

Winter 2021

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Olympic Peninsula, Washington



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December 2020

PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

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Peninsula Chapter's New Website: www.pbchw.org (New photos, maps, past Newsletters, Calendar, and other information are being added frequently.)

Upcoming Events:

ZOOM CHAPTER MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS:

Monday, January 18, 2021, 7pm, see pg.12

Frosty Moss Relay, Feb 27, 2021

(There is a new Calendar on the website. Click the date of any event to see more.)

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Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501

(c)(3) organization with 31 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

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President's Message – Dan Dosey

Let's ZOOM into 2021

Happy New Year! I think the thought of a new year has us all excited about the possibilities of conquering the Covid virus, but it will still be a while before we can meet in groups. I am excited to announce that our Chapter is going to try a ZOOM meeting to introduce new officers and get the opportunity to see one another's faces, on Monday, January 18th, at 7 pm. This is being facilitated by Rob and Denise Hupfer, our very computer-savvy members. Directions are on page 12 of this Newsletter. I hope to see many of you on ZOOM!

Meanwhile, our trail building and maintenance activities continue at a good clip. If you desire some fresh air, exercise, and good companions to work with, send an email to Tom Mix (backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com) and he will put you on the list to receive all of the information regarding work parties. You can choose a day that sounds interesting and give it a try! If you want to talk to someone about it beforehand, call Donna Hollatz, our editor who also works on trails, (360-457-6694). There are no special skills needed for much of the work and we supply the tools.

We also have some clerical jobs that could use volunteer help. If you have a small number of extra hours you would be willing to devote to BCHW, please give me a call and we can talk it over. (360-461-9774 - Dan)

I hope you can find a dry day soon to join friends, on a trail, with your horse.

Happy trails,
Dan

Girl Scouts Learn Trail Safety Skills – November 14, 2020

On Saturday, November 14th, eight girls from the “Mac and Cheese in the Trees” patrol of Sequim Boy Scouts Troop 1498 met at Layton Hill Horse Camp for an overnight campout and volunteer trail work party. This girls patrol of the BSA is chartered by the Sequim Elks and usually meets outside Thursday evenings with masks on.

The girls braved chilly, damp, windy weather while setting up tents and cooking dinner. Their trail work consisted of trimming native roses, blackberries and brush along the trails at Layton Hill.

Members of BCHW Peninsula Chapter took several horses to Layton Hill on Saturday morning to teach the Scouts some horsemanship information and then presented BCHW’s trail safety program. Named “3S” for “Stop, Stand, & Speak”, this program teaches simple communication skills to assure that hikers, cyclists, and equestrians can safely share trails, avoiding interactions that might alarm the horses. Some of these Scouts plan to continue their learning, working on the Horsemanship Merit Badge.

The patrol is an active group of 8 young ladies who love outdoor adventuring and have many outdoor activities planned for 2021. They had a productive weekend, practicing camping skills and completing some requirements towards their Trail to Eagle. They gladly spruced up the trails at Layton Hill. It is great to have young people helping to preserve our beautiful outdoor spaces.

Scoutmaster Mrs. Kathol said the Scouts were really interested in learning about horses and practicing their camping skills in inclement weather and appreciate the Layton Hills Horse Camp for providing the camp for Scouts to use. We also appreciate the BCHW members for networking with the Scouts and bringing horses to meet and learn about.



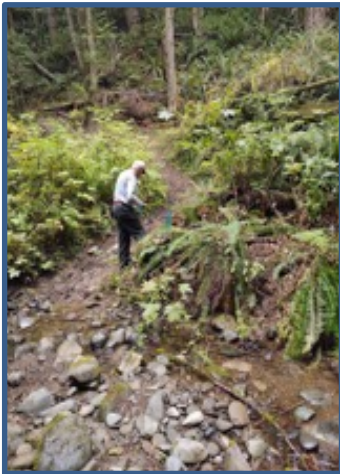
Scouts ready to attack trail obstacles.



