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### BOA BOOTS FOR SALE

I pair of nearly new size 1 Boa Boots for sale (used twice). \$100 (paid \$155). If interested, please contact Susan Hartman at cowgirlathart@msn.com



### EXTRA SNAFFLE BIT?

Do you have a snaffle bit lying around that you aren't using?

Gordie could put it to good use for a project he is working on. Please contact him at spottedwalkers@fairpoint.net

## Minutes from the Meeting of April 8, 2008

Eric Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 25 members present at the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Eric announced his resignation from the office of Capitol Riders' President. Secretary Ritz Duchesne, spoke for the Capitol Riders' Board and said that the Board did not wish to accept his resignation. Discussion followed in support of Eric remaining as President. A motion was made and seconded that the Capitol Riders' Chapter not accept the President's resignation. After further discussion, the motion was tabled.

The President stated that he would take the motion under advisement to consider staying on as the Capitol Riders' Chapter President.

Eric Anderson then announced the resignation of Barry Russell from the office of Vice President for Capitol Riders. Ritz read the email resignation from Barry that had been sent to the Capitol Riders' Board of Directors. Following Roberts' Rules of Order, Ritz asked a volunteer to chair the remainder of the Capitol Riders' meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed for Ritz to act as Chairman pro tem. She accepted.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report

Betty Reichel gave the Treasurer's report then announced that she was resigning immediately as Treasurer of Capitol Riders. She had brought the books up to date and they were in order.

### Director's Report

Jeff LaBreck gave a brief Director's report and said that the notes of the last BCHW Director's meeting would be published in the Hoofbeats newsletter.

### Trail Rides and Events

Nina Merklin reported that the Chili Dog Ride would be held April 19 at Skookumchuck beginning at 10:00 AM. Directions to the ride were given verbally to those present and Nina agreed to provide written directions for email distribution. Another change in the ride schedule was made for June 14 from the former site of Sahara Horse Camp at Elbe to Kalama Horse Camp.

If women are interested in doing a Women's Ride this year, contact Carrie Russell.

Traci Koch announced rides coming up at Kennedy

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## Minutes from the BCHW Annual Meeting of March 22, 2008

1. Bob Gish called the meeting to order and introduced the officers at 1:10 pm.

2. Bob Gish introduced Alison Halpern from the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board. She discussed weed free forage and

what is being done to get a certification program in place. The current status is complicated, but is moving forward, and they think it will be in place this year. This certified product will only be for U.S. use. Washington Wilderness Hay and

Mulch (WWHAM) is the name of the new program. Certified Hay will have a proprietary twine that is purple with yellow and blue flecks in it. Volunteers could become inspectors and help to spot noxious weed sites. To contact Alison Halpern call 360-902-2053 or email

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((Creek, one on 4/19 with the Nisqually Chapter and one 5/17 with the Oakland Bay Chapter. Other BCHW members are welcome at these rides. She said she would be happy to host a ride for the Capitol Riders Chapter in the fall if we would set a date.

### Ways & Means:

The May yard sale at Joyce Nelson's has been postponed.

### Education

Ritz will be attending an LNT course 4/12 & 4/13. She will give a report to the chapter, possibly at the May meeting.

### Trail Maintenance

Jeff suggested that Capitol Riders adopt Trail 6 from Mima Camp-ground for 6 miles to the junction of Trail 20. He feels we should drop Trail 6A from the adoption plan, since it originates from Margaret McKinney and is not convenient for us to maintain. A motion was made to accept his plan, seconded, and passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Jubilee

Jeff gave a report on the BCHW Jubilee Meeting in Ellensburg. He said that it was a lot of fun and the auctions were very successful. Many thanks to the chapter's members who helped to make it a suc-

cess.

### CPR/First Aid Class

Ritz announced that a CPR/First Aid Class for BCHW members would be held at the Littlerock Fire Hall on April 22 beginning at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$30.00. Karen Johnson has the forms available for registration or you can register at the door.

### Dental Clinic

An equine dental clinic will be held at the Trails End on Saturday, May 10. There are still some openings available. Call Ritz at 438-1805 to be added to the schedule. There will also be a horse show there that day, so parking may be limited.

### Capitol Riders' office of Treasurer

Due to the resignation of the Treasurer, the Chairman asked a volunteer to fill the position. Nancy Garred volunteered her services on a temporary basis, depending on the BCHW Bylaws resolution. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept Nancy's offer to be the temporary Treasurer of Capitol Riders.

