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OKANOGAN
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BCHW
NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Dave Swanberg

Another month is gone and because of this weather, only one trail ride was accomplished and two work parties were cancelled. However, we still were able to work in the barn on the DR and Whistler Canyon trail signs. They are now completed and ready for installation. Hopefully that will take place sometime in July. This, of course, is dependant on the snow melt.

As discussed in our last meeting, we are looking at having our website updated and have a web master maintain the site for our Chapter. We have a committee working on what we would like to have on the site. Obvious suggestions include the newsletter and calendar of events, but a website with current information would be a quick easy way to keep the membership informed. The prime consideration in this matter is the cost of mailing our newsletter. This expense continues to rise until now it costs in excess \$5/00 more per year than the %10.00 in dues we collect. If we establish a website, it will be the means of access to all members with e-mail and hard copies will only go to those without internet access.

The National Trails Day is scheduled for the first weekend in June. Our work parties are scheduled for the 4th of July Trailhead and the Maple Mtn. trail. Of course this is assuming all of the snow is gone. Stay tuned for updates or contact the trail boss for confirmation. In the past we have asked that each member pick one work party for their volunteer contribution. National Trails Day would be an excellent place to start. That's all for now, see you on the trails
Dave

State President Darrell Wallace as he visited
Us at the Chapter's Chiliwist ride last month



Minutes of April Meeting

Sec. Cher Bower

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Pres. Dave Swanberg. There were 24 people in attendance. Guest Curtis Beuse was introduced. The Min of the March meeting stand approved as corrected by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Gail S. approved.

The **Treasure Report** was read by Dave Swanberg. We are solvent. Motion to approve was made by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Gail S. Motion passed.

The **Director report** was given by Trygve Culp. See report in Newsletter.

The **Legislative report** was given by Dave Sunde. See report in Newsletter.

Volunteer Hours: Peggy reminded us to turn in our hours to our Primary Membership Chapter. She passed out forms with places for the needed information.

Trail Sign Work Parties: Dave Swanberg stated that all of the signs, Whistler Canyon and the 3 DNR, have been completed and passed around pictures.

Dates for installation of signs will be decided later.

2011 Rendezvous: Dave Swanberg reported that 260 dinners were sold and it was the largest and best ever. Everyone had a great time. The made \$9,000.00 in the live auction, \$2,500. in the silent and \$500. in the bucket drawing.

OVC Super Raffle: Dave Sunde reminded everyone to get going on selling tickets and that he has plenty more.

Unfinished Business: WC Trail work party Sat 4-30 and 5-1: there is lots of work to do Contact Tom W.

Chiliwist Trail Ride Sat 4-23: Stan Kvistad will lead the ride. There will be a campfire cookout, bring your own hot dogs and salad or dessert.

Bannon Mt. Work party is scheduled for Sat 5-14 and Sun 5-15. Someone will check out the snow situation and get back to us.

New business: OVC Tack Sale Donation: The Chapter made \$509.00 from the Tack sale. Peggy made a motion that we donate 100% to the Rendezvous to help cover the \$600. that had to be returned to a bidder for an error in the live auction. After much discussion the motion passed with one nay vote.

Dave Taylor told us a little about the LNT training that he went to. He is not able to train any members but he can advise.

Bannon Mtn. Camping/packing/Conditioning: There will be a work party first and check on snow conditions. The weekend can be changed to the singlehikin if there is too much snow. There is a joint chain saw certification Bucking) with Ferry County on 5-22 for those who want to attend that training.

Good of the Order: Linda Osborne had a question about the State Land Parking permit. The bill is still in progress and has not passed yet. We need the Fish and Wildlife parking permit. It comes with a fishing or hunting license, but can be purchased separately. No parking permit is needed on DNR land.

Jerry Downs is looking into the need for a permit for the Poker Ride at Lambert Creek. If we do some sort of skill it is classed a modified raffle and we do not need a permit. He will check further.

Peg Swanberg made a motion that the Sweetheart Auction be moved to the CCC Friday night Coffee house and we present some kind of program, photos, cowboy poetry, etc. Dave Sunde Second. After discussion the motion passed. Peggy stated that some people had questioned why join BCHW and why send them the bulk of the money?

