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Your volunteer mileage is also deductible. Make copies of your volunteer hours logs with mileage for your taxes. 🐾

Prez Says



It's Time to Hand the Reins Over...

By Jason Ridlon, BCHW President

Well, it's time to hand over the reins, and I find myself at another junction in the ever-winding trail. I am hanging up my hat as your BCHW State President. No leader accomplishes anything alone and so many people are involved in the many truly transformative achievements.

In my 2-year term, I have had the privilege to work with an amazing team of dedicated and passionate committees and a great set of state officers (Rob DeBoer "BCHW Vice President", Tina Short "State Secretary", and Teri Starke "State Treasurer"). I can say it has been quite an eventful ride with our BCHW Chapters and their leaders.

Kathy Young (Public Lands Chair) and Mitzi Schindele (Legislative Chair) worked together as a successful team to support BCHW. It was a real pleasure to work with them.

Dana Chambers (Membership Chair and so many other supportive roles) was instrumental in helping in so many different ways (jot forms, online auctions, helping our State Treasurer, etc.). She is such a value to BCHW and also to BCHA.

Susan Sundahl (Awards Chair) and I had the honor to deliver the 2020 awards all around the state to so many deserving volunteers. Her coordination efforts made it fun, and I have so many great memories.

My Executive Advisory Committee helped me with advice during my Presidency and I am not sure I would have made it through the shutdown due to the pandemic in 2020 without them. The members are below.

Sherri Wright: Lewis County Chapter

Janelle Wilson: Skagit Chapter/past state secretary

Ken Carmichael: Ponderosa Chapter/Governance Bylaws Chair/BCHW director

Lori Lennox: Grays Harbor Chapter/BCHW Store/BCHW director

Bob Iddins: (Trail Dusters)

Doug Stewart: Northeast Chapter/director

Dave Jackson: Purple Sage Riders Chapter

Rob DeBoer: Skagit Chapter/BCHW Vice President

Kathy Young: Tahoma Chapter/Past BCHW President

Another group that has worked tirelessly this last year bringing forward the BCHW Re-imagined Proposal is below. They worked together and received a lot of feedback on ways we might move forward as an organization. This group truly cares about the future of BCHW and it shows in their commitment by the many hours they have dedicated to researching, listening, and receiving feedback from our membership.

Doug Stewart (Northeast)

Louise Caywood (Pierce Co)

Kathy Iddins (Trail Dusters)

Bob Iddins (Trail Dusters)

Traci Koch (Oakland Bay)

Jim Anderson (Mt St Helens)

Mickey Centeno (Olympic)

Kathy Young

Rob DeBoer (Skagit)

Darrell Wallace

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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.



Are You and Your Equine Prepared for a Natural Disaster?

By Tina Short, BCHW Independent Member

There are all kinds of natural disasters such as flooding, wildfires, and other natural disasters in the United States. With these events, there is increased concern regarding how to prepare equine owners for various natural disaster situations.

Being prepared before disasters occur is the best way to increase your animal's chance of survival and safety. The BCHW website (bchw.org) has documents that are one-to-two pages that you can print off and post where you can build your plan. These plans point out areas to focus upon.

Preparing horses for an evacuation requires an extra level of planning, preparedness, and practice. Building an evacuation kit for each horse/mule and having a plan for them that's been practiced increases the potential your equine will be able to leave when you do.

Below are a few tips from some of the plans posted on the BCHW website.

- Follow evacuation plan. Have a back-up plan. Consider different types of disasters and what each might need for a plan. Share your plan with friends and neighbors.
- Ensure your equine has identification. The goal of identification for your animal is reunification in case you become separated during the disaster. It can include an ID tag attached to a halter or mark with your name and phone number with a livestock crayon on the equine.
- Prepare a "go bag." Include a copy of papers, medication, an extra halter and lead rope, basic grooming supplies, a picture of you and your horse together, and basic first-aid supplies. Does your safe place have fresh water or hay? Do you have buckets and hay bags for easy feeding?
- Plan more than one route out of your property. Unless you're at the end of a dead-end street, plan how you will get out if main exits are closed.
- Establish evacuation locations. Getting out is only half the feat. It's also important to have a few safe locations to escape to where you can feed, water and assess your horse's condition. Identify friends or relatives who could house livestock in the short term, along with fairgrounds or other livestock evacuation locations identified by local emergency management and local livestock organizations.
- Practice trailer loading well in advance. Having a horse that will load right up when time is limited could make the difference between evacuating ...and not. Also, fuel up the truck and trailer and make sure it's in working order. Even if you do not use your trailer regularly, take the time to make sure it is inspected regularly and tire pressure is checked frequently. 🐾

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A special call out to our BCHW Independent Contractor Grant Manager Jen Bond and all her help with various grants. I feel she will be a valuable asset to our grant management program and will seek out new grant opportunities. I would recommend volunteers contact her if they are looking for grants. Darrell Wallace was there as my grant manager and provided me support at the BOD meetings as Parliamentarian.

I only have so many words allowed for this article so please know that those people who I did not list were also valuable to the team. Many of them are why my 13 years in BCHW have been so meaningful while being supported by so many volunteers.

I believe I made my mark on BCHW history by being the only elected president that has ever missed three board meetings in their first year, had to cancel two Rendezvous events, was a part of the 2020 virtual wine ride while still managing to proceed on capturing numerous grant hours and meet our mis-

sion of keeping trails or reopening trails in Washington State, despite the limitations placed on us at the state and county levels due to the pandemic.

Among some other efforts accomplished by tireless volunteers was the new BCHW website (special thanks to Scott Lee, Dana Chambers, and Tina Short), a couple of online auctions, the opportunity for BCHW to sign four RCO grants for 2022/2023, and centralized accounting.

I also want to thank those individuals who were gracious enough to donate money to BCHW in an effort to help us continue to meet our mission. It means a lot to me that you felt so passionate about our trails and keeping them open.

