



November
2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

For me, October has been a slow month as far as Chapter operations are concerned. October always seems to be a slow month as the hunting season begins and a lot of the members want to go out and bag their trophy buck.

I have been busy trying to organize the sale of the BCHW raffle calendars and trying to keep up with some ever changing guidelines. Then in my spare time I have been working with the various 2012 Rendezvous Committee Chairs in the establishing guidelines and procedures for next year's event. By all preliminary indications, next year's Rendezvous should be the biggest and best yet. So, mark March 16, 17, and 18 on your BCHW calendar. You don't want to miss this event.

We are nearing the end of another busy year for the Chapter. We have completed several large projects and enjoyed many new trail rides and potlucks. Our annual Sweetheart Auction added a few dollars to the treasury, and of course our annual Ice Cream Social was well attended. By the time you read this newsletter our Halloween potluck party and dance will be history and judging by what I have heard, I think it will have been a big success.

It is also the time of year to vote for the Chapter Officers at our next business meeting. We are looking for members with new ideas to continue in making our Chapter an organized well run establishment. Please consider volunteering to be nominated as a 2012 officer, and be sure to attend our next meeting on Wed. Nov. 16 to place your vote for new officers.

On Friday Jan 28, 2012 we will present an informative and entertaining program about Okanogan scenery, our Chapter and BCHW. Our program will start at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Cultural Center in Tonasket. The public will be invited and it will be a free event. There will be a dinner prepared by the CCC personnel beginning at 5:00 P.M., and there will be a charge for that. The rest of the evening will be the dessert auction, a power point photo display of photos and some cowboy poetry.

Don't miss this event to support our Chapter and be sure to bring some friends along for an enjoyable and informative evening.

That's all for now,
Dave

Leave No Trace

DIRECTORS REPORT...NOVEMBER 2011 BY TRYGVE CULP

I have been remiss for not getting my Director's report to the newsletter editor in a timely fashion for the past couple of months so I'll try to get you caught up with what's going on at the BCHW level of the organization. I attended about half of the September Board of Directors quarterly meeting in Ellensburg in early September. I left the meeting early to attend Okanogan Valley Chapter charter member Jim Pruitt's 90th Birthday party. That seemed like a more important thing for me to do....



Anyway, there are several things that I'd like to pass along from the meeting: The Board passed the 2012 budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The total amount the budget is :Income-\$173,500.; Expenses-\$135,750;Net profit- \$37,750. The " Big Ticket" expense items are BCHA dues- \$19,000.Insurance- \$14,000., Trailhead news- \$39,000. and Rendezvous- \$18,000. The income "generators" are Membership Dues- \$80,000 , Rendezvous- \$29,000.; BCW Calendar sales- \$30,000, BCHW Store- \$7,000, and Grants- \$10,000. It is tough to compare the 2012 budget to earlier years due to the absence of RTP grant funds from this years budget. The next item of business that the Board considered that I want to share with you is the 2012 Rendezvous. Our own Dave Swanberg has agreed to be Rendezvous Chairman for 2012. Lori Lenox from Grays Harbor will co-chair the event. Most all the other committee chairs have been filled and plans are well underway for 2012 to be the best "Rondy" in years. Just a short side note-the 2012 Rondy registration form is included in the November/December THN that recently should have arrived at your house. In other business the nomination committee reported that Bob Gish and myself have agreed to be candidates for the President and Vice President respectively that Janelle Wilson and Teri Starke will seek re-election as Secretary and Treasurer.

Locally, a lot has happened since my last report. The Chapter submitted a letter commenting on the proposed change to the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Management Plan. Essentially, our comments opposed creation of additional wilderness and encouraged multiple uses of OUR National Forrest. We enjoyed a joint ride in the Clackamus block with Ferry County Chapter. As a result I can scratch one more item from my bucket list-I have ridden from Ferry County to Okanogan County via the Maple Mountain Trail. We had a great Fall color ride and potluck up the Chiliwist at Stan and Cathy Kvistad's place. And finally, we had a good time at the Harvest/Halloween dinner dessert auction and dance up at the Wauconda community hall. A huge thanks to all of the dedicated members who make all of these things and a whole lot of others happen.