3S Trail Safety Training

Whiskey Creek Project – Olympic Adventure Route

The Whiskey Creek crossing area of the Olympic Adventure Route is challenging maintenance crews! This crossing is about 1.5 miles east of where the OAT crosses the Piedmont Road. The old fallen hemlock tree that had been repurposed as a foot and bicycle bridge has become very weak. **The equine crossing is a fairly steep, deep, muddy bog and it is not “user friendly” for horses until it is repaired.** Plans are made and preliminary work is being done to correct these problems, but it will be slow in being hardened due to Covid crew size protocols. We expect it to be ready for use by early 2021.



Equine crossing.



Muddy stock ford.



Failing Whiskey Creek Bridge
Built on old hemlock log.

January 2021: Work is continuing on the Whiskey Creek crossing. Turnpike is being constructed to build a new approach to the stock ford. This includes using barrier cloth, some rubber stall mats, and layers of gravel between the log side rails. Fortunately, we were able to find a .6 mile alternate route that could be used by motorized, tracked, gravel totes (avoiding an equine bucket pack). Three Thursdays have been spent using these totes. With 4 totes, we were able to keep 3 running most days! Don Gonder brought his tractor to load the totes. The “drivers” have walked an average of 6 miles per day hauling the gravel and we are nearing completion on the west side of the creek. We will have to wait for water levels to fall before the east side of the crossing can be accessed. Plans are also being made to build some cribbing under the failing bridge that will support it for another year or two until an alternate bridge can be constructed. BCHW would like to build a stock bridge that can accommodate all users, but there are environmental regulations that make that a difficult process, so we will have to wait to see what can be done.



**WHISKEY
CREEK**

**STOCK
FORD**

Installation of
turnpike before
gravel
application.



Totes ready for gravel haul.



Don Gonder's tractor for loading totes.



An almost completed section
of new turnpike.



Rescue of disabled gravel
tote.

New Event Trailer for Peninsula Chapter – December 2020

Our Peninsula Chapter does numerous “events” during a normal calendar year. Some are focused on public outreach, community service, and education, such as the Dungeness River Festival, Frosty Moss Relay, and the OAT Run. Others are for the pleasure of members, like the Rhody Ride, Summer Picnic, and the Dan Kelly Ride. We have tables, canopies, large sandwich boards, posters, banners, pots and pans, table service, and lots of other “stuff” that is used for these occasions. This was all stored at the home of our Event’s Chairperson, Linda Morin, until it became a burden to house it all. Last fall the Chapter rented a storage unit for the inventory, but at a cost of \$90 a month, it was expensive. In November, the Board voted to purchase a used, enclosed trailer for keeping our inventory, for a cost of \$1,800, rather than the ongoing expense of the rental unit.

In December, we purchased a 10 x 6 foot enclosed Mirage trailer. Jim Hollatz worked to build custom shelving down one side and install straps to secure the large, flat items and canopies so they will not tip during transport. The only projects left to do are to apply a new coat of rubberized sealant to the top (the temperature needs to be at least 50 degrees) and to get a Chapter logo to put on the sides. We were able to move everything to the trailer and vacate the storage unit by the end of the year. Now, when we have an event, Linda will be able to take all the “stuff” without having to load and unload it the extra times at her house and the cost savings over time will be significant.



Newly Elected Officers for 2021

President Dan Dosey: This is Dan's 6th year as President of Peninsula Chapter. He has been a member for 8 years and enjoys riding his horse, being outdoors, and working with all of the like-minded members of the chapter. He and his wife, Debbie, host an annual summer picnic at their house, and he thoroughly enjoys visiting with everyone, learning their interests and skills. He does trail maintenance and back country pack trips when his work schedule allows. He would encourage each member to talk with others and try to get involved with some of the many volunteer opportunities our Chapter offers. Volunteering helps build friendships, encourages physical activity, and keeps our minds active, while furthering the BCHW missions.



Vice President Leif Hoglund: Leif has been a member of Peninsula Chapter for 5 years, but this is his first time to hold an elected office. After a working career in the Bay area, he came back to retire in the PNW that he loves! He says he has learned a lot about local riding trails by being active on trail maintenance crews and by helping out on pack trips. The higher elevation trips are spectacular! There is no doubt in his mind that he would have missed these Olympic Peninsula gems if he had not been involved with BCHW and become acquainted with our wonderful members.