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Peggy reported that since 2004 , OVVBCH has spent approximately \$10,000. in dues to to BCHW. Since 2004 BCHW has returned to OVCH over \$50,500. in grant money with another \$2,000. left for 2011

Except for products not available here, the money went back into the local economy and made capital improvements to recreation areas used by local resident and visitors.

BCHW is able to obtain grant money because of all of the volunteer hours turned in from all chapters across the state. Those hours literally buy us money and much of that has flowed back to Okanogan Valley.

Trygve suggested we contact Martin Elliott to update our website. The club is loosing money on the paper copies of our newsletter and suggested that we should do the newsletter via email. If people needed a paper copy we could sell the newsletter by subscription. A committee of Dave Sunde,,Peg Swanberg, and Nora Rappe will meet with Martin and we will discuss this matter later after gathering more information.

Motion by Trygve Culp to adjourn and second by Dave Sunde. Meeting adjourned at 8-15

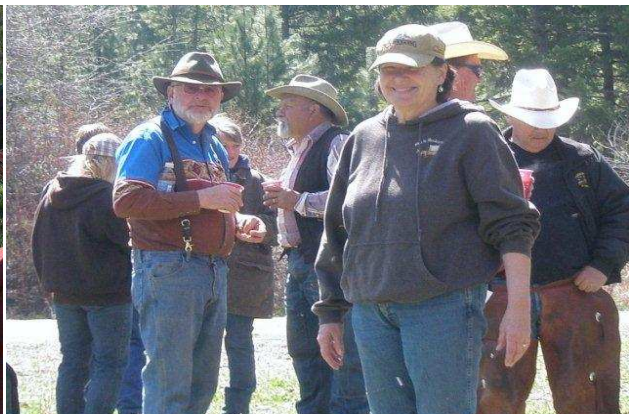
Respectively Submitted
Cher Bower, Secretary

Right-Group pic,Chiliwist Ride



Guest & New member Curtis Beues

Smilin' Hostess with the Mostess



TRAIL BOSS REPORT TOM WINDSOR

April/May 2011

By the time readers get this report the Whistler Canyon and trailhead work will have been started. We'll probably have to do the upper portion of this Trail later if the snow hasn't melted there yet. The



Bannon Mt. work party has been rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday 14th & 15th of May. A separate notice has been sent out prior to this newsletter publication. Bannon Mtn. trails and roads are best worked using ATV,s and pickups. However, if anyone wants to bring horses, feel free to do so. The main tools needed will be chainsaws, pole saws, and loppers. We need swampers with each ATV and pickup team also.

With the late spring and snow melting late at the lower elevations we have been unable to get to some of the areas to do trail work. Hopefully, the Bannon Mt. and Whistler Canyon areas will be snow free when we get there to clean trails. The Bannon Mt. Camping/Packing/Conditioning ride will be held at the Bannon Mt. Trailhead on Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd of May. The current plan is to meet initially at the trailhead on Saturday, load p pack animals and then conduct a trail ride to the overnight camp spot near the small pond about two hours ride from the trailhead. More information will be provided at the monthly meeting on 18th of May. This will be a good opportunity for members to hone some packing and camping skills in a low stress, easy terrain environment.

I would like to know in advance who plans to participate in the packing and camping exercise so we can make appropriate plans, Please call or e-mail me. We cn plan on pooling our resources for the evening meal on Saturday the 21st and the breakfast meal on Sunday the 22nd at the pond campsite. There is stock water at the pond and water for human consumption will have to be taken from the pond and filtered. If anyone wants to do just a trail ride and not participate in packing or camping, they are welcome to do so.

We can all conduct the ride from the trailhead to the pond camp site on Saturday and those people just wanting to trail ride can then make the loop back to the trailhead.

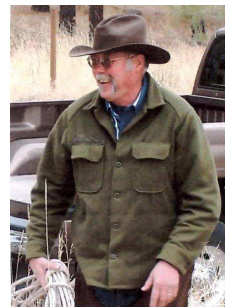
COMING EVENTS: National Trails Day (June 3-5 June work parties at 4th of July Trailhead and Maple Mt.)