I hope your wood shed is full; your hay is in the barn; the heat tapes are around your stock water faucets; your stock trailer and camper are winterized and all of the other things equine owners must do before winter are taken care of around your ranch. Happy trails

OCTOBER MINUTES
BY
SEC. CHER BOWER



The meeting was called to order by our Pres. Dave Swanberg at 7:05. There were 19 people in attendance. A motion was made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Gail Sunde to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Approved All but one BOO by Linda Osborne-Happy Halloween.

TREASURERS report; was given by Cathy Kvistad. We are solvent. Motion to approve by Trygve Culp, 2nd By Dave Sunde. Passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT; See newsletter

TRAIL BOSS: Nothing to report

LEGISLATIVE; Nothing to report.

VOLUNTEER HOURS; Please check your email from Peggy and make sure your volunteer hours are correct and send her any additions before Oct. 31, closing date.

FALL COLOR RIDE; Stan Kvistad stated that we had 10 riders. No problems, everyone had a great time and more people joined the group for the Chili Pot luck. It was a beautiful day and a fun ride.

WHISTLER CANYON update: Survey is complete and bids for work should open soon. They hope to have the work completed before the snow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2012 RAFFLE CALENDARS: Who ever sells a calendar needs to take the entry card from the purchaser and return it to Dave Sunde. It is OK to send it via U.S. Postal service.

OVC SUPER RAFFLE; Contact Dave Sunde for additional tickets to sell. We need to concentrate on selling these tickets. We have only sold about 1/3 to 1/2 and are just about at the break even point. This is our main fundraiser for the year.

2012 OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Stan Kvistad reminded us that nominations and the election will be held at the November meeting. The following people are willing to run for these positions. If anyone else is interested in being nominated please contact Stan.

Pres: Stan Kvistad, Vice Pres: Steve McKinney as co VP with another person, Treas; Cathy Kvistad, Sec: Cher Bower and Tryg Culp sharing the duties, Trail boss: We are hoping Tom Windsor will do the Trail clearing part and joint ride trail boss Tryg Culp and Dave Sunde or a combination of Host ride/trail boss. Director: Tryg Culp is considering running.

HALLOWEEN PARTY FRI 10-28 Wauconda Hall: Gail Sunde reminded us that the Pot Luck Dinner is from 6:00-7:00, Dessert Auction 7:-7:30, Dance with T & Eddy and Elvis will be from 7:30-10:30. Public is invited, Wear a costume! Ferry county will bring apple juice, plates, cups and plastic wear.

2012 SWEETHEART AUCTION AND PRESENTATION FRI, 1-29. The first planning meeting will be Nov. 12 at 1: at Dave and Peggy Swanbergs. It will be a potluck and Peggy will provide the Chili. Peggy hopes to complete planning in 3 meetings. First general set up ideas, 2nd chose photos, 3rd finalize everything. Get your photos of Okanogan County to Peggy or Dave Sunde.

NEW BUSINESS: DNR letter from Peter Goldmark, commissioner of public lands was read thanking us for all of our hard work, see Newsletter.

2012 RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM; Dave Swanberg passed out some forms for those who plan on attending. Ask him for additional forms.

COMING EVENTS: No host dinner at Lucky D's Fri. 11-4 6: P.M. Contact Gail Sunde if you plan to attend.

Special note....There will be no "no-host" dinner this month due to Lucky D's devastating fire.

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Minutes continues from page 3.

OVC 2012 EVENT CALENDAR MEETING: Monday Nov. 21, 1:00 P.M.

