

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Newsletter of the Whatcom Chapter
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington

TRAIL TALES

March 2023

Notes from the President

Whatcom Chapter
P. O. Box 28607
Bellingham, WA 98228
2023

President:

Roger Edmonds
360-296-3512

Vice President:

Cindy Piccolo
360-961-4839

Director:

Joe Remenar
j.remenar@gmail.com
(2021-2023)

Alternate Director:

Bill McKenna
360-599-2526
(2023)

Secretary:

Sharon Hoofnagle
360-734-4258

Treasurer:

Timothy Van Beek
bchwtim@gmail.com

Membership:

Fran Van Diest
360-734-2567

Newsletter Editor & Publicity

Fran Van Diest
fvandiest@msn.com
360-734-2567

BCHW mission statement: To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist the various governmental 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.

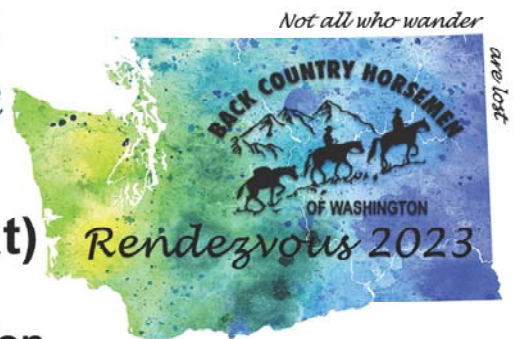
Howdy, everyone. To paraphrase Patrick Henry, "Now is the time for good men (and women) to come to the aid of their club." As you have hopefully heard we have organized (re-organized) some BCH committees. They are as follows; Education, Membership, Publicity, Trail bosses, Ways and Means and Public lands. As you all know we lost a lot of momentum with the covid thing and now we need to build it back up. I know I got kind of complacent just sitting around home and I am sure some of you all did too. But now we need to get out and get this organization back on her feet and the best way to do that is to get involved again. Come to the meetings, we are getting some new speakers to spice up the meetings. There, you will be able to see what else is needed to be done and who you can do it with. I am sure each and everyone of you has a talent that could be used in one of those committees, don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER.

See you at the next meeting.

On another note, Rendezvous is in 3 weeks so you better plan now. Bill has tables, you just need to sign up for your meal. A good time will be had by all. And don't forget the Small Farm Expo on the 4th at the Fairgrounds. That is all for now. Get along little doggies!
Roger E.

MARCH 17 - 19, 2023
KITTITAS EVENT CENTER
ELLENSBURG

- ☼ **Tack Sale (Fri & Sat)**
- ☼ **Vendor Booths**
- ☼ **Cross-Cut Saw Competition**



Classes & Demonstrations

- ☼ TrailMeister
- ☼ 2 & 4-legged Massage
- ☼ London Alber - Calm Equine
- ☼ Tom Reed Horsemanship Clinic
- ☼ Camping with Solar, Batteries & Refrigerators
- ☼ Healthy Hoof
- ☼ Camp in non-LQ
- ☼ Saddle Fitting
- ☼ Disaster First Aid

Open to the Public!
For details:
www.bchw.org

The big **BCHW Annual Used Tack Sale** will be held again at the fairgrounds in Ellensburg at Rendezvous March 17-19!

This year, because of how the sale has grown over the years, it will be in the big Armory building. Tack Sale volunteers will check in your tack starting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday the 16th until 11:00 am on Saturday.

Before checking in, please mark each item you are selling with your name, cell numbers on saddles (in case someone makes an offer on higher end items) and price. Small items can include name and price only. You will get a check in a couple weeks for items sold minus 15% to BCHW. We list all your sold items on a sales receipt, that will be emailed to you. All unsold items must be picked up before noon on Sunday. Any items left will be considered as donated to BCHW and given to a local non-profit horse rescue. If selling saddles, it helps if you bring a saddle rack for display. Please mark your saddle racks with your name and "Not for Sale". Saddle racks can be picked up with unsold items.