I leave this Presidency with hopes that BCHW members continue to look for opportunities to keep our organization sustainable and keep us moving forward into the future. Hope to see you out on the trails. 🐾

Membership Renewal

By Ken Carmichael

Membership renewal time is here, and BCH needs the support of all our members.

The goals and challenges have not diminished over the past year. BCH continues to work for all of us to keep trails open. Our chapters and state work parties do an extensive amount of trail building and maintenance. Education of equestrians, other recreation groups, land managers, and policymakers continue to be necessary. In addition, BCH is a significant advocate for equestrians. BCH also brings together people of like interests in a social environment. Of course, I am talking about some good potlucks and rides.

To renew our membership in BCHW is easy and quick. Just go to the www.bchw.org website. Click on "Memberships, Join, Re-

new," then click "Join or Renew for 2022" If you wish, you can print out a form and mail it. You can also ask your chapter Membership Chair for a form to mail. Remember, you can be a member and participate in multiple chapters. The best time to do this is now while you are thinking about it.

It is also important to reach out to your friends and "sing the song" about BCH. Tell them why you joined and the benefits to them. Then talk to those people you meet at the trailhead or on the trail. Let them know that BCH exists and the great work we do for them.

Remember, BCH is working for you to keep trails open, but we need your help and support. 🐾

Supporting the Community

By Ken Carmichael

As we enter the new year, we make resolutions and plans for accomplishing and doing; this can be fun and productive.

As I participate in various activities and listen to the news, it becomes very apparent that there are many opportunities to do things outside of the home, work, and recreation. There are so many opportunities to participate in our community.

I have been listening to some seminars on managing nonprofits and hearing about what other organizations are doing. It gets a person thinking about how we support our community and where our interests and needs are.

Not all opportunities are with nonprofits, such as school boards or city councils. Volunteers get things done in this world. So it is not hard to see and feel the benefits of community volunteers. I am on the boards of three nonprofits besides BCHW, and they are all looking for talented individuals.

The key to volunteering is to identify your interests first then see how your skills, talents, time, and abilities fit with that interest. To volunteer, we should have a connection to the CAUSE (why the organization exists). There are the responsibilities of Care, Loyalty,

and Obedience, which is a discussion in itself. Volunteering should be a privilege, not a burden.

So, what causes are you passionate about? Where do you fit into the health of the community? Where are you willing to put some skin in the game? I can tell you one place to start looking, and that is Back Country Horsemen. Why here? Because BCHW works to improve our lives as horsemen. BCHW reaches out to the communities we live in, works with other groups, public land managers, and policy-makers that directly affect our lives.

How does one volunteer? Be responsible for bringing cookies, or the chapter library, to the chapter meetings. Then move up to be President at the chapter, state, or national level. There are many opportunities in between that take all different skills, talents, time, interests, and abilities. Talk to your chapter president to see where you can help. Take the initiative, do not wait to be asked.

BCHW is a group of volunteers working to make our communities better. So when you think about what you want to accomplish in 2022, think about making a difference in Back Country Horsemen of Washington. It is fun. 🐾



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Calling All Members!

This Year More Than Ever, Our Members Deserve Our Recognition!

By Susan Sundahl, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Once again undaunted members of BCHW work hard, becoming even more creative this year to continue to support our mission statement. (i.e. virtual meetings, events & auctions, smaller work parties, etc.) Act now, start putting together a nomination and you will be “virtually” recognizing these great members. February is not far away, nominations must be received before February 6, 2022, and may be from either a chapter or a BCHW member.

Award categories are only given out once to a volunteer, please look up nominee to ensure they have not received an award for the same category you are considering. Award categories and descriptions are below and can also be found on www.bchw.org, as well as the list of past recipients and the nomination form.

Would you, your chapter, or local business like to sponsor a specific award? Donations are greatly appreciated this year more than ever. (Don't forget about the tax advantage.) Please reach out to me directly for more information.

BCHW AWARDS CATEGORIES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT This award is for the BCHW member or couple who has shown a lifetime of dedication to BCHW by actively pursuing and promoting the organization and the BCHW Mission Statement in a variety of ways. This award is for recognition, not a contest.

Lifetime = 1, max 2 awarded

LOPPER AWARD This award is for a BCHW member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to their chapter or to BCHW by participation and promotion of what the BCHW Mission Statement stands for. This is kind of an “all-around” award, with the nominee being active in several different aspects of the many things that make up BCHW.

Lopper = 3, max 4 awarded

CAMP COOK This award is for the BCHW member who willingly keeps the campfires burning and the kettles hot and full of delicious food to share with others. Whether it is at meetings, work parties, or social functions, they are in the kitchen making sure all are well fed.

Camp Cook = 1 awarded

TRAIL WARRIOR This person may not make all the chapter functions or even own a computer, but they are out rain or shine, day in and day out, working on the trails.

Trail Warrior = 3, max 4 awarded

DESK JOCKEY This person is one of the behind the scenes people, always at a computer or running from meeting to meeting. They keep the wheels of our organization turning.

Desk Jockey = 2, max 3 awarded

JUNIOR BCHW Our future! Who stands out in your chapter? This person would participate in chapter events such as work parties, fundraisers, LNT/education, training, or BCHW promotion such as parades.

Junior BCH = 1, max 2 awarded

BACKBONE This award is to recognize that special member who is always there when needed, ready and willing to do some special job that no one else can or will do, sometimes at the last minute. This is a member who is important in keeping the chapter, organization, or event operating smoothly.

Backbone = 2, max 3 awarded

CINCH AWARD The BCHW Board of Directors nominates this award and the President nominates five directors to make the selection. It was created to recognize those hard-working BCHW members who have consistently and competently carried out jobs at the state level, year after year. Recipients shall be Volunteer Committee Chairmen, Volunteer Committee members, or an UNELECTED state officer - they keep the wheels of this great organization running smoothly. They may or may not be very visible - they may be quietly working in the background, reliably doing their jobs. They may or may not be active or hold an office in a chapter or even be a chapter member, but they are invaluable at the state level.