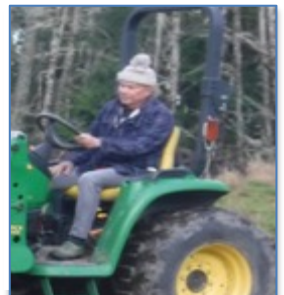
Secretary Rob Hupfer: In the summer of 2019, Rob (and Denise) attended the Chapter picnic at Dosey's. Dan asked Rob to lend some computer help to the Treasurer. When he said "yes" he was soon appointed "Treasurer"! He has 40 years of experience with computer operations and service, accounting data processing, and videography. He does the Chapter website pbchw.org and runs his own computer business, "That Computer Guy". He loves, and misses, our picnics and Christmas party!



Treasurer Denise Hupfer: Denise joined Peninsula Chapter in the Summer of 2019 when Dan requested Rob's help with a vacant Treasurer position. She has two decades of professional business experience in data processing, accounting, management, and training. She also is a music teacher who enjoyed a 14-year music therapy career, working with elderly adults in small group homes before COVID. She is enjoying "filling in the gaps" with her skills and supporting the other hard working chapter members.



Director Don Gonder: As a member since 2010, Don is continuing in his second year in the Director's position. His job is to attend quarterly meetings in Ellensburg, stay abreast of State BCH announcements, and pass the information on to members. There have been no State Director meetings since the beginning of the pandemic. He previously served as Secretary, and brings his tractor to assist with trail work when needed.



Newly Elected Officers for 2021 (continued)

Alternate Director Delman Sage: In addition to holding this office, Del is one of our major back country packers. He and his horse and mules take equipment and supplies up rugged mountain trails deep into ONP and USFS lands for trail work crews. He is our lead rigger when huge logs must be moved with cables and pulleys to build bridges in the back country and trains and certifies workers who use chain saws for BCHW, ONP, USFS, and WTA.

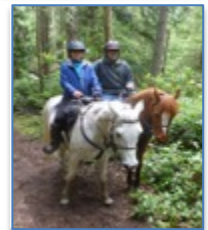


Appointed Positions for 2021

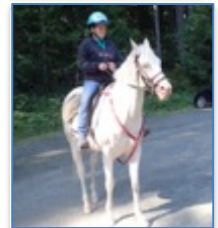
Trail Boss Tom Mix: Tom is in charge of planning and coordinating all of the Trail Work Projects done by our Chapter. He maintains the tools, does chain-saw training and certification, and leads most of the trail work crews. He also uses his pack stock to take equipment and supplies into the mountains to support trail work crews from other agencies.



Volunteer Hours Coordinator Suzanne James-King: Suzanne has been keeping track of the thousands of hours of volunteer work done by chapter members for about 3 years and reporting them to the State BCHW. She and her husband, Rick, are also active doing trail work and riding their Arabian horses.



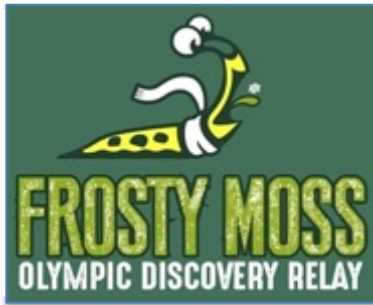
Events & Education Chair Linda Morin: Linda plans and organizes all of our events: Group trail rides, potlucks, holiday celebrations, and Educational presentations for Leave No Trace and Stop-Stand-Speak Trail Safety. She does trail rides and some pack support trips. She loves to guide new members to introduce them to our local trail systems. In 2020 she was recognized at the State level with the "Lopper Award" for her dedicated service to BCHW.



Newsletter Editor & Publicity Chair Donna Hollatz: Donna has been a member since 2015 and has been doing the Newsletter for a couple of years. She and her husband, Jim, worked on the Miller Peninsula signs, do many other trail projects and enjoy riding their Arabian horses.