NOTE: No pricing of items will be allowed in the Armory building. Worn, unusable or dirty tack will not be accepted or will be donated to the non-profit group.

Questions? Contact Linda at 360-421-0992 (text is best) or email rosie1400@yahoo.com
 All info about the Rendezvous is at https://www.bchw.org/rendezvous_2023.php

**2023
TRAIL BOSSES**

Rocky Leavitt
 360-599-2675

Roger Nelson
 360-927-6964

Andy McLeod
 360-595-2744

**WORK PARTY
 COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
 360-927-6964

**PACKING
 COORDINATOR**

Rocky Leavitt
 360-599-2675

Check out our Website:
<http://www.whatcom-bch.com/>

Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Michelle McKenna at 360-599-2526 or send her an email at: wintercreek10@gmail.com.

Auction Committee

The auction committee is back to work. We have sent out our greeting letters to businesses. The Auction is May 13th at the Deming Log Show Museum. We have contacted auctioneer Paul Sanchez and he will be there again. We are looking for new and gently used items also. Things that sell well are of course anything equestrian, outdoor, pet, garden, artwork just to name a few. So look around and check out the great sales that are going on this time of year. Volunteers will be needed before and on the day of the auction. We will bring sign up sheets to meetings or you can contact me. Melinda Smull, 360 595-2137
 We are looking forward to another fun time, so mark your calendars.

Melinda Smull

A Special Thank You to:
Laurel Farm & Western Supply
 America's Horse Country
 Weylin & Amy Eldred
 325 W Laurel Rd., Bellingham 360/398-1216
 * 360/398-8050 fax
 Hours: Mon- Fri: 8:30am. to 7 pm; Sat:
 8:30am.to 6:00 pm. and Sun 9 am. to 5 pm.

Advertising Rates

Full Page----\$45.00 per month, limited to space available

1/2 Page.....\$90.00 for 6 months or \$150.00 for a Year

1/4 Page.....\$60.00 for 6 months or \$100.00 for a Year

Business Card....\$30.00 for 6 months or \$50.00 for a Year

Classifieds.....\$3.00 per month

EDITOR'S POLICIES

Trail Tales is published monthly. Deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of each month. Non-copyrighted submissions are welcomed (subject to space limitations). Opinions and views expressed in letters or personal articles are not necessarily the opinions of BCH. Send submissions to: Editor, Fran Van Diest, 723 Van Wyck Rd, Bellingham, WA. 98226. Email to: fvandiest@msn.com.

Whatcom Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes Feb 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Grange by President Roger Edmonds. It was preceded by a 30 min social gathering. The pledge of allegiance was said. The roll call was asked for. Attendees stated their name.

Our guest speaker was introduced. **Jennifer Mackey**, *Stewardship Director of the Whatcom Land Trust* gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation. She described the land trust, its functions, and the trusts projects through-out Whatcom County.

The general meeting agenda and reports were presented. The agenda topics were:

Budget to membership for a vote: 2. Committees, 3. Work parties, 4. Web site. The agenda was approved.

1. Budget: report to the membership- *The budget was gone over previously by the board line by line and unanimously approved by the board. It is based on the 2022 budget. It was prepared by the budget committee. (copy available by request)*

Discussion and vote: Tim V answered questions. Line item "Information technology" is the new computer. Tim also described our new "hot spot" device. Our meetings can now be hybrid, in person or by zoom. This meeting is also by zoom. Fran V is the trial member attending by zoom. The device was \$100 initial cost plus \$35/month. It will also help with the square at auction (mechanism for accepting credit cards.) The carrier is T-Mobile. There is no annual contract. It should work at Misty River also. Bob R wondered about reception at the log show grounds. It will be checked out.