Cinch Award = 1, max 2 awarded

PRESIDENT'S DIAMOND AWARD The BCHW President awards a person or persons “In recognition of outstanding dedication, passion, and commitment to the BCHW mission”. The President's Diamond Award is decided autonomously from the BCHW Awards Program.

President's Diamond Award = 1, max 2 awarded 🐾

Susan Sundahl, Awards Committee:

Contact Info: pappihorse@wavecable.com, ph. 253-380-0343

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

Lifetime Achievement _____	Desk Jockey _____
Lopper Award _____	Junior BCHW _____
Camp Cook _____	Backbone Award _____
Trail Warrior _____	

Nominees Name _____

Chapter(s) _____

Submitted by _____

Chapter(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**Please keep in mind, the nomination committee will review your presentation.
They may not know the nominee personally.**

Information to include in your nomination presentation:

- In 75 words or less, give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this specific award.
- Then separately, on as many pages as you need, create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award.
- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long
- Positions or job titles this person has held
- An estimate of his or her volunteer hours (Chapter Vol Hour Chairs can help with this)
- Awards this person has received (Outside of BCHW can be included)
- Trails or camps this person has worked on
- A little family history
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out! (Letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etcetera.)

The presentation you submit will be given to the recipient.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via the US Post Office to: BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Susan Sundahl
15188 Stevens Rd. S.E. Olalla, WA 98359
Questions: pappihorse@wavecable.com or 253-380-0343

Must be received no later than Feb 6, 2022.

2021 BCHW Winery Ride and Halloween Costume Contest

By Barb Thomas BCHW Winery Ride Chair

What a spectacular event we had at the 20th Anniversary of the BCHW Winery Ride. We ran out of camping sites almost a week before the event as everyone was chomping at the bit to get out and have a good time. The weather for Saturday was perfect, clear skies and cool weather.

It's always amazing how many volunteers support this event and without them, well this event would not be possible. A total of 118 volunteers gave up their weekend to help out. Purple Sage Riders sent 22, Mt. St. Helen's sent 20, Wenas Valley and Lewis County sent 12 each and 15 other chapters also sent volunteers.

Without taking away from all of the other wonderful volunteers, as Chair of this event I would like to acknowledge a few who recognized that things could be streamlined and work more efficiently.

Dana Chambers was a key player who brought the registration portion to a whole new level. Registration was almost totally online and gave us a good indication of how many participants would be showing up. Dana spent countless hours communicating with registrants answering questions and making sure that on the day of the event things would run smoothly.

Nancy Rust changed up how the prize drawing was done. It was well organized; less confusion and the prizes were displayed to let people know they were getting value for their money. This must have worked as we sold 1762 tickets, an increase of almost 300 from 2019.

This event would also not be possible without our partners, the wonderful Zillah wineries who have worked this year to add more tying stations, bring in more staff, and spend an exhausting day trying to keep up with the thirsty riders. A special thank you to Nikki Samaniego from Severino Cellars and Llorene Bezanson who have kept the lines of communication open for the established and new wineries.

Here are some of the statistics we have at our disposal. A detailed financial report will be presented to the BOD in December.

Registered677

Riders613

Camp Sites filled271

Raffle Tickets sold1,762

Bottles of wine picked up2,400+

Rumor also is that Lori Lennox may have set a new record in clothing sales during this event.

Now that we have set the bar so high, we will be working on any improvements to ensure that 2022 is another banner year! Cheers 🍷



Jenny Jackson



Kathy Kuper



Gabriyela & Rodolfo Hernandez

Thank You to the Participating Wineries:

Bonair Winery
Knight Hill Winery
Hyatt Vineyards
Dineen Vineyards
Tanjuli

Two Mountain Vineyard
Velen Winery
Silver Lake Winery
Van Arnam Vineyards
Whitman Hill

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National Public Lands Day in Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest



By Kathy Young, BCHW Public Lands Chair

The fourth Saturday in September is celebrated annually as National Public Lands Day, and it is claimed to be the largest single-day volunteer event for public lands in the U.S. So that sounded like a perfect event for Tahoma Chapter to get out to the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest to finish up a sign installation project before the snow flies.

I spent the day with some chapter members and our local Forest Service crew, digging holes in the ground. It was great to be outside working together to accomplish an actual project, considering that in 2020 this celebration of public lands was a virtual online event. And, bonus, after our event there was a BBQ and CAKE. The project we completed, installing the signs, is the real subject I want to highlight in this article.

The real subject: Non-stock use in horse camps. It seems that this issue is becoming one of our biggest concerns, and it is a concern that doesn't have any easy solution. More non-stock users are camping in places designed for stock, appealing sites because they are bigger, quieter, less crowded, and sometimes have no fee. (This article is written specifically to look at US Forest Service management, but of course, the issue occurs on other public properties as well.)

The truth in many cases is that the camps with horse amenities are not officially designated stock-use-only camps. This is certainly true for US Forest Service horse camps in Washington state. On the flip side, the Code of Federal Regulations prohibits stock from using other US Forest Service campgrounds. Directly stated, if you are a hiker, bicyclist, motorcycle rider, 4-wheel enthusiast, dog-walker, you can camp in most, if not all, US Forest Service campgrounds. If you have a horse or mule, you are not allowed in the majority of FS campgrounds. We rely on space in "horse camps," many in Washington have been financed and constructed by BCHW chapters and continue to be maintained by our volunteers.

So back to National Public Lands Day and a successful project that Tahoma Chapter hopes will help keep a couple of FS Horse Camps accessible. The back story: July 31, 2021, the Sand Flats Horse Camp near the Crystal Mtn. Ski area and the Norse Peak Wilderness was the site of a RAVE; an all-night music and dance party, full-on lights, amps, and lots and lots of people, pop-ups, and cars filling the horse camp. It sounds kinda

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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.