### Good of the Order

Tom Crowson reported on the introduction to Cowboy Mounted

Shooting that was held at the Trails on April 5/6. He said it was a BLAST and noted that you can always shoot a gun from the back of your horse at least once!!!

Sue Haefliger made some positive comments about the Capitol Riders' chapter.

Ken Parrish has resigned as web-master for the Capitol Riders' website. If anyone can step up to this very important role, please contact Jeff LaBreck, Karen Johnson or Ritz Duchesne. The website will not be updated until a replacement can be found.

### MAY MEETING DISCUSSION

The topic of discussion for the May meeting will be the BCHW Bylaws. Copies of the old and new BCHW Bylaws will be sent by Ritz to the Capitol Riders' email distribution list. Members should read them before the next meeting so they can be discussed. A copy of the BCHW Bylaws will be sent out also.

### Treats for the next meeting

Nancy Garred and Karen Johnson will provide treats.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Johnson, Assistant Director  
and Ritz Duchesne, Secretary

## Minutes from the Directors' Meeting of March 21, 2008

1. Bob Gish called the meeting to order and took the roll call to establish a quorum at 7:00 pm.
2. Sue Branch gave the Treasurers Report and said that BCHW ended 2007 with a net profit of \$21,376.37 and projected a profit for 2008.
3. Trygve Culp introduced Mt. St. Helens President Jim Adams, who gave a report on the Mt. St. Helens Monument, which is going through a review and fact finding to decide what will be done with this area in the future, with funding and management a big issue.
4. Traci Koch gave her Volunteer Hours Report with 63,222 hours for

2007 with some not turned in. This is up from the 2006 total of 62,720 hours.

5. Dave Swanberg gave the Ways and Means Report. We already have reservations at Ellensburg for the same weekend in 2009 with Easter being in April. Motion made and carried to come back to Ellensburg in 2010 and 2011, with 2012 a maybe.
6. Jeff LaBreck made a motion to retain the old name and logo and discussion followed. Motion was amended with last sentence saying "After the old corporation has been dissolved". Motion was passed as amended to retain the old name

"Backcountry Horsemen of Washington", and the trademarked logo that does not have the "Inc", or the circle R.

7. Insurance was brought up and it was decided to wait until we use up our existing 30 additional insureds before we worry about adding any new ones since they are \$1250 each.
8. Doc Wessellius was appointed and confirmed as our new Safety Program Committee Chair.
9. Lori Lennox talked about the Google and Yahoo groups that are

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[ahalpern@agr.wa.gov](mailto:ahalpern@agr.wa.gov) or  
[www.nwcb.wa.gov](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov)

3. Bob Gish introduced Steve Busick of the WA State Horse Park. Their goals are attracting large scale activities and having a first class facility. Phase 1 will utilize the State \$3,500,000 and they will launch a big fund raising campaign and need our help to spread the word. All contributions are tax deductible. They would like to have our 2010 Jubilee at that location. They will be trying to get Corporate and Foundation Sponsors.

4. Sue Branch said that BCHW had a profit of \$21,376.37 for the first time.

5. Bob Brooke gave his Legislative Report. He mentioned the Yukon to Yellowstone Corridor that had been proposed and will probably be back. He talked about the successful WTA Leg Day that BCHW participated in. The Fuel Tax Bills are sure to be back. NOVA has been getting shorted \$.75 per \$100 and are trying to get it back. Historic Use Bill is stalled and Bob Shonka will try to get supporters in WA D.C. Jeff Chapman went to WA D.C. with WTA to lobby for more recreational money in the USFS.

6. Trygve Culp gave the Public Lands Report and said that the Trails Classification that BCHW sued over is coming back. USFS

Regional Master Plans are out for public opinion and we need involvement. Committee will examine Olympic Park Plan for equine use. Mt. ST. Helens useage is under study.

7. Jane Byram reported that the LNT Program has been represented at several Sportsmans Shows. LNT has a \$10,000 grant for 2008. Grant money has purchased two awnings for the LNT Trailer. They continue to provide classes wherever and whenever needed. Contact Jane to set up a class.

8. Teunis Wyers gave a By-laws Report on the changeover to 501c3 status. We will be filing dissolution papers for the old corporation and the old name and logo will be re-assigned to the new corporation. The new Bylaws were unanimously approved at the January Special Meeting for the new corporation.

9. Dick Yarboro talked about BCHW publicity and the fact that we need to toot our own horn. Several people have volunteered to be Regional Publicity Coordinators, Advertising revenue has increased considerably from what it has been.