Robbie asked about the Pasayten work project. Tim- Whatcom BCH generously committed to \$2500 of match into supporting a Legacy Trails Program grant being administered by American Trails for the US Forest Service. BCHW was notified last Wed February 1 that the grant was accepted. The grant will help fund 6 connector trails to the Pacific Northwest Trail. It will help fund trail Maintenance on 86 miles of the PNT and over 130 miles of the most heavily used feeder trails in the Pasayten Wilderness. BCHW heads up the effort. Roger N asked if it funds the trail to the airport. Answer- yes.

Roger E asked for a motion to approve the budget. Bill M moved; Andy seconded. The vote was unanimously to approve the budget.

2. Committees: report to membership- several committees are being set up- members are asked to join. They will be chaired by board members. The complete committee list is attached.

Following is discussion on a few of the committees.

Trail boss is an elected position but it is added as a committee. They will set up a work parties, receive input from land managers on work to do.

Public lands: Tim V is the Public Lands Chair. He will be working with various members to engage with Land Manager's on various landscapes.

Ways and Means: will work on the budget, etc.

Elaboration on Committees: Bill- they were written into our new by-laws. The committees and heads will be approved by the board after being assigned by the president. If members want on a committee call the chair of the committee

3. Work Parties

Roger N- the committee needs to get together to schedule work. They would like a schedule by the end of Feb. A work party the first Sat after our meeting was suggested but that would conflict with Skagit's work parties.

4- Website: open discussion- the board is debating dropping our chapter website, just using the state website. However, we need a way to communicate with and reach out to members. Our website is not up to date. Members would like a place to post invitations to join them for trail rides, trail conditions, etc. Melinda S- would like a site easy to post to. Joe- our state website is on the trailer, not the chapter site.

(Continue on Page 4)

(continue from Page 3)

Whatcom Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes Feb 8, 2023

On the state level each chapter has a website. However, chapters are responsible for updating their own sites. Dana will add items for us to the state website but not the individual chapter websites. Chapter websites have by-laws, officers, etc. Bob I. commented that we are lacking a site to archive materials. Cathy I- accessing the state website gives members a central site to access info throughout the state.

Facebook was suggested as a site to post rides and trail info on a day-to-day basis. Roger N is the manager. He handles requests. It can be set up with no manager, one or more than one.

The website subject was referred to the board to research. There is confusing info.

The land trust was thanked for the presentation. We will attempt to have a speaker at every meeting. There are new land managers at Whatcom County Parks and the Forest service. We will have horse or mule presentations at Misty River.

Reports:

Directors: Joe R. Leadership training was on Feb 28th by zoom. Presentations went well, it is a once yearly event. The leadership info will be posted on the state website.

Last Saturday was a sawyer training program for sawyer instructors, instructors Bill M and Joe R. attended. Rendezvous is March 17th in Ellensburg. We have two tables reserved. Contact Bill for reservations. Verna- the \$40 dinner cost includes 5 tickets for the silent auction.

Legislative day: Andy and Tim V attended. They had good contacts with legislators.

Volunteer hrs.; Verna- Jan- 109 hrs.

Good of order: Joe R- Skagit's dessert auction is on Valentine's Day Feb 14th at the Skagit Rodeo Grounds. 6:30 for social, 7 pm for auction

Sam moved for adjournment; Holly seconded



Chuckanut Mountain trail crew. Jackie, Sundae and our friend Chris cleared 3 big logs and 2 small ones,



Congratulations, Mike on your 1,000 volunteer hours chevron!



CALENDAR



March 4, 2023-----Whatcom Farm Expo at the Lynden Northwest Fairgrounds, 9am--2pm, notify Sharon if you can help out.

March 8, 2023-----general meeting at Laurel Community Hall, 6172 Guide Meridian, social hour 6:30pm, meeting 7pm---8:30pm.

March 17---19, 2023-----Rendezvous--Ellensburg, check out website: https://www.bchw.org/rendezvous_2023.php

Trail Clearing Crew Request.