National Public Lands Day in Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest

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like a fun party unless you are a horse person who has been researching the trails and planning for a quiet weekend riding into an alpine wilderness setting from a horse camp. Then it sounds extraordinarily unnerving and uncomfortable, which it was for an equestrian who called it to BCHW's attention. The videos of the event made their way to me, and on the Monday after, I was able to check out the camp and have a conversation with our local FS personnel to voice my concerns. Win-Win: not only was I pleasantly surprised to find that the camp had been left pristinely cleaned up by the departing users, but our FS folks immediately jumped on board to help work toward a solution.

Fast forward to Sept. 25, 2021, National Public Lands Day; Todd Schmutz USFS Asst. 410 Corridor Manager and his crew from the Enumclaw Ranger Station worked with members of the Tahoma Chapter to install four large "stock use" signs. 2 at the Sand Flats Horse Camp and two at the Government Meadows Horse Camp. The signs are part of an ongoing effort to inform and educate, helping to retain these spaces for stock use. An additional sign will be installed at Buck Creek later. The Forest Service had some funding and a crew available for the work, and the Tahoma chapter voted to pay for the signs.

What's next? BCHA has been working with the US Forest Service headquarters in Washington D.C. this past year, calling attention to this national problem of non-stock users occupying horse camps. Several solutions are being proposed, one of which is to strengthen the language on the Recreation.gov website to identify stock user spaces clearly. Additionally, BCHW has reviewed and made suggestions to draft an internal FS document that will inform FS staff of the needs and expectations for stock camps. Other options have included more direct signage and the

possibility of keeping stock sites open until a particular time of the day, after which anyone could camp and vacate the next morning. We are receiving support from the Forest Service, but ultimately, the options are limited without a CFR in place that will designate horse-only camping in certain areas. Currently, there is no way to enforce stock-only use. Right now, we have to rely on education, information, cooperation, and goodwill. We need to keep the issue in front of our forests and local districts and build support for a permanent solution. 🌱



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Whatcom BCHW Excelsior Work Party on October 9, 2021



By Fran Van Diest, Whatcom BCH Chapter

At 9:30 Saturday morning the rigs rolled in filling the horse trailer parking area of the Excelsior Pass parking lot. Over the next 1/2 hour the rest of the lot filled up with cars and volunteers prepared to participate in this, the last RTP grant work party for trail improvements in the Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Participants were: Kathy Young, Public Lands Chair for BCHW, Laurel Baun from the Tahoma chapter of BCHW, Cindy Piccolo & Kent "Milt" Miller with their rugby team consisting of Tom Wigg Charlie Despain, Sam Brulotte, Neil Gardner and Wesley Tucker. Nonmembers Petra Karpsteinova and Dan Windchess. From our own Whatcom chapter of BCHW, beside Cindy, we had Dan Saber, Roger Nelson, Rocky Leavitt, Judy Kinna, Jackie

Yereance, Verna & Andy McLeod and rounding out with Bill & Michelle McKenna.

Michelle had prepared sandwiches and bag lunches for everyone and coordinated a pizza party at Chair nine after the crew returned. Milt and Neil provided security for the parked trailers while we were at work and the rest of the 18 volunteers with seven horses and mules started up the trail to the job site two and a half miles up the steep pass. Once we reached the work site the group split into two groups. The first gathered rocks from the trail and surrounding area filling five gallon buckets then dumping them in the gravel bags

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Whatcom BCHW Excelsior Work Party

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on Rocky's mule string. He and Roger packed the load up to the previously built steps, then dropped the load and returned for another. The second crew unloaded and graded the rocks, dug dirt and gathered more stones to fill and grade the steps. Working until nearly 4:00 pm we completed five, quarter mile runs. While the project is not yet completed, the trail is now navigable for both stock and hikers. A good, satisfying, day's work!



Riding back down to the parking lot, it started to sprinkle and was raining as we loaded our animals and drove down to Chair nine in Glacier. As the group sat in a warm, dry room, at a large table, it was raining hard outside. But inside we were warm and dry being served pizza, beer and soft drinks, celebrating a great day in the mountains with friends and workers. 🍕

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW Memberships Expire on Dec. 31, 2021. Please go to BCHW.org and click on the "Members/join/ renew" tab. You can take care of things online or print off a paper application for specific chapters. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Dana Chambers, your State Membership Chair at membership.bchwh@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952, She is there for you!

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Single	\$41.00
Family	\$54.00
Contributing	\$75.00
Sustaining	\$125.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Lifetime (Single)	\$1200.00

Fabulous LeBar Horse Camp and Trails



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LeBar Horse Camp Entrance.

By Kris Lenke, Buckhorn Range Chapter

Nestled amongst gigantic, towering firs and wrapped in serenity, you'll find LeBar Horse Camp. Its appeal becomes evident to anyone who's been there.

It was closed for the 2020 season, but 2021 brought renewed energy and activity. Buckhorn Range Chapter received an RTP grant for \$8000 to replace worn Highline cables and gravel the camp road, which took place in May. We also started work on the after-winter trail blowdowns, and WTA attacked some tread issues. We returned in July to finish trail improvements. The Olympic Chapter campout and work party also happened in July, wherein some additional logging out was done.

The main trail is spectacular. It winds through giant firs, moss-draped maples, and drier terrain with periodic access to the S. Fork Skokomish River. It's interesting to ride with its up's, down's, and a few switchbacks.

But wait! There's more! Over the summer, work continued reopening another four miles of the S. Fork Skokomish River trail. I was fortunate to be the first to ride this new section with Bob Hoyle, who was instrumental in its reopening. With coordination amongst the Forest Service, WTA, and BCHW, we will remedy the last troublesome spots for hikers and equestrians.

We're looking forward to a multi-chapter work party in the Spring to reopen the camp and trails.

LeBar has 13 sites (pull-thru and back-in) with highlines, picnic tables, and fire pits. It's a dry camp. It's located 6 miles north of Shelton up the Skokomish Valley Road and Forest Service Road 23.