Come with ideas!!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

BCHW DECALS AND STICKERS: Dave Swanberg has bumper stickers and trailer decals if you would like to purchase.

Cathy Kvistad asked if we would like to present new members with a welcome packets of some kind. By-Laws and a shoulder patch in their packet.

Cathy made a motion to do the welcome packets, 2nd. By Dave Sunde. Passed.

Cathy will look into what could be included for around \$5.00

Peggy Swanberg made a motion to amend the motion of the Sept meeting concerning travel reimbursement. To be changed to read: **Any member required**

to travel in the pursuit of Chapter affairs can be reimbursed for mileage with prior approval, at the current IRS rate. 2nd by Gail Sunde. Discussion.

Cathy Kvistad had some question concerning the prior approval and how and who should be contacted. Tryg called the question. All in favor– passed

Tryg Culp made a motion that the President have the authority to approve travel money for BCH business. Dave Sunde 2nd. Passed.

Stan Kvistad suggested when planning next years calendar of events, we check with game regulations as to times of different hunting periods, since we have so many people involved in hunting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tryg C., 2nd by Dave Sunde Meeting adjourned

Respectively Submitted

Cher Bower, Secretary

NO-HOST DINNER CANCELLED

WE WERE SAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE
FIRE THAT DESTROYED
LUCKY D'S IN CONCONULLY

WE DID HAVE A DINNER SCHEDULED THERE FOR FRIDAY EVENING.

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE OWNERS
AND OUR BEST WISHES IN THE RE-BUILDING PROCESS.

WE ALWAYS ENJOYED OUR VISITS WITH THEM
AND HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO

**TRAIL BOSS REPORT NOVEMBER 2011
TOM WINDSOR**

**It appears the summer is over with nothing
In the way of organized rides scheduled for
November. Elk season is still on and I am
Hunting the phantom elk herd here in
Okanogan county without success. AGAIN!**



Have been doing some work on trails/roads and road signs in preparation for winter snowmobiling. In the Black Canyon area and on the roads/trails overlooking Lake Chelan there is about 1-3 inches of snow with most of it sticking on the north slopes. In the area above Conconully there is about an inch of snow on the roads all the way to Long Swamp with some sections of the road extremely icy. Ran into a heavy snow squall at Long Swamp on 31 October, but got out of it by the time I reached the Middle Fork Trailhead. Then by the time I reached the Iron Gate Road the sun was shining brightly.

I drove through Conconully yesterday (31 October) and took a look at results of the fire that burned Lucky Dee's restaurant. The front of the building doesn't look too bad, but the back of it burned to the ground with just a couple burned walls still standing. So much for our no-host diner scheduled there.

**Tom Windsor
Trail Boss**

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SUPPORT

OVCBCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

OVCB- CHW Christmas Party It's time to put Saturday, December 17th at 6 pm on your calendar. That is the date the annual OVCBCH Christmas party. We will have a potluck and a gift exchange (\$15 value) and lots of laughs. This is one of the best events of the season. We will be meeting in the Tonasket Senior Center. The clock is ticking and Christmas is only two months away. For additional information please call Gail Sunde at (509) 486-1547.

FINAL CALL

We are in the final months of selling our Okanogan Valley Chapter Super Raffle tickets and we still have a long way to go

Remember, this is our only Fund Raiser for 2011 and if we do not sell all the tickets, our Chapter will have to dip into our small reserve funds soon.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Dec. 3rd at the Holiday Bazaar at the CCC in Tonasket. Winners need not be present to win.

PLEASE take a packet of 5 and sell them to your Friends and Neighbors , give one to someone you would like to have join OVBCH , a great way to introduce them to our Chapter.

Our Mission statement of "Keeping the public lands and trails open for all to enjoy" is our best selling statement.

Please take the time and effort to do your part, we have some great prizes and it is for the Greatest Cause..

OVBCH WEBSITE

Have you checked our web site yet???? Www.ovcbch.com Get in there and check out the neat pictures and other information available.