Frosty Moss Relay – February 27, 2021



The **Frosty Moss Olympic Discovery Relay** is scheduled to be held on February 27, 2021. Peninsula Chapter will provide an Exchange Station where runners are checked in and a new team member takes over. We will have a canvas side-wall warming tent and canopy set up at the Dan Kelly Trailhead for this event. In past years, we have provided snacks for the participants, but this year that will not be possible due to Covid-19 restrictions and 6 foot distance requirements. We look forward to assisting this community based fund-raising event.

Trailhead Courtesy Reminder:

As winter approaches, there may be fewer people using the trails, but everyone should be reminded to practice the **Leave No Trace** principles that we teach. Be sure to clean up any “deposits” you and your horses leave around your horse trailers or on the trails. If you cannot get your horse to move off the trail to “poop,” dismount and kick the stuff off the trail (especially the ADA section at Miller). Walkers and bicycle riders will appreciate your courtesy! This includes shavings and hay in the parking area! Park rangers use a “blower” to clean the parking lot, and some of that stuff just won’t move when damp! We want to be sure that equestrians set a good example for other trail users.

New Request to All Members:

We are working toward having accurate information regarding **Trailhead Parking** on our Website. **Please:** If you go to a trailhead, take a photo of your truck and trailer that shows the parking lot. Send those photos to me and also report any unsatisfactory road conditions or problems with stock rig maneuvering space. This will be very helpful to people planning trips. (If we get multiple photos of the same lot, we’ll be able to choose the best one.) Send photos and information to Donna Hollatz jdholatz@gmail.com 360-457-6694

Photography Assistance Requested

One of the best ways to document all of our wonderful activities is through photos! We do not have an official photographer and it is difficult for one person to be at all of our events, so it would be extremely helpful if those of you in attendance would take some photos and send them to Newsletter editor, Donna Hollatz (jdholatz@gmail.com). This documentation can then be used for posters, newsletters, state calendar, and other promotions. If you have a photo that you feel is worthy of submission to “Chapter Accomplishments” or “Calendar” at the state level, please send it to me “full size” as that is the format that is needed for submissions.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SENT PHOTOS IN THE PAST!

GO PNC! Be Proud of Your Volunteer Trail Work!!!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH. Don't hesitate to send Suzanne an email, rkingandsking@gmail.com, as soon as you do volunteer work of any kind related to trails, events, education, or anything tied to our Mission Statement.

Here are our latest numbers and comparison from last few years:

2016

Total VH 7899.5
Total Value \$261,197.36

2017-year end

Total VH 5165
Total Value \$165,492

2018 year end

Total VH 6,150.5
Total Value \$205,265.50

2019 year end

Total VH 6,380
Total Value \$240,919.75

2020 year end

Total VH 9,688.5
Total Value \$326,224.00

Oct. 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

Total Basic Hours	1,113.5	\$30,287.20
Total Skilled Hours	176	\$7,180.80
LNT & Educ.	0	\$0.00
Admin. & Plc Mtgs.	376.5	\$10,240.80
Travel Time	470.5	\$12,797.60
Total Hours	2,136.5	\$60,506.40
Vehicle Mileage	11,622	\$11,040.90
Total Miles	11,622	\$11,040.90
Total Stock Days	48	\$4,800.00
Grand Total		\$76,347.30

VOLUNTEERING IT'S WHO WE ARE MAKE YOUR HOURS COUNT – REPORT THEM

Awesome!

Suzanne reported during our Board Meeting on January 4, 2021 that BCHW State Statistics show that many chapters have fewer Volunteer Hours than normal for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020 because of the Covid-19 virus restrictions. The impressive thing is that Peninsula Chapter had more Volunteer Hours than any other in the state. Total Reported:

<i>Peninsula Chapter</i>	<i>9,688.5 Hrs.</i>
<i>Olympic Chapter</i>	<i>5,626.0 Hrs.</i>
<i>Pierce County Chapter</i>	<i>5,099.0 Hrs.</i>

Your 2021 Peninsula Chapter Officers & Chairs

Take the time to note that this list of Chapter members continues to step up and be your Board Directors and Chairs. They do an outstanding job. We are a very successful BCHW Chapter because of the work they do for you. You can support them in many ways: attend your General Meetings, do volunteer event and trail work, attend our ride events, join every year, bring in new members, and send them a thank you now and then. As with all organizations, burn out is a given. Consider shadowing the person who holds one of these positions so that you can step up to take their place in the near future. Your Chapter's future depends on you!