Trail Boss, Tom Windsor

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Trygve Culp



May- 2011

Here it is the 29th of April and still snowing today at my house. Just a short flurry, mind you, but snowing all the same. More years

than not, the garden is already planted or for sure its all ready to be planted. Not this year. I guess I shouldn't complain- 90 days from now we'll be cursing the heat and wishing for rain.

Through the month of April I've had my mule, Harley, out 4 times for conditioning rides; most recently, I hauled him down to the Chiliwist for Stan and Cathy Kvistad's spring ride. There were a bunch of us- I think I counted 21 folks- including BCHW President Darrell Wallace, and BCHW Grants Coordinator Jeanne Paddock, from Cheney. I's venture a bet it was the biggest turn out for a spring conditioning ride we've had since I've been a member of the Chapter. The weather cooperated- at least it did not rain or snow and the temperature was pretty mild. We had a great picnic lunch- Dave Taylor drove one of Stan's wagons to the lunch spot and ferried all of the chow. After lunch we rode down to the Memorial site where a young lad was killed by a cougar in 1924. I believe that is the only confirmed fatality attributed to Cougar attack in the state's history. On the way back to Stan and Cathy's place we got in some-what my wife used to call Jeremiah Johnson riding- cross country on some pretty good slopes. I was good training for stock and riders, alike. All in all, it was a great outing for the mule and I. I hope those who attended enjoyed it as much as I did and I'd urge you folks who didn't make to put it on your "wish list" for next year.

It has been fairly quiet on the BC HW front since Rendezvous. About the biggest happenings are in the legislative and public lands policy arenas. I'll defer to Dave Sunde on the legislative issues and touch on a couple of key items in the public lands bailiwick. First of all, I want to let you know that BCHW was able to get saddle and pack stock exempted from the recently announced District wide, seasonal, trail closures on the Naches Ranger District. I believe that the tremendous outpouring of e-mails, letters and telephone calls from BCHW members to the District Ranger expressing our dissatisfaction with her decision to include saddle and pack stock in the closure were directly responsible for the reversal. If you were on of the folks who took the time to contact her, a heart felt THANKS. The second topic I'd like to briefly discuss is the BCHW/US Forest service saw self-certification Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

BCHW leadership had hoped to have the MOU in place by Rendezvous, but as we know so very well from Whistler Canyon things frequently move slowly in Government. We have received a draft of th MOU and are working to finish it up before June 1st. Stay tuned on this one.

Speaking of saw certification, Ferry County Chapter, BCHW, will be hosting a chainsaw proficiency evaluation session at Lambert Creek Horse Camp on Sunday May 22, 2011. The session will start promptly at 9:00 A.M. There will BBQ hamburger lunch following the certification session. Contact George Young -509-775-9998, or myself, 509-486-2061, for particulars

Don't forget that National Trails Day is coming up on Saturday, June 4th. We will be back working on the Cabin Trail out of 4th of July trailhead. If you do not usually do our NTD work party, I'd urge you to "pick one" and plan on attending. Hope to see you out on the trails.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dave Sunde



May 2011

Special session: the regular session ended and the Governor Called a special session beginning on April 29th. Lawmakers Returned to Olympia Tuesday with the aim of finishing work on the state budget. Lawmakers need to pass a budget that Slashes about \$5 billion in spending in the next 30 days.

This special session is costing the taxpayers between \$8,000-\$14,000 a day.

Usage Fees: Late Thursday afternoon, the House passed the Senate's version of the Discover Pass legislation. The bill will now go to the Governor for final action.

The Discover Pass legislation was originally requested by DNR, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and the Washington State Parks to provide a stable and reliable source of funding for recreation access on state lands. Passage of this legislation is essential to maintaining services and access. The proposed annual pass will cost \$30., and a daily pass will cost \$10. These fees go into effect July 1.

The Discover Pass would have room for one license plate number. If you would be taking two vehicles, you would need two passes.

