



CAPITOL RIDERS HOOFBEATS

MARCH 2019

General meeting March 19, 2019 at 7 pm Sue Davis to bring treats.

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Officers for 2019

Laura Shillam –	President
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Sue Davis	Work Parties
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Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Mission:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various government 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.

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

WWW.capitolriders.org (with a link to our Facebook page) Meet monthly at the Littlerock fire hall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW (larger of the two meeting rooms). Please verify the meeting by either going to the chapter web site and the Events page, or call 360-561-4611.

General meeting Tuesday, Mar. 19th

at 7:00 pm. 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia. (Littlerock Fire Hall).

When it is dark look for the bright red reader board!

From Your President

March is here and the trail riding has begun!!! And with that goes trail work parties. I know several folks have worked at area 20. Sun the 10th Linda, Deb, Sue Koch and I along with Oakland Bay were at Kennedy Creek to help with the work party to get ready for the ride. Please all of you that can please try to get to 2 work parties before the ride. It is our ride too and we need to show up for the work to help it be a success.

Deb, Sue Davis and Mickie and I made it to legislative Day. It was very interesting and I was super impressed with the woman who is the Commissioner of Lands. She really knows her stuff and is working on ways to make our forest lands better and safer.

A group of us also made it to the Washington State Expo in Vancouver. Lots to learn and see. Evan Bonner, Warwick Schiller and Steve Rother were the main Horsemanship trainers. They all have much to share in their own ways. There was a Trick rider too!! She was amazing and she does her tricks while the horse is at a gallop/dead run.

The Capitol Rider officers have decided to meet once every other



month to organize and move on some of the issues we have not gotten to in the past. We will be meeting Weds the 13th for our first meeting. Thanks to Sue Davis for pushing this idea and others for being willing to join in. We will fill you in at the next meeting.

Again, please think of the upcoming Prize ride as our own and help in any way you can. I know some of you are going to work on donations so a big thanks to you. A list of work parties was handed out at the last meeting, so plan ahead to get out there. March 23 is the next work party with horses!!!

Great Gravel Pack is on March 23rd!

See you at the meeting,
Laura

Director Report

Laura Shillam, Sue Davis, Mickie Hattrup and I attended the BCHW legislative day. We gathered with BCHW members from across the state at the capitol. First, we were briefed by our state legislative chair, Jeff Chapman and our state president, Kathy Young.

We had 4 guest speakers:

-Senator Judy Warnick (13th district)
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February Meeting Minutes

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 13 members present (Laura Shillam, Sue Davis, Cindy McAllister, Jere Redecker, Tracie Koch, Connie Patterson, Mickie Hatrup, Kurt Sielbach, Laura Sielbach, Diana Gundersen, Dick Court, Deb Hall, and Deanna Jackson), and guest, Jim Simmons.

Meeting agenda was approved.

Traci Koch passed out a work party schedule for Kennedy Creek Ride preparation. Traci will send email communications with Capitol Riders when work parties begin. Oakland Bay Chapter shares the ride proceeds with Capitol Riders Chapter based on the number of volunteer hours provided by Capitol Riders members to help put on the ride. The ride date is May 18, 2019. The trail will be the same as last year, and lunch will be prepared by the same organization. Donations for the prizes are needed, and Traci said simple ones are often most appreciated, like bags of grain or hay. Contact Traci Koch or Martha Kesting with Oakland Bay if you have any questions.

Our secretary position is still vacant. Everyone agreed that it would be acceptable to job-share or have an alternate if concern over inability to attend every meeting is keeping folks from volunteering. Diana Gundersen said she would be willing to be secretary if someone would be her alternate.

Jere Redecker reported that she has created group Facebook page for Capitol Riders, but that no one has joined yet. She said that she would re-name the page BCHW Capitol Riders Group so that it would be easier to find, and ask that people join. She said that currently the page is public, but everyone agreed that it should be a private group page for members only to share ride information, find riding partners and socialize. As a closed group, public can find it, but only members can post or see posts.

Deb discussed Rendezvous on March 15-17. It was moved and approved that the chapter donate a propane fire pit to the auction fund-raiser. The chapter will also donate money for the Sunday Cowboy church.

Laura gave the treasurer's report and membership update in Sue Koch's absence. The chapter received a \$49 donation. Current balance is \$5030 in checking and \$541 in savings. There are currently 47 members, including several new members.

Deanna reported that the new website is up and running. She is still working on updating links. She reported that much of the old information is on the "Resources and Links" tab. If anyone needs any of the pictures that were on the old site, contact Deanna.