You will find recent and older Newsletters, the Year book, Calendar of Events, Image Gallery, by current and past years, Directions to Trailheads, Legislative issues, Volunteer hours,

And.... How to contact us and an application form for joining.

Dave Sunde has put many hours into making this a friendly and fun web-site....take a look and let Dave know that you've been there....

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Mr. Swanberg,

I recently read the September/October 2011 edition of The Trailhead News and wanted to send along my appreciation for your article on Okanogan Valley Chapter National Trails Day Work Party. Thank you for taking the time to write the article and share the experiences of your work party. The Signage looks great!

The BCHW has worked tirelessly to improve trails and access to recreation on state lands for many years. Your Chapter has been a dedicated partner and your efforts in the Loomis Forest, and elsewhere are appreciated.

Please accept my gratitude for BCHW's efforts on National Trails Day, and every day.

Sincerely,

Peter Goldmark
Commissioner of Public Lands

**This letter was received recently and read at the Board meeting. It is really nice to know that the work we do is noticed and appreciated.

Sooooo give yourselves a pat on the back.

Then thank our local leadership people for all the work they do behind the scenes, so that we may enjoy those Organized trail rides, Stay informed about the Legislative directives, enjoy all our Social events, being kept abreast of the BCHW about what is coming down the Pike..

The recognition was well earned.

This is as good a spot as any to say "THANK YOU" to all the committee heads, officers and volunteers that keep OVBCHW on an even keel and moving forward.

Sincerely,
Nora Rappe
Editor

Julie Hensley



Gail Sunde

Dave Sunde, Cher Bower, Cathy K.



Hostess with the Mostest-Cathy



Bob & Tiny Isenhart, Sandra Walters

Halloween Party

The joint Okanogan/Ferry county Halloween party in Wauconda was the “Event” of the season. Those attending had an amazing time. We had singing, dancing and Elvis, It doesn’t get any better than that. There were over 50 attending, but only 12 were members of the chapters. It looks like our Community Outreach program is working! Potluck was exceptional as was the Desert Auction. I brought home a Pecan Pie I can hardly wait to try. Those who wore costumes out did themselves. The people who came were in a mood to party and Party they did.. We are already thinking about next year.

Gail Sunde, Social Director

SWEETHEART AUCTION

Preliminary decisions regarding the January 29 Sweetheart Auction are already in the works, stated Chairperson Peggy Swanberg. As many of you remember it was voted thru the Chapter to try a different venue for this event . The first meeting for planning and structure will be in November 12th at Peggy Swanberg 1:P.M. Chili Potluck

Some Committee heads are set and they are as follows:

Trygve Culp, Mc, dialog, picture narratives

Dave Sunde, Managing computer photos

Gail Sunde, Dinner Menu

Nora Rappe', Publicity

Cathy Kvistad, Dessert Auction

Stan Kvistad, Entertainment

Rae Morris, Program narrative, publicity

Mark Morris, Photo segment from his vast experience in Ok .Nat'l Forrest

Dave and Peg, Resurrecting old Chapter displays

We still need opinion on presentation of membership forms or donation forms

We still need opinion on possible door prize

Any other suggestions? 486-1170

Call now and let Peggy know your interested in helping in some way.

This is our opportunity to make some money (**outside our membership**) ,Have some fun and show the public what we are all about.

2012 BCHW RAFFLE CALELNDARS

The Chapter still has several unsold 2012 Raffle Calendars. These calendars are \$20. each and come with an enclosed raffle ticket good for monthly drawings throughout 2012 . The monthly prize is \$300.

The December 2012 winner will receive \$3,000.

These calendars make terrific Christmas gifts or Birthday gifts.

Please Contact Dave Sunde (486-1547 or Dave Swanberg (486-1107 for information or to purchase calendars

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NOVEMBER 10-11-12

Member Info

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Adult's name(s): _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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