

Western Washington Longears Club

8-2-09

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Phyllis Morgan, President.
- Thanks for a Successful Chicken Ride, we took in \$1,000 on the auction this year.
- New Members in attendance: Andy Fabion
- Guests: Thurston Pritchard, Kathryn Jones
- Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.
- Next Meeting Nov 1, at Spanaway Eagles

Old Business:

- The Christmas party will be on Dec 5, 2009. We won't be able to get in to decorate until 4:00 because of an earlier function. Phyllis will bring decorations and supplies for the Christmas party to the Nov. meeting. We will need committees for Food, Decorations, Setup and Cleanup. There will be sign-ups for Committees for the Christmas party at the Nov. Meeting.

New Business:

- Joanne Lacy, Nisqually Chapter BCH, wants to know if we will renew our ad. which costs \$90. Approved.
- It was approved to renew our ad for Pierce County BCH, Also.
- Members expressed an interest in purchasing Hats or Shirts with Mule Club design. Joy will give info to Kathy Jones who volunteered to head it up. It was discussed to make 6 to sell at meetings. Kathy will check on it and send email to Phyllis. Phyllis will check on hats and shirts we already have.
- There are patches that sell for \$3.50 and a Mule club decal, available.
- Give membership list updates to Sandy Wade. It was moved and seconded for Sandy to email notifications to those with email addresses, but send a card to those who don't.

Legislative report:

- NOVA, during the last 24 hours all NOVA funds were diverted to State Parks, which leaves no money for DNR camps and trails. There will be no money for 2 years. The motorized community has a lawsuit to stop the diversion of NOVA funds to the state parks. BCH is not being silent but doesn't feel lawsuit will benefit us at this time.
- There was discussion about what we could do to get money back for DNR trail systems: Trail Ride Demonstration, to show users of horse trails.
Nancy put in a request for a Grant for \$50,000.

Work Parties

TOM FABION:

- The Eagle Scout project had 60 people in attendance. It was very successful; a lot of work was completed. The Trail still needs some work, but will be a great trail. Accolades were expressed to Mike Lentz, Jack Gillete and Laurie Houston, for the work they did to make the project successful.
- Tom and his crew went to Central Oregon to open a trail that had been closed due to fire and storm damage for over 5 years. With the co-operation of the US Forest Service, 6 crosscut crews cut out 429 logs in 3 days.
- There are lots of things going on that people can take advantage of, or join in on. Many opportunities are there to volunteer for work on Trails.

MIKE LENTZ:

- John Jensen needs an operator for a Bobcat excavator that has been donated for a week at Elbe Hills. Contact Mike or John Jensen

RON DOWNING:

- PCT was logged out from Snoqualmie to Chinook pass.
- Built a half mile of new trail at Government meadows, and enlarged the campground.
- The long ears Club donated \$500 for highline poles.
- There was a discussion about putting signs on highline poles to say who donated them. Kathy J. and Wade Moore will check on it and bring info to next meeting.
- Ron suggested publishing articles about trail work. He has a disk of work party pictures that could be used.

BOB BROOK:

- Suggested that WWLC donate \$500 to BCH for trail work \pipe for highlines. It was so moved, seconded and approved.

Best Pipe Co will most likely donate more pipe.

Good of the Order

Sue George offered to bring Baby Mules to Puyallp Fair
Discussed LNT trailer for Pierce County Fair. Talk to Karen Briskey
Meeting adjourned at 10:03