

Peninsula Chapter Olympic Spirit Prize Ride
Saturday-September 10, 2022
Layton Hill Horse Camp, Sequim, WA
First Ride Out - 9:30, Last Out 11:00
Register by Date - Limited to 100 riders
No pass needed
Cost: Members & Non-Members - $30 includes 4 tickets
Camping is Available - Fri $20, Sat $30
Lunch is Available - $8 donation to WAHSET
Kim Merrick 253-261-6188 • eloise55@gmail.com
www.pbchw.org/index.php

Tahoma Chapter Bchw 32nd Annual Prize Ride
Saturday-September 10, 2022
25258 Landsburg Rd SE, Ravensdale, WA 98051 Exit: alternate entrance 12 pm: 25025 SE 248th St, Ravensdale, WA 98051
Gates open: 7:30 AM Gates closed/locked: 12:30 pm
First Ride Out: 8:00 am - 12:00
Lunch: Noon to 3:30 pm
Prizes! Gift Certificates! Silent Auction 50/50 cash drawing, Dogs must be on leash in prize ride area. No stallions No smoking No alcohol
Cost: $20 includes delicious hot lunch and 4 raffle tickets,
$5 each additional tickets
. www.tahomabchw.org

Paradise Loop Ride
Saturday-September 10, 2022
Ready to ride @ TBD
Jim & Janesse Murbach 509-840-2345.

3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
Saturday-September 17, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
president@bchw.org • 509-699-9927

Richland Horse Park Fundraiser
Saturday-September 24, 2022
Mary & Bill Bennett 479-886-3950

Rattlesnake Slope Ride. Ready to ride
Saturday-October 15, 2022
11:00 am
Gary Westergard 509-572-7452

21st Anniversary Winery Ride
Saturday-October 29, 2022
Go to BCHW.org or
BCHWwineryride@gmail.com

Richland Horse Park Work Party,
October TBD
1:00-4:00, RHP
Bill & Mary Bennett 479-886-3950

4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
Saturday-December 3, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
president@bchw.org • 509-699-9927

Example

Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To All BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

Lines in the listing have a maximum character count of 32, including spaces. Please keep this in mind.

Please submit the following information with your event listing to bchw@wamedia.com.

Chapter Name _____
Name of Ride _____
Date _____
First Rider Out _____
Location _____
Register _____
Lunch _____
Name of Pass Required (if needed) _____
Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required _____
Camping (if available) _____
Cost to Member _____
Cost to Non-member _____
Contact Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Website _____