

FERRY COUNTY CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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2012 memberships are now due! Contact Doris Bacon DVM for a renewal form! We need you to help to keep trails open for Horses!

<HOWDY FOLKS from the President

My First Meeting as president was apprehensive (it's a learning curve).

The membership list has some changes, with several new members. We have another busy year ahead with a lot on the calendar. The Event Calendar will be finished soon and sent out on email. We have many trail rides planned, so get your ponies in shape.

Our first board meeting of the year is scheduled for January 25, Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Jerry and Gail's home, 68 Miyoko Point Rd. Call 775-3218 if you need directions. The main topic will be to start planning our 2012 Steak Ride in July.

So far this year we have very little snowpack and can anticipate an early season to start our work parties. Don't forget our February 1st meeting at 6:00 PM at Tamarack Pizza; social hour is at 5:00 PM. March 16 thru the 18th is the BCHW general meeting (Rendezvous) in Ellensburg. It's lots of fun. See the Trailhead News for more details and registration.

See you at the next chapter meeting. JERRY



FROM THE EDITOR

I very much enjoy putting this newsletter together every month and I love writing about what our Chapter is doing. We have had articles in the Trail Head news at least five out of six issues in 2012 and three out of six in 2010. This year we have had four articles in the local "View". We have had our ride published in The View, Horse Previews and announced on the North Cascades Radio as well as the Ferry County happenings and also in the Trail Head News. We have had pictures in the 2011 and 2012 Calendar and I have sent some this year, for 2013. If you would like to submit a picture for the calendar this is Vicki Clark's email hrrleerydr@gmail.com she would love to have your pictures. Looks like a lot of Happy Trails in 2012 LU



HATS OFF TO ROB AND TRACEY MICHAEL

... AND THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS THEY LOVE THE BACKCOUNTRY...
PASAYTEN WILDERNESS

Awesome pictures Rob and Tracey We are envious!



Rommel Lake and Rommel Mountain



On Lucky Pass looking into the Lost River



Spanish Camp



Horseshoe Basin



Cowboy Up!



This is Tim Azbill, a friend of mine on Face Book. Pictures taken in Oregon. I have his permission to post these pictures of him training. Tim says he specializes in starting horses ankford and builds a strong foundation by riding in his 30 day program. He uses a lot of old school standards and some of his clients continue using hackamores and hobbles. He rides in all kinds of weather training doesn't stop because of the weather, he just "Cowboys Up!" Tim's web site is startmycolt.com and he can be found on YouTube "TimAzbill horse training"

Ferry County Chapter Backcountry Horsemen Meeting Minutes from 1/4/2012

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Downs at 6:00 PM. Guests introduced were Bob and Vicki Gish, Darrell Wallace, from the state association and Dave Lentz from the Forest Service. Minutes of the November meeting as presented by e-mail were approved as was the December Treasurer report.

Director Report: From the meeting at the first part of December in Ellensburg the membership is down by 5%. Amy McBride presented to the directors about reaching out to the younger people on face book etc. She'll be at the Rendezvous to give a class on the subject. BCHW has a face book page already, lots of chapters have them. Facebook is free except for the time that you put into it. Photos and videos are more likely to attract the younger generation. Allison Benitz will try to do a facebook page for our chapter. She will need photos etc. Dave Taylor mentioned his worry about the ant-horse people and the comments they would post, but it was mentioned that such things can be blocked. Also, from the directors meeting, there is a wine-tasting event to be scheduled at the Rend. There are 4 wineries in the E-burg area that are interested in participating. There was an e-mail sent out that the Washington State Horse Council will become active again and that is a good thing as it is an ally for the BCHW. The importance of volunteer hours was again mentioned as it helps to obtain grants and dollars. Ellensburg gave the BCHW a \$1000.00 grant for advertising for the Rend.

BCHW will work hard to get a paid Executive Director.

Legislative: Legislature day is January 23rd and Dave Sunde is planning on attending and if you would like to ride along please contact him, it will be a day trip.

Forest Service: Chainsaw Certification – midwinter last year would we like to do that again? OK Chapter is planned for their indoor cert. to be done 3/10/12. Can the outdoor certification still be done by Terry Fralic? Dave Lentz will check with the new supervisor.