10. Dave Swanberg talked about Ways and Means. Home Depot and Stihl have given us discounts and Cabelas will give us a discount since we are now a 501c3. Okanogan Valley and Methow Valley Chapters have had good success getting donations this year because of our tax

donation receipts.

11. Heather Moorman reported that as of Nov/Dec 2007 BCHW had a total of 3057 members.

12. Bob Shonka reported that the BCHW Board instructed him to vote no on the California Resolution, no on the Animal ID issue, no on the Wyoming Resolution and yes on the Shawnee Forest Equine Resolution. BCHW will try to become a 501c3 corporation. Bob is going to run for BCHW Treasurer. After the April Meeting BCHW will have 24 States and others are interested in joining and Washington is being a real leader.

13. Traci Koch presented the annual BCHW awards to: Volunteer Hours Awards – Diane Putney and Fran VanDee; Documentation Award – Lewis County Chapter; Camp Cook Award – Ollie Kahl; Lopper Awards – Trygve Culp, Bill Ford and Tony Karniss; and the Lifetime Achievement Award – George and Lu Young.

14. Bob Gish gave out two of his President’s Diamond Awards to Jeff Chapman and Jeanne Koester.

15. Bob Gish talked about all the members being involved and helping to get the job done.

16. Bob Gish adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm, a good and productive meeting.

**Minutes from the Directors’ Meeting of March 21, 2008 (continued)**

available to Editors, Treasurers and Directors.

10. Jim Thode made a motion to let the Chapters print membership cards if they wanted them. Heather Moorman has a template for the cards that can be shared.

11. Lori Lennox discussed BCHW stickers to pass out to people as publicity.

12. VIP Rides should be planned with enough lead time to give the VIP’s time to get their participation approved.

13. A motion was made and passed to write a Letter of Endorsement for Louise Caywood to submit with her application to the NOVA Committee.

14. A motion was made by Olympic Chapter President Gerry Magnuson to reinstate the vote of the membership to elect the BCHW President. The motion was amended to look at each paragraph separately and was defeated. Since number 1 died we did not need to look at numbers 2 and 3. Number 4 died for lack of a second.

15. Jim Thode, Dave Jackson, Ken

Carmichael and Jim Murphy all discussed the Directors down load page access and how to make more documents available to members. The Governance and Bylaws Committee will review documents to be made available to the membership.

16. Bob Shonka talked about the Wyoming BCHW Resolution and that it is very limiting. A motion was made and carried for Bob to vote no on this resolution.

17. Bob also discussed the California (continued on page 4)

## Why waste \$\$ on horses?

My daughter turned sixteen years old today; which is a milestone for most people. Besides looking at baby photos and childhood trinkets with her, I took time to reflect on the young woman my daughter had become and the choices she would face in the future. As I looked at her I could see the athlete she was, and determined woman she would soon be.

I started thinking about some the girls we knew in our town who were already pregnant, pierced in several places, hair every color under the sun, drop outs, drug addicts and on the fast track to no where, seeking surface identities because they had no inner self esteem.

The parents of these same girls have asked me why I 'waste' the money on horses so my daughter can ride. I'm told she will grow out of it, lose interest, discover boys and all kinds of things that try to pin the current generation's 's lacker' label on my child. I don't think it will happen, I think she will by and have horses all her life. Because my daughter grew up with horses she has compassion. She knows that we must take special care of the very young and the very old. We must make sure those without voices to speak of their pain are still cared for.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned responsibility for others land herself. She learned that regardless of the weather you must still care for those you have the stewardship of. There are no 'days off' just because you don't feel like being a horse owner that day. She learned that for every hour of fun you have there are days of hard slogging work you must do first.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned not to be afraid of getting dirty and that appearances don't matter to most of the breathing things in the world we live in. Horses

do not care about designer clothes, jewelry, pretty hairdos or anything else we put on our bodies to try to impress others.