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Trail Projects Coordinator Report by Tom Mix – Dec. 31, 2020

NOLT: Siebert Creek: Will do trail maintenance and hazard tree removal as need on one mile of trail. An additional loop trail will be constructed from the overlook to the main line. Alder thickets will be thinned this winter.

Elk Creek: Failed footlog will be removed rather than replaced. Mt. Olympus may do it (if not, we will).

Lyre River: A cedar log memorial bench has been placed along the trail near the river.

DNR: Furnish sanican for heavily used trailheads: Dan Kelly

Future: Install trail and property boundary signage at Miller Peninsula trails.

Striped Peak: Begin construction on new loop trail to summit and view area that connects with new trails that WTA is building in Salt Creek area.

Start discussions with Tribe and DNR about building additional trails on DNR land south of the casino that would link to Layton Hill.

Conduct chainsaw certification sessions for DNR's WCC crews.

ONP: Sawyers: ONP intends to honor our sawyer credentials. NPS expected to issue joint USFS/NPS sawyer credential recognition memo soon

Plan for 2021: Maintain front county trails: Mt. Angeles, Heather Park, Heart of the Forest, Switch-back, and Headquarters Trails.

Start removal of old spiral wrap water pipe on Little River Trail.

Work toward parking area development at Dose Trailhead.

Provide pack stock support for WTA trail maintenance crews.

USFS: Anticipated for 2021:

Lower Big Quil: We will continue to provide pack stock support for crews working to rebuild the trail around a slide. This is continuing from 2020.

Remove downed trees from county trails as they are reported.

Implement a road sign replacement plan with Hood Canal Ranger District Road Manager, as requested.

Maintenance of trails and bridges as allowed by HCRD. We are still meeting resistance to the replacement of failing bridges and access roads are being decommissioned by HCRD. It is an issue we will continue to press and hope to meet with new Forest Supervisor Olympia office in effort to resolve.

Tom Mix will meet with County Commissioner Bill Peach in an effort to facilitate discussions regarding failing bridges and trails within Hood Canal Ranger District.

Work toward getting a parking area at the Dosewallips Road trailhead with stock-rig turnaround.

Maintenance of existing trails and bridges as allowed by HCRD.

COUNTY: Planned for 2021

Furnish sanican at heavily used trailheads: Robin Hill

Continue work at Whisky Creek crossing. Horse ford is being rebuilt with turnpike and gravel fill. A plan has been devised to build cribbing under the failing foot log to stabilize it until a replacement can be built. BCHW would like to build a stock bridge at the site if it can be permitted.

WSP: Work planned for next reporting period 2021:

Trim corridor and remove downed trees.

Replace damaged (by nature, not vandals) trail intersection signs and install new signs and posts. Follow up with maps for all trail users at WSP kiosks.

Participate in community input to planned development of Miller Peninsula State Park into a full service park. Focus of our input will be to ensure equestrian access and use of all existing and future trails is incorporated/documented in the plan.

BCHW Calendars for 2021

We have sold out of calendars, but Denise will order more if anyone is interested. They are \$10.00 each. This year features a great picture of Tom and Leif with their horses at the top of Buckhorn Pass for the month of June!

If you wish to order a calendar, please go to www.pbchw.org, click on "Contact" and send an email message. These are checked daily and will give us a record of requests. We save on postage if several are ordered at one time. Please order while supplies last.

ZOOM GENERAL MEETING for MEMBER

Monday, January 18th, 7 pm

We are all missing seeing one another, so an attempt is being made for a solution!