It's the only horse-only camp in the Olympic National Forest. We continue to lobby for this designation. (Littleton is on DNR land on the north end of the Olympic Peninsula and is maintained by Mt. Olympus Chapter.)

Active use of the camp is important to this cause. See you at LeBar! 🌱



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Replacing Highline Cables by Larry Sammons, The Cable Guy.

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BCHW Represented at Kitsap County Fair



By Mickey Centeno, Olympic Chapter President

All it took was the mention that our Kitsap County fair would be held in less than four weeks to ignite the idea that maybe there was a place for BCHW. We take it for granted that others know about us and our mission. But how would the general public know of our existence? We do not occupy a building, we don't usually wear our logo, and no signs show that we did the trail work. When I joined BCHW four years ago, I thought it was a trail riding group.

I reached out to many of the chapters around Puget Sound and the fair board to assess interest. They had not done this event before, but thankfully several members embraced. I know firsthand from other events that the first year is the hardest – as everyone sits back to wait and see how it will go first. My initial vision was to see whether we could have a booth, or even just a stall, set up a Leave No Trace (LNT) display, and maybe bring an animal. The fair's response was they offered us an entire 24 stall barn and a large demo area and time in the huge arena.

Our goal was three-fold: RECRUIT new members, ADVERTISE our mission and our capabilities, and CONNECT with other horse groups and trail users in hopes of recruiting and joining in trail maintenance projects. It started with phone calls to various members to see if they could bring an animal and then share a skill or two. As a result, we could bring in mules, donkeys, drafts, horses, and a mini – more even than 4H!

Twenty posters were lining the length of the barn aisle, featuring Legislative day, our BCHW mission statement, "how-to-tie a manty" (Thank you Suzie Howes!), "Meet our members," and pictures of various work parties as well as packing trips others have done. Chapters all around Puget Sound were contacted to hopefully jump on board, as this was a BCHW event, not just for Olympic Chapter. One member came from the Nisqually chapter, brought animals for the week, and demonstrated roping and LNT

with her service dog (Elizabeth Poore-Jennings). We cobbled together an LNT display (Sue Sundahl), set up a wall tent, complete with Al Whitworth's LQ, which featured kitchen boxes that could detach and fit in a pannier. Thank you to Buckhorn Chapter members Gail Rase and Lennie Harris for providing items for LNT and giveaway. On display were all types of packs – from simple panniers to entire packs with boxes and ropes. A local author displayed hand-painted pictures from her book about a mule, who then read the story in a walking tour down the barn aisle.

Junior members greeted the public, asking if they had questions, and bragging about their animals. Our member Joe Ward demonstrated his saddle-building skills. Patsy Bingham, a farrier, gave a talk on hoof boots. Two of our donkeys (Steph Hanlon) trotted over to the Pet-Me-Farm twice daily to the delight of many kids! Youth member Trinity Bingham set up a straw bale with cow heads and demonstrated roping techniques for other youth. Al Whitworth tied his two draft mules Cookie and Mary, and was joined by Harold Wiese to demonstrate and guide hands-on learning how to tie and pack the manty. The original plan was for two packing demos a day, with two other demos of varying topics. Packing proved to be so popular that it became an ongoing demo, and recipients included our own members, 4H and Futura Farmers of America (FFA)! 4-H invited our adult and youth members to participate in their games and performance shows. BCHW members helped set up their dressage arena. FFA faculty asked us to continue the education at their school. The fair board asked if we would be interested in using the even larger rodeo arena for future events! The final result is our members are enthusiastic about returning next year. It was truly a family affair, as well as we got to know each other even better with community breakfast (Ward family) and evening chats at the barn. 🍀

When Your Bucket List Includes Riding On An Ocean Beach



By Darrell Wallace, Northeast Chapter

I knew that my wife Kristy wanted to ride on an ocean beach but had never done so. She didn't hesitate to accept when I suggested such a trip in late September. Now that involves an eight-hour trip hauling horses from our home near Deer Park – IF I time it, so I miss the heavy traffic on the western WA highways –so we would need to leave early in the morning. And we are getting older and not as eager to camp. And not everywhere has accommodations for horses – so what to do?

I remembered that BCHW members David and Carol Bainter used to operate a bed and breakfast with horse pens near Grayland, so I called them and found that Ocean Acres Horse Hotel is still operating! Bring your own hay and feed, but a nice pen with water for each horse and, even better, a nice room with a soft bed and hot shower for us! And I won't describe the big breakfasts – it would just make you hungry – for campers as well as softies like us.

We found that David had prepared a nice straight trail through the primary dune to the beach, and there we were: riding near the surf with nothing but 4,700 miles of water between us and Japan! Flotsam and jetsam, driftwood, jellyfish, crab and clamshells, –

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and not many people! Most of the beachgoers that day were parents with small children, so retired schoolteacher Kristy just had to offer every kid a chance to pet a horse. It made for a long, slow, relaxing ride – just what we wanted after a long, hot, smoky summer in eastern WA.

If you have never ridden on a beach, but your horse likes to roll in the sand, you may need to pay close attention, as Kristy learned. And when that big wave comes in, even on an outgoing tide, it's best to turn your horse away and let it move out quickly! But what a great experience! We met several nice people there for the same reasons we were.

Dave and Carol are now operating a similar camping opportunity for snowbirds near Quartzite, AZ, from November through April. Still, their family operates the Grayland facility as a self-serve operation during those months. Call them at 360-267-5521 for more information. 🌿



Sequim Scout Troop 1498 Horsemanship Merit Badge Weekend with Peninsula Chapter BCHW September 25-26, 2021

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By Linda Morin, Educational Chair,

Wow-what a weekend.

On September 25 and 26, 2021, sixteen Scouts and four leaders from Sequim Scout Troop 1498 gathered at Layton Hill Horse Camp (LHHC) in Sequim to begin earning their Horsemanship Merit badges. Twenty-four members of Peninsula Chapter Back Country Horsemen of Washington (18 “instructors” and six support staff) presented twenty-one equines of thirteen different breeds from donkey to mule, mini to draft, gaited to ungated. These eager, attentive scouts, in two days, were introduced to the basic skills of horse handling: how to approach, halter, lead, and groom. They also learned safety-knot tying and about English and Western tack. Then, finally, all of them started riding.