Hi Everyone, due to medical and other reasons I need to replenish my Trail Clearing Crew. Even though the trails are still in very good shape, time does fly by and before long they will not be fun to ride unless cleared. I'm putting out the request early so that when they are ready to clear, so are we! Here are some things to know. Because of the ages of myself and my former crew, we only work a couple of hours at a time. We clear the trails that we can drive and walk to, no horses needed. We have a method to make the clearing as easy as possible, and of course we have the wonderful Husqvarna blade equipment. And the best—we have wonderful camaraderie. We work with each other on time schedules, so if you aren't available one time, hopefully the next time will work. Also, we usually like to work in the morning and be finished before the day gets too hot. Every woman or man is welcome!! Please call, text or email me at 360-815-5992; mtiemersma@hotmail.com. Thank you and looking forward to hearing from many of you.

Tally Ho! Marie Tiemersma

P.S. If you and a friend would like to go off on your own, please let me know and I will have the equipment ready for you to pick up.

2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

LEGISLATIVE:
Bill McKenna
360-599-2526

LEAVE NO TRACE:
Bill McKenna
360-599-2526

VOLUNTEER HOURS:
Verna McLeod
360-595-2744

PROGRAMS:
Sharon Hoofnagle
360-7344258

SUNSHINE
Michelle McKenna
360-599-2526

TRAIL HEAD COMMITTEE
Mike McGlenn
360-739-2619

SCRAPBOOK
Debbie Lagerwey
360-354-2804
Need Pictures!



TRAIL HORSE WANTED:

mid teens, gelding, 15-15.3 hands high for intermediate rider. Forever home for the right horse.
verna@soundengineering.com Verna

FOR SALE:

Decker pack saddle with latigos and cinches, pad, pannier, and L boards. \$325 or best offer. Stand not included.

Mick Blakey
360-201-1098 or send email to
mick.blakey@gmail.com



Whatcom Chapter Back Country Horsemen Feb 7 2023 Committees:

Education Committee. Baofeng Radios, InReach Devices, EAP's, (at meeting?)

- First Aid Kits, PPE's, Safety Talks
- Confidence builder (fall 2023?)
- LNT
- Stock first aid
- Collaborate with Partners
- Coordinate with Publicity and Membership Committee
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

Membership Development.

- Develop ways to increase membership
- Volunteer Hours
- Email membership reminders
- Share Group Email list serve
- Schedule/manage member events.
- Rides. *Post short notice rides. Email? User Group? Facebook? **Schedule Regular Rides
- Coordinate with Publicity and Education Committee
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

Publicity Committee.

- Develop outreach strategies
- Newsletter. Promote other groups like Sunset Park
- Create Power Point, handout/flier
- Create/manage calendar
- Post to social media, Agency, and Partner websites.
- Post to BCHW and or Whatcom BCH Webpages (Calendar)
- Promote Auction
- Host Trailhead Day. Stewart, Baker Lake, Excelsior, Schreiber's. (Ideally compliments work party)
- Partner with Trailhead watch. (Steve Avila heads this up)
- Participate in community events, Small Farm Expo, Farmers Market etc.
- Collaborate with Partners
- Coordinate with Education and Publicity
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

Trail bosses – Andy, Roger N, Rocky

- Develop work party structure
- Maintain tools and trailer
- Manage/support work parties
- Retain and recruit volunteers
- Collaborate with Partners
- Coordinate with Publicity and Public Lands
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

Ways & means. Tim Chair

- Coordination and preparation of budget
- Recommend investment strategies
- Find more money
- Develop Strategic Plan
- Coordinate with all committee's
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

Public Lands. – Tim Chair

US Forest Service – North Cascade NP - Department of Natural Resources – Washington State Parks - Whatcom County Parks - City of Bellingham – City of Lynden- Tim

Time commitment=

- Develop and agree upon project list in importance/actionability
- Spring project vetting, Fall/winter look back
- Collaborate with Partners (PNNTA, WLT, WTA, WMBC with caution)
- Coordinate with Publicity and Trail bosses
- Publish and submit written report prior to Board Meetings

VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Wilderness Equine Wound Care

The first step in treating a wound is to stop serious bleeding. The second is to clean the wound.