The purpose of this meeting is to connect!

The plan is to limit the ZOOM meeting to 45 minutes.

- **You will receive an invitation to the meeting in your email with the title "Please Join ZOOM Meeting in Progress"**
 1. **Open email and click on the [blue link](#) under "Join ZOOM Meeting"**
 2. **Follow the screen prompts and call Rob or Denise for help.**
 3. **Click "JOIN WITH VIDEO"**

Rob: 425-761-2245 robhupfer.bchw@gmail.com
Denise: 425-221-1752 dhupfer1@outlook.com
- **On Sunday, January 17 at 1pm we will run a test by sending an email invitation just so you can learn how to connect (if this is all new to you).**
- **You can connect with PC, Apple, or smart phone.**

Here is our planned Agenda for the meeting:

Welcome and Zoom Rules.

President Dan Dosey will make a short presentation.

New Officers will be introduced.

Appointed Volunteers will explain their jobs.

Question & Answer period.

See you at the meeting!

Who's Who at the State Level

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Classified Ads

All BCHA members can post a free equine or farm related ad. 20 words or less. Must include contact info. Due by the 25th of the month by email: PeninsulaBCHWChapter@Gmail.Com

Membership 2021 – Please Renew Soon!

As of January 1, 2021, 35 of our 68 members had renewed their memberships and we have 2 new members.

There is a NEW program for renewing your membership that works very well. You are encouraged to renew on-line this year!

Go to www.pbchw.org. Click or tap the JOIN tab. Click or tap on the Back Country Horsemen logo. Complete the form. Online payment is at the bottom of the form. It is very simple. If anyone has any questions about it, they may call me 425-221-1752.

If a paper form is desired, go to our website, www.pbchw.org, click or tap on the JOIN tab, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click or tap on the image of the paper form. It will populate and can be printed from there. Follow the instructions on the form for mailing and payment.

TRAIL COMPANION WANTED!

Tom Mix, our Trail Coordinator, is looking for a New Stock Animal

Tom's old riding/pack animal "Rowdy" has earned "retirement". Tom is in search of a reliable, steady, willing, sound, horse or mule that he could use as a pack animal or to take along for an extra rider. He currently has his own reliable Appaloosa, "Dakota", that he rides, and 2 pack mules, but he needs a "spare" that can take just about any rider and will also pack into the back country. Job applicant should be accustomed to crossing water and bridges, traversing steep switchback trails, following on a lead-line, and quietly tying, high-lining, and hobbling to spend several days in the back country. Please contact Tom @ 360-582-0460 or email: backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com if you have or know of a suitable animal.



Thank You to the businesses who support our efforts!



These businesses support
BCHW. Please take
your business to them.



Opportunity to Make Donations to the Chapter!

The following is from an article found in USA Today. I tried it and found it works as advertised.

October 31, 2013; [USA TODAY](#). This holiday season, Amazon is in quite the charitable mood when it comes to giving away money to nonprofits. Amazon has released a new project, [Amazon Smile](#), which gives shoppers the opportunity to donate through the site to the charity of their choice. By shopping at [smile.amazon.com](#) instead of plain old [amazon.com](#), 0.5 percent of the value of their purchases will be donated. What's even more amazing is that there seems to be no limit to the amount Amazon will give to charity, although as of now auto-renewed subscription purchases and digital products aren't included in the AmazonSmile project.

Ian McAllister, general manager of AmazonSmile, says the company did it simply "because it thought customers would love it." Donations will be made on behalf of a foundation established by Amazon, so those using AmazonSmile will not be able to claim donations as charitable deductions.

Philanthropic charities looking to register their organizations can visit [org.amazon.com](#), sign up, and begin spreading the AmazonSmile link to start the giving to your nonprofit. And, in a moment of shameless self-promotion, if you'd like to support the *Nonprofit Quarterly* (listed under the IRS and GuideStar as the Nonprofit Information Network Association) through AmazonSmile, [please click here](#) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4080038>

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Every little bit helps so if you do buy from Amazon try this out.

Rob Hupfer, Secretary BCHWPC