Breeds, Colors, gaits, and an extensive tack display of all “tools equine,” ranging from an 1880’s side saddle to manure forks and wheelbarrows, were presented. The future manure movers of America were trained.

The Scouts did a great job of LNT (Leave No Trace) – they left the horse camp clean as if they had never been there.

More sessions will be held this Fall, both classroom and hands-on, to ensure these Scouts each complete all of their merit badge requirements.

This was a major project for Peninsula Chapter BCHW, in harmony with the education component of their mission statement. Peninsula Chapter is looking ahead to 2022 to continue its mission to educate people of all ages in our community about the importance of equines to the health of our forests and trails and trail building and maintenance in collaboration with the local land managers’ support. Anyone with a love of the Olympic Peninsula and all it offers can join. Owning stock is not a requirement. We need all skill sets.

If you are interested in knowing more about Peninsula Chapter BCHW, please access their website at www.pbchw.org. 🌱



BCHW -Board of Directors Meeting

3rd QUARTER, September 18, 2021

Ellensburg, WA KVEC – Armory Building

Meeting called to order by President Jason Ridlon at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call: A roll call attendance was taken by BCHW Secretary. Absent – Inland Empire, Okanogan Valley, Peninsula, and Wenas Valley. Quorum established. Scatter Creek Riders representative joined the meeting shortly after roll call.

Agenda was amended to add THN (Trailhead News) Report, and agenda item under Unfinished Business – BCHW Reimagined Discussion. Modified agenda adopted.

Board of Directors Minutes from June 19, 2021, were approved as published.

Jason Ridlon asked Darrell Wallace to assist in the position of Parliamentarian during meeting.

Officers and Committee Reports - reports were posted

BCHA – Kathy Young

Updated board on BCHA committee formed to review BCHA Legacy Fund. Interested members can contact Kathy Young if they are interested in serving on the committee to represent WA and guiding future efforts. There was a donation previously in honor of Jim Murphy.

BCHW Store – Lori Lennox

If you have items you would like to purchase or order contact Lori (BCHW Store Manager) store@bchw.org.

EAC 2020 Action Report – Jason Ridlon

Nothing to report.

Grants – Darrell Wallace Current RTP Grants

- Grants end on October 31, 2021.
- In the posted report, Jen Bond reported that this is a very busy time of year administering grant reimbursements so she hasn't had much time to seek additional grant funding opportunities. Her goal is to have time to pursue new projects and new funding sources this winter when things slow down a bit.

NEW RTP Grants

- Contract was signed on 9-9-2021 for the Tread Lightly for Public Recreation Education Project. The bad news is that the RCO only provided funding for 1 year and unfortunately created contracts late, which left us about 3 weeks to spend \$8,700 of this project (funding for 1 "year").
- New contract for the Tread Lightly project will be available in April 2022 and end September 31, 2022, and will provide an additional \$8,700 of grant funding for implementing this project.
- We anticipate signing contracts for the grant projects below later this fall (November?):
- Rehabilitating Olympic Peninsula Trails (\$82,486 with \$207,974 match)
- Reopening Threatened National Forest Trails (\$117,600 with \$237,200 match)

- Maintaining Endangered Trails (\$57,817 with \$111,500 match)

He reported that Jen Bond has been doing a great job with the management of the grants.

Rendezvous 2022 – Teri Starke

Teri indicated we need 2022 Rony presenters. She asked if we had a reason to use Bloom Pavilion. Chapter Displays are filling up. There will be a Tack Sale. You can find out more information by visiting the BCHW website. Registration forms will be available after the Winery Ride.

2021 Treasurer/Budget – Teri Starke

Report posted. There were a couple of questions asked about shipping cost of wheelbarrow for BCHA award, BCHA memberships, and cost of stock sales.

Ways and Means – Teri Starke

2022 Calendars have sold out. Get your orders in for 2023 calendars by December.

A motion was made by Dana Chambers (Independents) and seconded by Mark Vorce (Mt Adams) to "allow Teri Starke to obtain a BCHW Gambling License for our Saddle Raffle. The tickets will be sold at a cost of \$5.00 each with no more than 1000 tickets sold. The winning ticket will be drawn on March 20th, 2022 at 10:30 am during the General Membership Meeting. Located in the Teanaway Room at the Kittitas Valley Event Center during the 2022 Rendezvous Event". Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Education Committee – Jason Ridlon

Kim Merrick (chair) is asking for help for the 2022 Leadership training planning. Contact her if you would like to lead classes. Report posted.

Special Projects Coordinator Report – Jason Ridlon

Jason reported at the end of 2021, he will end his role as the "BCHW Special Project Coordinator". He encouraged BCHW to seek out a person with the time to participate in collaboration meetings with other partnering organizations and someone that can work aggressively with BCHW to educate and get our folks involved. This person should be committed to attending BCHW BOD meetings and looking at ways to grow our packing program. Report posted.

Governance and Bylaws – Ken Carmichael

He recommended chapters review their bylaws for accounting changings due to the Centralized Accounting.

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Nomination Committee – Ken Carmichael

Report posted. Ken asked for the board to communicate with their Chapters about the following positions that will be open at the end of 2021 (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). We also need a BCHA Alternate Director. Elections will be held at the December BOD meeting.

If you know someone within the organization or outside, please encourage them to apply. Promote these positions in your Chapter newsletters, FB, etc.

Nominating Committee for 2021 BCHW Elections – Ken Carmichael, Lori Lennox, Dave Jackson, and Barb Thomas. Legislative – Kathy Young for Mitzi Schindele

Mitzi was on vacation so Kathy Young provided the update. She provided an update on the Recreation Trails Program (refer to Public Lands posted report for details). She indicated that there was 84 million funded from off-highway taxes. Call your legislator to ask them to add additional funding from off-road taxes. If you have questions, please contact Mitzi. legislative@bchw.org

Public Lands – Kathy Young Report posted.