Sue Davis reported that there are a lot of trees and branches down on the trails in Capitol Forest due to recent heavy snows. Once the snow melts, Sue will email everyone and arrange some work parties.

Jere Redecker reported on discussions at DNR's Capitol Forest Stakeholder User Group meeting. There is a 99 acre timber harvest planned in the next couple of years that will affect Mima Tie Trail. 14th Annual Great Gravel Pack In is March 23rd in Capitol Forest.

Deb Hall reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours.

Deb Hall talked about legislative day on February 25. It is an opportunity to encourage legislators to support equine-based recreation on public lands. Laura, Sue Davis, and Deb said they would attend.

WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife's February workshop to take public input on development of a 10-year management plan for Scatter Creek Wildlife Area was canceled due to the winter storm. Because the area is a very popular riding area for the equestrian community, it is important that horse riders provide input. We will make sure to get the word out when the meeting is rescheduled. (UPDATE: New date is March 4, at Swede Hall, 18543 Albany St. SW, Rochester from 6 – 8:30 PM).

Next business meeting is March 19th. Sue D. volunteered to bring treats.

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a longtime supporter of our organization and an advocate for trails across the state. Senator Warnick talked about funding for public trails.

-Representative Andrew Barkis (2nd district) - another supporter of our public trail system from District

-Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz - she was one of our officials who was taken on the Capitol Forest VIP ride last fall. She talked about the funding challenges for DNR, but was enthusiastic about the future of DNR trails.

-Governor Inslee's Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development Advisor, Jon Snyder, who voiced the governor's support for outdoor recreation.

All the officials who spoke seemed optimistic. One topic that came up was the need for funding of the Beverly bridge over the Columbia River on the Palouse to Cascade Trail (formerly the John Wayne Trail). This bridge is currently unsafe and is closed. There is funding in the governor's budget to repair this bridge.

After we heard the speakers, we all fanned out and paid visits to our legislators. We had made appointments to see those who represent us from our districts. Many of us wore cowboy hats and we all made quite a presence in the capitol buildings. Sue, Laura, Mickie and I visited with Senator Sam Hunt's assistant and Representative Beth Doglio. We presented them with a BCHW calendar and were well received. We talked about the need for continued access to public lands and ongoing support for trail and campground maintenance. We emphasized the importance of the volunteer work provided by the BCHW across the state and showed them our impressive numbers (remember those volunteer hours we turn in!). Mickie and I caught up with Laurie Dolan's assistant a little later.

Talk of horses and trail riding seemed to really strike a note with all the folks we talked to.

Don't forget that Rendezvous is just around the corner (March 15 - 17). The only people I know that are going from Capitol Riders are Sue Davis Karen Johnson.

Deb Hall

Currently Scheduled Events

Mar 19	General Meeting	Littlerock Fire Hall – 7 pm
22-24	NW Horse Fair and Expo	Albany, OR
23	14 th Annual Great Gravel Pack-In	Capitol State Forest
April 13	Equestrienne Garage and Tack Sale	Shelton, WA
16	General Meeting	Littlerock Fire Hall – 7 pm
26-28	Methow Valley BCH Annual Spring Ride	Beaver Creek Campground, Twisp, WA
May 18	Kennedy Creek Fun Ride	Kennedy Creek
21	General Meeting	Littlerock Fire Hall – 7 pm
June 15	2 nd Qtr BCHW Board of Directors mtg.	Kittitas Valley Event Center Ellensburg, WA

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Caps in assorted colors and styles - \$15 to \$20



Licence plate frames - \$15

2019-2020
 MEMBERSHIP
 APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org to join online its easier and faster! If this is not an option then print, fill out and sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), and enclose your cash or check:

- **Chapter members:** If paying by check, make it out to **Capitol Riders BCHW**, fill out an application and turn in to Sue Koch, Treasurer. **BE SURE TO SIGN THE LIABILITY RELEASE**
- Mail application and payment to: **Capitol Riders, Attn: Sue Koch, 10214 Gate Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512**



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Check if you DON'T want a MAILED newsletter: BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter Newsletter

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single or Family

- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00

Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____

State Subtotal \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

Chapter Name (or Independent):

Capitol Riders (\$10 Single, \$15 Family)

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW dues have been paid for 2019:

	Chapter Dues	\$ _____
	Additional Chapter Donation	\$ _____
	<i>Chapter Subtotal</i>	\$ _____
	Grand Total (State+Chapter)	\$ _____

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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 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.

By signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCHW by electronic transmission at the above email address.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.

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