ACH Releases Report on Equestrian Access on Federal Land: On April 19, the American Horse Council released its 2010 report on Equestrian Access on Federal Land. The 2010 report is intended to provide a brief overview of the responses of the AHC received from the equestrians to its ongoing access survey in 2010.

In July 2009 the AHC launched its effort to collect information regarding equestrian access issue on federal lands. The center piece of this initiative is an online form riders can use to report their personal experiences regarding trails on federal lands that have been closed to them or other access issues. This effort was prompted by a growing concern among recreational riders around the country that they were seeing a reduction in the number of trails and trailheads open to equestrians on federal land.

The 2009 report was a great success and has been used by the AHC to inform members of Congress, federal land managers and other recreational users of the issues some equestrians have experienced. The equestrian community needs to be vigilant concerning any loss of access to federal land.

AHC plans to continue its effort to collect information regarding equestrian access, and encourages all equestrian to report their experiences to the AHC using this electronic form.

State Capitol budget (SHB1497/SSB5467)

BCHW asks that the following sections of the Capital Budget be implemented:

#30000207 Sustainable Recreation (DNR) 1.5M

The funding will cover the cost of replacing failing Bridges, outhouses, replace signs, repair roads, etc, on existing sites. Essential since fee revenue from the new Discover Pass will be unpredictable. DNR will only receive 8% of the Discover Pass income and has few other revenue sources to support recreation.

#30000141 NOVA appropriation for the RCO office 5.5M

#30000667 John Wayne Trail (State Parks) Tunnels repair 1.9

#30000137 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Grant Program 36M-50M

***Editor Note- There was not space for the complete Legislative Report, Copies of a full Report will be available at the General Meeting on May 18,2011

WHERE DID ALL THE MONEY GO?

I had an interesting conversation with a friend about renewing their membership. They did not want to renew because they preferred that their money remain in the local economy. It's true that we send all but \$10.00 of our annual dues to BCHW and since 2004, that amounts to about \$10,000. . It puts us in a position to have to compete with other local groups to raise money to meet our annual budget. This often just amounts to spreading local money between local residents and businesses and does little to actually improve the economy. For example, when money is spent at the local Farmer's market for fresh produce, it is not spent across the street at the local grocery.

David did a little research for me and found that since 2004 BCHW has returned to us over \$50,500. in the form of grants and we still are eligible for another \$2,000. this year. With the exception of having to purchase products for USFS that were no available here, that money went back into the local economy. It went to contractors, lumber and hardware stores, grocers, Subway, mill owner, machine shop and for a few other miscellaneous purchases along the way.

That money went to capital improvements to our recreation areas. It was spent to improve or enlarge campgrounds, add high lines and hitch rails, picnic tables, fire rings, stock ramps, signage and gates that swing. Recreation was improved in our local area for both local residents and visitors. When a visitor takes advantage of the improvements and has a pleasant experience, they are More likely to return. They are also more likely to spend their "outside" dollars in our local economy bringing more money for all of us to share.

We all know that speaking as a group can benefit us legislatively, but had we not been associated with the larger BCHW and been simply "local" we never could have made these recreation improvements even if we had kept every cent of our annual dues right here. The volunteer hours turned in by the member chapters across the State literally bought BCHW money and a large portion of that money flowed right back to us.

Has anybody mad a \$10,000. investment lately that returned over \$50,500.?

Repetitively submitted,
Peggy Swanberg

SWEETHEART AUCTION 2012

At the last monthly meeting the membership voted to try something different for our annual Sweetheart Potluck and Auction. It will be a substantial change from what we have done in the past so I hope that even those that were hesitant to agree to the change will still help out. We will need several volunteers

What I would like to see all of us do to start this process is to attend the slide presentation put on by the Okanogan Highland Alliance on May 6, at the Community Cultural Center in Tonasket. It is their format, with some changes, that I think could work for our Sweetheart Auction.

as some general information, the Cultural Center will serve dinner and the price is usually between \$5.-\$6. dollars with a donation if you want coffee and dessert. Dinner is usually about 5:30 and the presentation starts about 6:30. The May presentation will be about loons (the birdie type) in our area.