In Washington State, Mitzi Schindele and Kathy Young are representing BCHW in the advisory group that is considering the use of e-bikes on Dept. of Natural Resources and WA Fish and Wildlife properties. The final meeting of the group is on Sept 16. A report from the group will be compiled to send to DNR and WDFW. The agencies will review the report as advisory and will also be conducting public meetings to help inform their decisions regarding the future use of e-bikes on trails and closed/gated roads. BCHW continues to assert that e-bikes should be categorized as motorized and that education and trail etiquette should be a primary focus. We are continuing to consider use and impact while recognizing that e-bikes are a legitimate and growing recreational interest.

She provided an update on the non-equestrian use of horse camps. The Forest Service has created a draft document “Recommended Best Practices for Managing Equestrian Use Sites at Developed Campgrounds”. This draft was shared with field staff for review, as well as being reviewed by the members of the BCHA PLC committee. BCHA concludes that the language of the draft is not strong and will not provide a specific resolution that will keep stock camps available for stock use. BCHA has responded, asking for more specifically direct language coming from the Washington D.C. office to the forests. BCHA would ultimately like to have a CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) put into place to address stock priority in designated stock camps. This issue is also a matter of concern for the American Horse Council. If you have ideas related to this topic, please contact Kathy.

She reported positions for Kittitas County and Northeast area representatives on the Public Lands Committee. Please contact her if you are interested.

Louise Caywood (Pierce Co) thanked Kathy for her help with Pierce Co State Parks’ effort related to putting in an equestrian loop.

Rob DeBoer (Skagit) thanked Kathy for all the hard work she has provided BCHW in the role of Public Lands Chair. He encouraged Directors and their members to reach out to her to provide her help.

Volunteer Hours – Louise Caywood

Report posted. September 1st was the deadline to receive chapter 3rd quarter volunteer hours. The third-quarter reporting period covers the dates of October 1st, 2020, through August 31, 2021. The final summary report will be completed at the year-end for December BOD meeting.

Awards – Susan Sundahl

Susan thanked the board and their members for all the assistance provided to her this year. She encouraged directors to ask their membership to start thinking about who to nominate for the upcoming awards season. She handed out a sheet with all the details. It will be posted online. Jason Ridlon said it was an honor to hand-deliver Bob Williams award this year before he passed away. Visit the bchw.org website > programs to view information about the nomination process.

Safety – Chuck Regimbal

Nothing to report.

Sawyer – Tony Karniss

Nothing to report.

Membership – Dana Chambers

Report posted. October starts the 2022 membership renewals. Paper applications are posted on the website.

LNT- Louise Caywood

Report posted. The scheduled LNT Basic Class was canceled due to a lack of volunteer support to run the class. We will reschedule for next spring, location and date to be arranged. Lori Lennox (Grays Harbor) asked what other chapters are doing to support LNT training efforts. Doug Stewart (Northeast) indicated they held a class this year. Olympic Chapter had a display at a local Fair. Mickey Centeno indicated that there were efforts to showcase different activities including LNT by BCHW at the Kitsap Fair. It was very well attended. Discussion also included ways to educate groups like FFA and 4H in LNT.

Publicity/Media Committee- Louise Caywood

Asked Directors to encourage their Chapters to send links to their FB pages and if they have news or events to communicate them to publicity@bchw.org. If members are interested in joining the committee, contact us.

Website – Tina Short

Tina Short updated the board that the Secure site (except for some tabs within it) are now available for all BCHW members. A second password will be needed for the Directors area. The Leadership tab will be open and available for all BCHW members. This area houses leadership information (recordings) and also treasurer information including 990's. The BCHW centralized accounting information can be found there.

Winery Ride – Barbara Thomas

Barbara thanked the various chapters who donated prizes and money to assist in the success of this event. She reported as of this time there were 317 riders signed up. Flyers are available for posting. COVID protocols were discussed. Contact bchwwineryride@gmail.com with any questions.

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THN (Trailhead News) – Jason Ridlon

Dick Yarboro will be retiring at the end of 2021 as the BCHW THN Editor.

His position will be open and available to a volunteer. Contact Jason Ridlon if you know someone interested in the upcoming open position. The editor position assists with layout of magazine, proofreader of articles, review submitted content, etc.

Unfinished Business:

Centralized Accounting Proposal – Teri Starke

There was a Zoom meeting on August 26th to provide updates about the current pilot. Reports are being enhanced to assist Chapters. There are volunteer positions posted on the Secure Website > Leadership tab that need to be filled to assist Teri in this effort.

All 3 pilot chapters are onboarded and successfully working.

The approved motion made at the June BOD meeting by Ken Carmichael (Ponderosa) “to move that BCHW adopt a Centralized Accounting System that will include a section that stated-

- All chapters will participate in the Centralized Accounting System within three months of successful completion of the pilot program.

Chapters are either contacting Teri Starke to start the onboarding process, currently in the onboarding process, or Teri is contacting them to start the process to be completed by December.

BCHW Re-imagined Proposal– Committee

A motion was made by Heather Moorman (Purple Sage Riders) and seconded by Lori Lennox (Grays Harbor) to approve the appointed BCHW Re-imagined Committee members as below:

Doug Stewart (Northeast)
Louise Caywood (Pierce Co)
Kathy Iddins (Trail Dusters)
Bob Iddins (Trail Dusters)
Traci Koch (Oakland Bay)
Jim Anderson (Mt St Helens)
Mickey Centeno (Olympic)
Kathy Young
Rob DeBoer (Skagit)
Darrell Wallace

Motion carried. Doug Stewart will chair the committee.

A motion was made by Larry Baysinger (Mt Olympus) and seconded by Doug Stewart (Northeast) as follows: BCHW will reorganize into six regions across the state to promote a simplified governance structure for optimizing how BCHW makes business decisions and interacts with our partners in conducting our mission. The regions will be defined according to the attached map.

