



CAPITOL RIDERS HOOFBEATS

SEPTEMBER 2019

General meeting September 17, 2019 at 7 pm * Nancy Lovrien-Kauffman - refreshments

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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, Sept. 17th
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

Well the First Sunday Ride was very fun with 10-11 riders. We headed out from my house in Foxhall and rode our very busy trails. A few of us broke off from the big group to ride by one of the most challenging sections with farm pigs, goats and running horses on one side and alpacas on the other. We all did fine. The weather was beautiful to make it a perfect day. We met up back at my house to have our sack lunches on the deck. Jerre brought scotch eggs, Sue Davis brought gluten free cake, and Deanna brought great treats from San Francisco street bakery. Thanks for the special additions they were all delicious. It sounds like the October ride will be Wallipa Hills. We can talk more about that at the September meeting.

I hope you are considering stepping up to help with some of the positions that need filling and need to be nominated in October and voted on in

November. The positions will begin in January.

All those going to the wine ride consider volunteering some time to help out.

I am heading out on the 20th to go to a Steve Rother clinic for five days at his Ranch. I've heard many good things. It will be a great experience for Spencer and me to spend time with instruction to see if we can get through a few areas that are slowing our progress. He will be very happy if I can be clearer with him.

Hope to see many of you at the next meeting.

Laura

Director's Report

Karen Johnson has continued to represent us at the Back Country Horsemen of WA Board Meetings. There are a few important items that you need to know about.

Wine Ride on October 26 in Zillah, WA. Please consider going and volunteering if possible. It's a lot of fun and an important fund raiser for the state organization. Our chapter will also receive some \$ for your time based on number of hours volunteered. See the Trailhead News for details.

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Director's Report – (Continued from page 1)

Ken Carmichael (our state by-laws committee chair) has been sharing important information for our chapters. Here's some info from him about by-laws:

Bylaws are a document that helps guide us in the operation of Back Country Horsemen. They not only ensure that leaders and members follow and understand the rules by which the organization operates but also provide consistency as we change leaders and members.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington is kind of unique in that BCHW has bylaws and so do the chapters. We need to remember that BCHW and all the chapters are one corporation. The BCHW bylaws are what are provided to the federal and state governments. They provide the guidance to BCHW and the chapters. In addition, each chapter has bylaws that guide the individual chapter. The BCHW bylaws state that certain facts need to be included in the chapter bylaws. Beyond that the chapter bylaws are unique to the needs of the individual chapter. On the Director Website there is a sample chapter bylaw. The portion that is in bold is that portion that is required by BCHW to be in the chapter bylaws.

Besides the bylaws BCHW and the chapters can have Standing Rules to further guide the organization. These can provide information not in the bylaws and may need to be changed more frequently and easily. This may be committee descriptions, election and budget guidelines, meeting times and locations or membership dues.

Another fact that I think is important is that the bylaws and standing rules should be shared with the general membership.

- First, the membership should be aware of what the rules are, this does not need to be shared among only a few people.
- Second, it provides a sense of belonging, commitment and buy in on what the organization stands for.

It is important that bylaws and standing rules reflect how the organization is currently functioning. For this reason, it is important that a chapter periodically review the bylaws and standing rules to bring them up to date. This could be done by a committee for approval by the membership.

As we approach the winter riding season this may be a good time to review the bylaws and standing rules. While it is not required, the BCHW Governance and Bylaws Committee is always ready to review the chapter bylaws and help in any way possible.

Please remember to take good photos of work parties, events, rides, etc. for our annual statewide DVD which shows videos and photos of our chapter's accomplishments.

Photos are also needed for the BCHW calendar. Photos

should be taken with a camera or a REALLY good cell phone. They cannot be reduced in size. They must be copied to a disc and snail mailed to Louise Caywood with a description for the DVD. Deadline is February 1, 2020. See Deb for more details.

It's not too soon to start planning to attend Rendezvous 2020. The date is 3/20-

3/22. Let's try to have a good turn out from our chapter in 2020.



2019 18th Annual Winery Ride Halloween Costume Contest/Prizes

Come ride your horse to various Yakima Valley wineries in Zillah, sampling wines as you go!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

The ride starts at 1890 Highland Drive in Zillah. See our website at www.bchw.org (Upcoming Events) for detailed directions and other information OR contact us at bchwwineryride@gmail.com

First rider out at 9:30am | Last rider out at 11:30am.

Please, **NO DOGS** on the trail. Dogs left in camp must be secured and please clean up after your dog.

