

Lewis County BCHW
January 8, 2020
Sulkum Fire hall 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

President and Director Jim Thode called the meeting to order. 15 members were present. The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved as published in the Chapter e-news.

Treasurers Report: Nancy Thode said she made deposits from the Winery Ride and paid the rent for the Sulkum Fire Hall for 2020. She presented the chapter treasury balance.

A W-9 form is available from Nancy/BCHW for anyone being paid as an Independent Contractor or Packer. This form is a request for taxpayer ID number.

Budget Plan: Jim Thode presented a budget plan for 2020. A discussion was held. A reminder was given that amendments to the budget can be made to the annually adopted budget at future meetings throughout the year. A motion was made to approve the budget and the motion passed to accept the budget as adjusted for 2020.

BCHW leadership training will be held in Ellensburg on January 25, 2020. Jim stated on-line training is also available.

Trail Boss Reports:

Goat Creek Road: It is in good shape with new top gravel. There is one tree down that is a problem for horses, but will be removed. NO automobile parking in the Trailer Area.

Burnt Ridge: After a discussion it was decided to research renting a faster excavator to clean trails before the May Fun Ride. Tony volunteered to do the research.

Soda Springs: A date for a large work party was set. The Soda Springs Regional Work Party will be July 15-19 and funding from the RTP Grant is approved.

Tony gave a follow up on the Washington Trails Association meeting with packers. WTA offered to pay \$100/animal/day. He reminded us Lewis County does not know what other chapters are doing for matching amounts. Sherri Wright added to the discussion that she is researching an American Quarter Horse Association Program call STEP.

Slim reminded us to please bring your checked out Chapter loppers to the February meeting unless you plan to sharpen them yourself.

Activities Calendar: Bobbie Mc Timmons

A Packing Clinic was added to the February 2020 Calendar. Slim Mardock will be the lead trainer and Dave and Janis Siewert Arena, Lucas Creek Road will be the location. More information at the next meeting.

Jim Anderson Mt. St. Helens Chapter is your contact for volunteering at the March 6-8 WA St. Horse Expo. Held at Clark County Event Center. Contact information: 360-835-5719 or muleman1951@gmail.com

A 2020 chapter calendar will be available at the Chapter February 5th meeting. Tom Connor motioned and Slim seconded we accept the calendar as planned tonight.

OFFICIAL DOMAIN NAME: Jim Thode recommended we do a domain name change to save money. Sherri Wright motioned we drop Lewis County Back Country Horsemen and Bobbie McTimmons seconded the motion to make the changes necessary to the lesser expensive. New address is: www.bchw.org/LCBCH

Grants: Deb Wesselius stated gas reimbursement changed. Also at BCHW Nichole is taking over grants from Darrell Wallace.

Leonard Wright stated any grant expenses must be pre-approved by the Trail Boss in charge.

For Good of the Order: Carolyn Stella will research a brushing improvement project on the Willapa Hills Trail.

Adjournment: Marijo Roseth motioned we adjourn the meeting, motion approved.