The regions will take effect on December 31, 2021. Each region will elect a Regional Director on or before June 18, 2022. The terms of the current Directors and Alternate Directors will expire on June 18, 2022. For the first election of the Regional Directors, the Regional Director will be elected by the major-

ity vote of the Chapter Presidents from each region for a two-year term. Subsequent election processes for Regional Directors may be determined/modified by BCHW and each region through changes to by-laws.

The six Regional Directors and the President of BCHW will comprise the governing Board of BCHW. The BCHW President will be elected for a two-year term in November of odd number years by a majority vote of the Chapter Presidents in the State. No Director may serve more than 3 consecutive two-year terms (term limits).

BCHW will continue to appoint positions for the necessary functions of the organization, such as Treasurer, Board Secretary, Membership Development, etc, based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and for such time as needed. Committee Chairs will continue to be appointed by the Board of Directors from within the membership on an annual basis to support the needs of the Board of Directors to conduct the business of the organization.

BCHW will appoint a committee to modify the current BCHW by-laws and Standing Rules to be presented at the December 2021 Board Meeting and voted on at the March 2022 Board meeting, so that these changes can be implemented by June 18, 2022”. Discussion followed.

There was a motion made by Doug Stewart (Northeast) and seconded Bob Hoyle (Buckhorn Range) to table the motion until the December 4, 2021 BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Directors were encouraged to contact the committee with their feedback on changes and amendments to the original motion. Progress reports on committee efforts will be sent out to Directors.

New Business:

Officer Nominations – Nominating Committee

Ken Carmichael (chair) asked for nominations for the below: President: Opened floor for nominations. No one proposed. Nomination closed.

Vice President: Opened floor for nominations. No one proposed. Nomination closed.

BCHA Position #1 Director: Opened floor for nominations. Kathy Young nominated.

BCHA Alternate Director: Opened floor for nominations. Tom Conner nominated.

Please send nominations to Ken Carmichael. He will be accepting them until prior to December BOD meeting.

Good of the Order/Announcements:

2021 Accomplishments – Louise Caywood

Handout provided to Directors to provide to membership regarding the request to start sending content to Louise. Handout will be posted on the Secure site.

Rondy 2022 – Ken Carmichael

Ponderosa Chapter will be displaying various BCHW Accomplishment videos from past years. They will be sponsoring a room at the Fairgrounds featuring old western movies playing for your enjoyment.

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Rondy 2022 Tack Sale – Rondy Committee

Get your gear ready for the tack sale. More details will be posted to the BCHW website. Stay tuned.

City of Richland Project – Heather Moorman

Provided an update to board regarding a two-year project. Received a grant to assist with efforts on gravel parking lot. There is a high likelihood of a second phase with the City on more enhancements. There is planned signage indicating efforts by BCHW.

Other Updates:

Dana Chambers (Independents) thanked Jason Ridlon for all his efforts related to BCHW Special Trails Coordinator.

Jason Ridlon indicated there is a possibility to have a virtual General Membership Zoom meeting in December.

Jen Bond is asking for help with planning efforts for the 2022 Joe Watt Canyon Ride. Please contact her to help out.

Bob Hoyle provided an update about the Skyhomish Horse Camp and the work to improve the trail around it. 4 new bridges. 12 miles of trail. There will be opportunities in 2022 to collaborate with other chapters. He encouraged members to visit it next year when it reopens for the season.

Ken Carmichael spoke about upcoming WA Non-Profit seminars (free). Contact him for more information.

Lori Lennox provided an update about the Humptulips (Quinalt Rainforest) efforts to improve trails. four chapters participated in August to accomplish a loop ride. She gave special thanks to Larry Baysinger and Tony Karniss.

Bob Iddins spoke about their Chapter Junior program. They meet monthly and promote various training. Contact him for more information on starting your own junior program.

Teri Starke has donation forms available.

Jason Ridlon encouraged members to contact WOGA (Washington Outfitters and Guides Association) if you would like to visit the Washington Wilderness. <http://www.woga.org/outfitters> Darwood Outfitting, Icicle Outfitters, Three Peaks Outfitters, Western Life Outfitters, and others have assisted BCHW on various work efforts.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Short, BCHW Secretary.

BCHW – Board of Directors Special Meeting, September 18, 2021 Ellensburg, WA KVEC – Armory Building

By Tina Short, BCHW Secretary.

Meeting called to order by President Jason Ridlon at 6:05 p.m.
Roll Call: A roll call attendance was taken by BCHW Secretary. Absent –Inland Empire, Mt Adams, Okanogan, Peninsula, and Wenatchee Valley. Quorum established. Wenatchee Valley representative joined the meeting after roll call.
Agenda was adopted.

Jason Ridlon asked Darrell Wallace to represent in the role of Parliamentarian.

BCHW Reimagined Presentation – Various Members of Committee

Committee members were asked to stand and were introduced. Traci Koch was not in attendance.

Doug Stewart (Northeast)
Louise Caywood (Pierce Co)
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A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed by various committee members. After the PowerPoint presentation, there was much discussion regarding various topics. A draft motion was shown up on the screen to begin discussion. There was much discussion regarding the draft motion. Directors asked that the draft be emailed out to them to review after the meeting. The state secretary Tina Short agreed to email the draft copy out to Directors after the close of the meeting.

The committee asked that the board contact them with their feedback on the motion. They indicated it was in a very draft state and needed many revisions but they wanted to bring it forward so discussion could begin. You contact the committee by emailing bchwereimagined@bchw.org

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Short, BCHW Secretary.



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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.

2022 Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2022
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Go to BCHW.org

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

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

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2022
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21st Anniversary Winery Ride

Saturday, October 29, 2022
Go to BCHW.org or
[email BCHWwineryride@gmail.com](mailto:emailBCHWwineryride@gmail.com)

Content Deadline for the January/February 2022 Online Newsletter is December 1

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

ATTENTION!