That is easy to state if your horse is injured at home with an ample water supply or even on a trail a few miles from your trailer. But what about an injury hour away from camp?

Riders usually carry drinking water, but not much. Properly cleaning of even a small wound can take a lot of water. Streams and lakes can help, however other trail users may be drawing water out of them. Contamination is frowned on.

We can't carry much gear on a horse. We need to be able to swing a leg over those canteen and saddle bags. By the time you get the 10 essentials for horse and rider plus lunch, drinking water, emergency gear, jacket, lead rope, rain coat, etc., etc. those bags are full.

A trail bandage can be applied to stop excessive bleeding and prevent contamination of a clean wound. But if a wound is already packed with dirt, mud, or sand it is difficult to properly clean it on the trail. Those alcohol preps will not clean a wound. Do not try to seal such a wound. Forget about sutures or glues. You can turn a simple wound into an infected mess.

One of the wisest purchases I ever made was a squeeze water bottle with a filter. You can instantly fill them from any stream or pond. You can re-fill other bottles. You tend to drink more water since you're not afraid of running out. And- they are excellent for rinsing wounds. You can refill it from a stream and rinse the wound several feet away.

Back in camp you can work at cleaning the wound properly and bandaging. However if the wound is severely contaminated, especially with something like wood splinters or sand, get the horse out as soon as possible.



Plant Sale & Celebration
March 18th
Pre-orders now open!

Save the date for these upcoming 2023 in-person events!

Whatcom Farm Expo
March 4th



www.whatcomcd.org/event-calendar



Free event!



Whatcom Farm Expo



#WhatcomFarmExpo

Saturday, March 4th • 9am-2pm

WECU Expo Building • NW WA Fairgrounds • Lynden

www.whatcomcd.org/whatcom-farm-expo

- Over 40 exhibitors with talks every 30 minutes
- Experts on local agriculture
- Soil & compost demonstrations
- Food & Beverages
- Family friendly!

Something for every farmer!



Thank You Sponsors!



This report has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under cooperative agreement RC-2058024 to the Washington State Department of Ecology. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair
11404 210th Ave Ct E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



Whatcom Co.

Member Info

Check One: New Member Renewal Secondary Chapter Application Only

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

National and State Newsletters are viewable online at BCHA.org/BCHW.org or Please mail a hard copy of Newsletters
 (Check Boxes) BCHW (Trailhead News) Chapter Newsletter (If available to mail)

STATE MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Basic Memberships

- Single \$41.00
- Family \$54.00

Levels below include Single and Family

- Contributing \$75.00
- Sustaining \$125.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00
- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00
- Lifetime (Family of 2) \$2000.00

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:

Whatcom Co.

If joining a secondary Chapter, provide the Chapter name where BCHW State dues were paid:

Chapter Dues \$10

Please consider making a State donation: \$ _____

State Subtotal \$ _____

Please consider making a Chapter donation: \$ _____

Chapter Subtotal \$ _____

Grand Total (State+Chapter) \$ _____

NOTICES

By signing this membership application, you will agree to the terms of our Liability Release. You can read it on our website at bchw.org, under the Join tab. You also agree to receive notices from BCHW/BCHA by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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.

Signature: _____

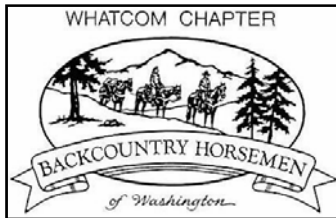
Date _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Signature: _____

Date _____



Fran Van Diest
WBCH Newsletter Editor
723 Van Wyck Rd
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 734-2567



BCHW mission statement: To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist the various governmental 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.



Check out the BCHW
Website at:
<http://www.bchw.org>



Next
Whatcom Chapter Backcountry Horsemen

Meeting:

**General Meeting:
March 8, 2023**

**Laurel Community Grange
6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden**

6:30pm--social, 7pm--8:30pm--meeting