If you can attend, please try to let me know and I will see if we can make arrangements for all of us to be able to sit together during dinner.

Think Positive and think progressive. This could be an opportunity to support our Sweetheart Auction with some funding other than our own. It will be a good opportunity to showcase our chapter to the public including the work we do and the sights we see.

If you are not able to attend, please take lots of pictures of everything you see in Okanogan County this summer. The best pictures will be presented in our photo presentation. Try to get as much scenery as possible with as few horse's rear ends as possible. Pictures that include some of the work we do will be important also.

QUESTIONS???

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Peggy Swanberg

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December 3rd is right around the corner the way Time flies.

Dave Swanberg sold the winning tickets the past couple of years

He did that by **SELLING TICKETS!!!**

LETS CHALLENGE DAVE

(Editor will bake a Cherry or Apple pie to whoever sells more tickets than Dave)

Call Dave Sunde NOW for your tickets

486-1547

CATHY'S BAKED BEANS

6 STRIPS BACON

1 ONION CHOPPED

1 CUP BBQ SAUCE (I used Baby Rays)

3/4 CUP BROWN SUGAR

1 CAN FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS (DRAINED)

1 CAN PINTO BEANS WITH JALAPENOS (DRAINED)

1 CAN RED KIDNEY BEANS (DRAINED)

1 LARGE CAN PORT & BEANS (53 OZ)

SAUTE BACON AND ONION, ADD BROWN SUGAR AND BBQ SAUCE- ADD TO BEAN MIXTURE.

BAKE AT 350 FOR 1 HOUR

***Several people requested Cathy Kvistad's baked bean recipe during the Chiliwist ride and she generously provided**

Coming Events

MAY

Fri, 6,7,8 49er Days Winthrop

Monday 16th Chapter Officer's Board Meeting 7 P.M. T. Windsor

Wed. 18th Monthly Business Meeting, 7 P.M. Tonasket Senior Center

Sat. 21, 22, Bannan Mt. Camping /Packing/Conditioning Ride, Windsor

Sat 28th, No Host Dinner, Trino's Oroville, RSVP Gail Sunde 486-147

May 30 Whistler Canyon

JUNE

Friday 3 & 4, 4th of July work party/camping Tom Windsor 826-4595

Sunday 5th Maple Mt. Work Party, Trygve Culp 486-2061

Sat. 11, BCHW Board of Director's Meeting, Ellensburg

Mon. 13 Chapter Officer's Board Meeting 7P.M. Kvistad 826-1421

Wed. 15, Monthly Business Meeting, 7 P.M. Tonasket Sr. Center

Fri 17, Work Party, Wilcox Trailhead, Stan Kvistad 826-1421

Sat 18 Wilcox Trailhead/Trail Ride, Tom Windsor 826-4595 L1&L2

**KEEP SELLING THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS
LET'S OUT SELL DAVE SWANBERG
CALL DAVE SUNDE NOW FOR MORE TICKETS
486-1547**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Record those volunteer hours.

Remember to turn in travel time for everybody and mileage for the driver.

Record your basic hours as Basic Trail Hours.

And just so you know, volunteer time for DNR and WDFW will accumulate together for the free pass so work in the Sinlahekin, Carter Mt. Scotch Creek, Disappointment area, Fish Lake, Horsespring, and assorted meetings need be reported. The USFS only considers work on trails and trailheads and I'm not sure if WDFW and DNR will do the same.

If you have any confusion, Call Peggy. It is a lot easier for her to record current hours than trying to figure things out months later.

Peggy Swanberg

486-1107

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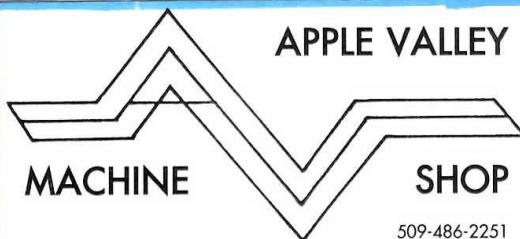
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- **Independent members** (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



NON-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Info

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Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

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Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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(determined by chapter)

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Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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