- Early bird prize ride registration \$25 (price increases to \$35 if postmarked AFTER Oct. 16.)
- On Saturday after the ride, join us for a catered dinner and entertainment. Early bird dinner \$25 (Price increases to \$30 if postmarked AFTER Oct. 16.)
- Camping is available Friday and Saturday for only \$15 per night (no hookups, may not be level, but includes stock water & primitive restroom).

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*The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington strongly encourages you to drink responsibly. Plan to camp out Saturday evening with us—just \$15, and a small price for your safety!
We want you back next year!!!*

August 2019 Meeting Minutes

Capitol Riders - minutes of meeting on 8/20/19

The meeting was called to order by Sue Koch at 7 pm. Members present included Nancy Lovrien-Kauffman, Dean Hartman, Susan Hartman, Cindy Mcallister, Deanna Jackson, Jerre Redecker, Connie Patterson, Lori Ewing, April Bryan, Sue Koch, and Deb Hall. There were no guests.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Calendars** - there were 45 of the BCHW 2020 calendars available to purchase at \$10 each. Sue Koch took the leftover calendars home and will bring them to the next meeting.
2. **Facebook** - Jerre R reported nothing new.
3. **Decals** - Sue Koch brought in BCH - Capitol Riders decals. They are very nice smallish bumper stickers. They are available to purchase for \$3 each and will be provided to our new members for 2019 in a welcome packet that Sue is putting together. We discussed having T-shirts made by the same company and decided to table decisions about making an order until our next meeting.
4. **Kennedy Creek** prize ride earnings for our chapter. The \$ amount is still unknown. Sue Koch contacted Martha of the Oakland Bay chapter but hasn't heard from her yet.
5. **Rob Keyser** is fine with hosting our **Christmas party** again on **December 13th**.
6. **Elections** for our new officers was discussed. Currently we need to fill the offices of President and Director. The other officers are willing to continue for another year. Sue Koch said that she would be willing to take over as president if someone else would like to take on the treasurer's job. She said it does take a fair amount of time and is combined with membership chair for practical reasons. Deb explained that the director's job requires attendance at the state board meetings in Ellensburg quarterly. The meetings are all day on Saturdays except for the March meeting which is held at Rendezvous and is shorter. Karen Johnson has been serving as alternate director, but lives in Ellensburg now. That make is easy for her to make the board meetings

but impossible for her to attend our monthly chapter meetings. She has been covering many of the meetings for Deb for the past two years. It would be best to have someone who is able to travel to the Ellensburg meetings and attend our chapter meetings. It's an interesting role with an insider's view of our state and national organizations.

7. **Mossy Rock camp out**- this event was a big success and was well attended. There was a ferocious thunderstorm Friday night but all were unscathed. There was a general consensus that we should do it again next year. There were questions about joining the Mossy Rock club. Deb will email Sue Davis and Karen Daniels and see if they can give us a brief presentation on the details of membership there at a future chapter meeting.
8. **Future camping trips** - some of our members will be camping on 8/22-8/25 at Rock Creek. This is a new site for everyone. Dean and Susan are camping at White Pass on Labor Day weekend. They plan to see fall colors.
9. **September day ride**- We discussed various options for our day ride on September 1st. It's Labor Day weekend so many of our peeps are out of town. We decided to invite those who could come to ride the trails at Fox Hall where several of our members live. I have discussed with Laura who is willing to have a few trailers park at her place. She needs RSVPs to make sure there will be enough space. She welcomes us to bring our own lunches and sit around after we ride to eat and visit but does not want to do a pot luck this time.
10. **October day ride** - we talked about riding the rails to trails trail from Pe Ell to Willapa. More to come on that plan.

For the Good of the Order- Lori Ewing told us about a ride being planned for July 2020 that Sue Davis and Karen Daniels are doing. It involves Yellowstone and the Tetons and sounds very cool. Talk to Sue or Karen for more info.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm
Next meeting is on 9/17/19. Nancy Lovrien-Kauffman offered to bring treats.

Currently Scheduled Events

- Sept 14** 3rd Qtr BCHW Board of Directors meeting Kittitas Valley Event Center – Ellensburg
27-10/1 John Wayne Pioneer Wagons & Riders Thorp Wa - Ollallie State Park – Register at
www.johnwaynetrailride.com/fall-ride-registration
- Oct 6** First Sunday Ride Willapa trail – Pe-Ell
26-27 18th Annual Winery Ride/Halloween Costume Prize Ride – Zillah, WA
- Dec 7** 4th Qtr. BCHW Board of Directors meeting Kittitas Valley Event Center – Ellensburg
13 Capitol Riders Christmas Party Rob Keiser’s
- May 21 – June 6, 2020** Palouse to Cascades States Park Trail Ride

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2019-2020
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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
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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	\$ _____
Chapter Subtotal	\$ _____
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: _____

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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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