

LCC –BCHW Minutes
General Membership meeting
April 7, 2021

Call to order: Tony Karniss called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. fifteen members were on line or on telephones including board members (Karniss, Conner, Wesselius, Stella, Holloway, and Mardock). No guests were present.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Jim Thode to accept the minutes of the March Chapter meeting as recorded by Carolyn Stella. Seconded by Louise Caywood. So passed.

Meeting place and day change request: Tony Karniss entertained a motion to move the Lewis Country BCHW general membership meetings to a new location and new night. A visit to the facility has been completed. Renting the Onalaska Fire Hall at \$20.00 a month and a request for a necessary change of the meeting night to first Thursday of the month was discussed. This newly constructed facility would allow the Chapter to communicate to members via internet/wireless connections as well as in-person. A motion was made by Norma Wright to move the meeting location to the Onalaska Fire Hall and the general membership meeting night to Thursday and to pay the \$20.00 per month rental fee. Slim Mardock, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Director Report: Tom Conner will be attending a BCHW Board meeting on March 23rd. There will be a special Board meeting on April 21st to discuss a regional organization proposal.

Grant Update: Deb Wesselius shared the status of our two RTP grants. (2020 funded and a 2020 written proposal).

A. The funded 2020 year RTP grant has had little happen due to Corvid restrictions. There are some expense claim changes for packer's this summer. Notably, certified weed seed-free feed is not covered under the RTP guidelines. Be prepared to cover these expenses. For further RTP information contact Deb.

B. The 2020 LCC written proposal for "Maintaining Endangered Trails" is still in the RCO funding board process until April 27, 2021.

A 2021 BCHA grant proposal for funding "to improve parking at Burnt Ridge and to do trail improvements" did not meet grant requirements. Unfortunately we were unable to submit a letter of commitment from Merrill and Ring (land managers) for 10 year guarantee to public access. If we choose to go forward with these improvements without the BCHA grant support an option is to cover these improvement expenses out of Chapter money.

Tony entertained a motion by Slim Mardock to direct \$2,100.00 of Chapter money to complete the Burnt Ridge parking lot project and for Burnt Ridge Trail maintenance. Norma Wright seconded the motion. The motion was then discussed and more information shared.

Ron and Marty Celestres, LCC-BCHW members recently donated to the chapter \$1,000.00 for Chapter trail work and Blue Mountain Land and Trust made a \$100.00 donation to the Chapter treasury. The Chapter could provide the remaining \$1,000.00. The question was called for by Tony Karniss after hearing no further discussion to release the money for this use. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Linda Holloway reported that all the Wells Fargo accounts for the Chapter have been updated with the newly elected Director and Treasurer signatures. She has completed the following transactions: Deposited two donations (Blue Mountains Land and Trust and Ron and Mary Celestres). Paid for the BCHW calendars, paid for and received the Chapter trailer tabs. Account balances were reported. Thank you cards will be sent for the donations.

Trail Bosses: Slim Mardock stated due to the bad weather there will not be any scheduled work parties this month and the trailer work party is also cancelled. Jim Thode motioned the calendar be changed, Norma seconded the motion. Passed.

Trail bosses Leonard Wright and Bill Hawley were absent. No reports.

Activities: Carolyn Stella volunteered to make telephone calls to members regarding a July 8 – 11 Garage Sale at Keenes. Tony and Norma volunteered to share the calls to members. Identifying a cook(s) to participate will also need to be completed by June.

Newsletter: Maggie DeVerter absent. No report.

Volunteer Hours: Please send any hours to Bobbie McTimmons. mctimrm@msn.com

New Business: A question was raised about lopper check out and use procedures. Tony said you can check out anytime through him. You do NOT need to return the loppers after each use.

Adjournment: Jim motioned for adjournment, Slim Seconded. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carolyn Stella, Secretary