What a horse cares about are your abilities to work within his natural world. He doesn't care if you're wearing \$80.00 jeans while you do it. Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned about sex and how it can both enrich and complicate lives. She learned that it only takes one time to produce a baby, and the only way to ensure babies aren't produced is not to breed. She learned how babies are planned, made, born and, sadly, sometimes die before reaching their potential. She learned how sleepless nights and trying to outsmart a crafty old broodmare could result in getting to see, as non-horse owning people rarely do, the birth of a true miracle.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she understands the value of money. Every dollar can be translated into bales of hay, bags of feed or farrier visits. Purchasing non-necessities during lean times can mean the difference between feed and good care, or neglect and starvation. She has learned to judge the level of her care against the care she sees provided by others and to make sure her standards never lower, and only increase as her knowledge grows.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to 'read' her surroundings for both safe and unsafe objects, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

## Author Unknown

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned sportsmanship to a high degree. Everyone that competes fairly is a winner. Trophies and ribbons may prove someone a winner, but they do not prove someone is a horseman. She has also learned that some people will do anything to win, regardless of who it hurts. She knows that those who will cheat in the show ring will also cheat in every other aspect of their life and are not to be trusted.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has self-esteem and an engaging personality. She can talk to anyone she meets with confidence, because she has to express herself to her horse with more than words. She knows the satisfaction of strolling and teaching a -1,000 pound animal that will yield willingly to her gentle touch and ignore the more forceful and inept handling of those stronger than she is. She holds herself with poise and professionalism in the company of those far older than herself.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to plan ahead. She knows that choices made today can affect what happens five years down the road. She knows that you cannot care for and protect your investments without savings to fall back on. She knows the value of land and buildings. And that caring for you vehicle can mean the difference between easy travel or being stranded on the side of the road with a four horse trailer on a hot day.

When I look at what she has learned and what it will help her become, I can honestly say that I haven't 'wasted' a penny on providing her with horses. I only wish that all children had the same opportunities to learn these lessons from horses before setting out on the road to adulthood. Author unknown

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BCHA Resolution which would tend to hurt BCHA. A motion carried that the State of Washington takes a position against this resolution.

18. Bob talked about the Missouri Resolution about the Animal ID Act opposition. A motion passed to oppose the Missouri Resolution. Bob will also use prior WA opposi-

tion to the Equine fees. Motion passed to vote in favor of the BCHA Constitutional changes.

19. Motion passed to recognize the Jubilee Head Table purchasers as Benefactors in the THN.

20. Darrell Wallace suggested that each Chapter could submit a couple of names for contact by emergency services for future emergencies.

21. Teunis Wyers said that an example set of the Bylaws will be sent to the Chapters for use as a sample for their Bylaw drafting.

22. Bob Gish adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm. A meeting with its fair share of controversy.

DATE	EVENT
May 17	Green Mountain: Day ride/ sack lunch
May 24-26	Wenas campout
June 7	Work day: National Trails week
June 14	Nisqually Mashelle: Day Ride/Sack lunch
July 2-4	Nile Valley or Thorpe Elk Camp: Campout
July 19	VIP Ride: Capital Forest
July 26	Elbe: Day ride or campout
August 9	Margaret McKenney: Day ride/sack lunch
August 9-10	Mt. Adams Campout
Aug 29-Sep 1 Labor Day	Les Hilde or Salmon Le Sac Campout
Sept 27	Public Lands work party

**Last minute Fort Lewis ride call list**

1. Dean Hartman: 705-0664
2. Jane Brooksher: 273-8219
3. Connie Bailly: 273-5552
4. Karen Johnson: 273-8075
5. Lee and Jim Munroe: 866-1790
6. Tom & Tootie Crowson: 866-2298
7. Martha Kesting: 753-3897
8. Diana Gunderson: 943 3121 (prefer week days)
9. Stephen Russell: 951-8927
10. Ritz Duchesne: 438-1805
11. Betty Reichel: 456-8623
12. Barry & Carrie Russell: 438-1873
13. Eric Anderson: 360-978-4089

**2008 Equine Dental Clinic Schedule**

May 10		November 15	
8:00	Ritz Duchesne	8:00	Ritz Duchesne
9:00	Ritz Duchesne	9:00	Terry Jackson
10:00	*****OPEN*****	10:00	Gordon Merklin
11:00	Jeff Labreck	11:00	Nina Merklin
12:00	Catch-up and lunch	12:00	Catch-up and lunch
1:00	Shelly Anderson	1:00	*****OPEN*****
2:00	Eric Anderson	2:00	*****OPEN*****
3:00	*****OPEN*****	3:00	*****OPEN*****
4:00	*****OPEN*****	4:00	*****OPEN*****
5:00	Karen Johnson	5:00	*****OPEN*****



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### 2008 Capitol Riders' Meeting Schedule

All meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Littlerock Fire Department ,  
10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512

January 8	No meeting in July
February 12	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
<b>May 13</b>	November 11
June 10	No meeting in December

## Treats for May

*Nancy Garred*

*and*

*Karen Johnson*