Volunteer Hours: Dolly Watkins presented hours for 2011 for the chapter. The chapter recorded 649 hours which equates to \$5868.40, and 2145 miles which equates to \$2046.50, and power equipment use of 68 which equates to \$3764.00 and Stock use of 21 for \$2100.00. This is a total of \$15778.90. Great job chapter and Thank you Dolly for the work you put in on this. Dolly needs some help for tracking miles for a few people on the trails and Dave Lentz said that he would check on the forest service computer for the actual miles on the trails. Dolly gave specific hours and badges for some members and thanks to Peg Swanberg for her help. Dolly next asked about the way that we reimburse the director for travel, food, and lodging. We pay for the director's fuel to the meeting, the lodging and the meals eaten. The chapter agreed to continue with the reimbursement as we have been doing. Mileage was mentioned and commented on by a few people.

Trail Boss: Nothing

Publicity and Newsletter: Lu needs articles and will try to get more articles in the View etc.

There are more calendars to sell if you would like one.

Request from Darrell Wallace if you have any video clips or still photos Amy McBride would like them sent to her digitally. Can send to Darrell at exec@BCHW.org ASAP. CD's can be sent also. There is a website called Drop Box to drag and drop the pictures to exchange large files. The comment was made that the assets of the organization are the people and not the money.

New Business: For the Rend. each chapter is asked to send something or money. A motion was made and approved to send \$100.00 to the Rend. auction.

Steak Ride: Please be on the lookout for articles to put in the auction. Lloyd will check about the permit that will be needed.

Allison Benitz mentioned that she and Aemi are interested in getting the chapter to put on an endurance ride. She will get us more information.

Bob Gish presented that there is a project North of Newport on a trail with a rocky shelf that the micro blaster that our chapter owns would really be an asset. The chapter with the discussion was agreeable for their chapter to use the micro blaster or to rent it and pay for the supplies that they use. The people who use the micro blaster the most, i.e., George,

Terry, Dave, Trygve, and Dave will discuss about a rental price and decide if that would be the best way to go. If you break it you buy it.

Peggy Swanberg mentioned that the Ok and Ferry Chapters are responsible for the Tack Consignment Sale at the Rend. The entire proceeds of the sale go to BCHW.

Okanogan Chapter is presenting a Cabin Fever Night Out. A free event for the public enjoyment, there will be a dinner, (you pay for the dinner), Cowboy poetry – story by Stan Kvistad, and a Dessert Auction. There will be a power point photo slide show of the Okanogan Country. Doors open at 4:30 PM, dinner will be served at 5:00 to 5:55 for \$6 or \$7, and the dessert auction starts at 6:00 to 6:30. It will be held at Community Cultural Center in Tonasket on Friday January 27, 2012. More information call 509-486-1107 or website www.ovcbchw.com.

Meeting was adjourned. Doris Bacon DVM Secretary Ferry County BCH



McGuyver's tool kit.




POWER WHEELBARROW


This is the new power wheel barrow purchased last month for bringing tools and gear up the trails. The machine has five speeds forward and can

haul 800 lbs. It can haul gravel or anything you stack on it. Pictured is Trail Boss Terry Fralic with his granddaughter Allie. Thanks Terry "McGuyver" for housing the wheel barrow and for fixing the recoil.

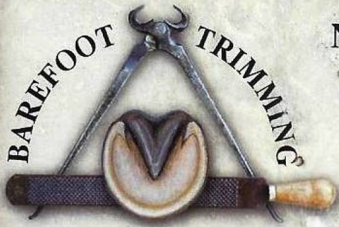
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Legislative Report by Dave Sunde

Thanks Dave!

In November the leadership saw fit to appoint me to another term as your Legislative Chairman. With my position as Trail Boss I now have 3 committee chairmanships that are interrelated and intertwined. Therefore, I'm toying with the idea of making my life easier by combining the Legislative, Trail Boss, and Public Lands Committee reports into one monthly report. I'll try and put any late breaking news or call to action on the chapter website at: www.ovcbchw.com. Feel free to drop me an email or call and tell me what you think.

The Special session has not produced any results that impact the equestrian community directly. They spent most their time on the budget shortfall. The 2012 Session will begin on January 9, 2011. This year all the bills that did not receive action in the previous session will be re-filed. This is going to clutter up the calendar so I'll be watching to see if there is any action on them or if they are really "dead." I believe that the 2012 session will be heavily involved in finding ways to cut expenses and enhance revenue without raising taxes.

Among items of interest to BCHW that I'll be following in 2012 are:

1. Discover Pass modifications (there are a couple of bills here)
2. Agency merges (DNR, WSP, WSWF)
3. Wolf Plan(s)
4. Brand Inspections/registration/chip implantation requirements (again, there are more than one bill)

So far there are 3 house and 2 senate bill that have been pre-filed. This does not take into account the aforementioned bills that were "dead" at the end of the last session.

The Governor has appointed a new member to the State Wildlife Commission. Even though he is a local resident, there is justified outrage within the local hunting and fishing community as well as the Cattlemen's Association concerning this appointment. This outrage is due to the appointee's employment with the radical Conservation Northwest organization. The appointee is also a very outspoken supporter of the wolf reintroduction plan in Washington and has stated on occasion that a growing wolf population will actually enhance hunting quality and opportunities for deer and elk. So far has not produced any credible studies or scientific evidence to support these claims.

As of press time the State redistricting plans have not been disclosed. There is a chance that the southern boundary of the current 7th district will be SR20. There are 2 major competing plans and neither one has emerged as a winner yet.

On the national front, Okanogan County has been moved from the 5th District to the 4th. Say hello to Doc Hastings and good-bye to Cathy McMorris-Rogers.

Please watch the website for late breaking news. www.ovcbche.com

SOME GREAT COWBOY SAYINGS

You'll never break a horse if you're sittin' on the fence.

Something happens to a man when he gets on a horse, in a country where he can ride forever. William Brandon

If we never had any storms, we couldn't appreciate the sunshine.

Guess who said that one?



Volunteer Hours Report

By Dolly Watkins

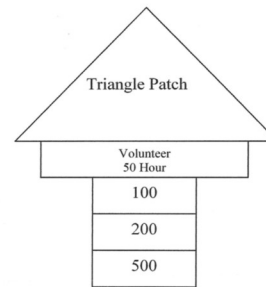
A report of the 2011 volunteer hours as well as some individual awards was given at the January monthly meeting of Ferry County Chapter Back Country Horsemen of WA.

The total Chapter hours for all categories were reported as 669.5 hours by all members for their time spent clearing trails, reconstructing trails reestablishing trailheads and forest camps and more. This translates to a dollar value of \$14,893.80. Horses and Mules were used for 21 days during the year in carrying equipment and supplies as well as their handlers. Members drove their vehicles a total of 3099 miles in support of our mission statement. We cleared or worked on a total of 20.4 miles of trails during 2011. No small accomplishment for our Chapter members willing to devote their time, stock and equipment to keeping trails open for public use and enjoyment.

Several members were given their cumulative volunteer hour patches. They include Gail Downs, Jerry Downs, Dave Taylor, and Doris Bacon.

If you are not clear on how volunteer hour patches are awarded, it is based on your individual total accumulation throughout your years of volunteering. When you have volunteered 50+ hours, you receive the 50 hour patch. When your total reaches 150+ hours, you receive a 100 hour patch. At 350+ hours, you receive the 200 hour patch. As the hours add up, at 850 hours you receive the 500 hour patch and finally at an accumulated total of 1850+ a 1,000 hour patch is given. There are no other recognition awards after the 1,000 hour level, but some people are working on that issue so keep volunteering so you can reach that ultimate level and get the next grand reward. Perhaps this chart will help.

Hours	50	150	350	850	1850
Triangle	X				
50	X				
100		X			
200			X		
500				X	
1000					X



Reporting is important to our Chapter and to BCHW. It equates to our ability to receive grant money and is our clout when it comes to talking about our valued service in keeping public lands open for recreation. Many agencies are experiencing budget cutbacks and are limited in the work they can do, so it is even more valuable that we work to keep our trails open and in good shape.

For instance, several years ago we received information from Kettle Falls Ranger Station that the Forest Service would be closing the 3 camp sites at Albion Hill due to personnel cutbacks. They asked if FCCBCH would be willing to clean restrooms, restore supplies and pick up trash in the campground areas. We took on the responsibility and have been able to keep these areas open for the public. All our efforts are important, especially the members that work behind the scenes and may not be able to participate in the outdoor work but are valuable in keeping the organization running.

This volunteer hour reporting system has been evolving over the last several years and is continuing to be fine-tuned. We need to have more detailed information available in order to substantiate our claims and numbers.

If you haven't volunteered in the past, this would be a good year to start. If you do volunteer, please turn your report in monthly.