

**GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN**  
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### Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana's roadless back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country's resource.

Board Meeting – **Thursday, April 1 @ 7 pm**

Dan Porter's Office, 1745 S. 19th

General Meeting – **Thursday, April 15 @ 7 pm**

Belgrade Alliance Church

Horse Safety Clinic: @ The Circle L Arena

**Saturday, April 17, 2010 : All Day**

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## A message from your

### President

Well at last the convention is over.

There are so many people to thank for doing a great job helping out.

But most of all, I would like to personally thank Amy Hathaway for taking on the huge job of being chairperson and putting together the best convention that I have been to in the past four years.

Not only did she do this by working a full time job and taking care of her two children and, of course, keeping Allan happy. The convention was flawless. My congratulations to her.

Because of her efforts and everyone else's, the club was able to make a substantial amount of money.

Now we need to turn our thoughts and our help over to Sherrie White and start thinking about the poker ride. Hope to see everyone at the April general meeting.

Pet those four legged friends on the nose.  
Jim Allbright



Thursday March 18

### Getting ready for the Convention:

Punching holes

Stuffing,

Collating

Laughing

Working together

## Gallatin Back Country Horsemen Board Meeting Minutes-March 4,2010

President Jim Albright called the meeting to order.

Board members present were: Dan Porter, Sandy Kypher, Allen Hathaway, Stacey Bragg, Brenda Kessler, and Marianne Meyer. Officers and Committee Chairpersons were Jim Albright, Rich Inman, Charley Smith and Janice Cartwright.

The minutes of the February board meeting had not been posted on the web site. A motion to for go the approval of the minutes was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Dan Porter. The motion was passed.

### New Bills

Rich Inman presented a bill for feed for the Mule in the amount of \$ 27.96. A motion to pay the bill was made by Brenda Kessler and seconded by Marianne Meyer. The Motion was passed.

A bill from Bozeman Printing in the amount of \$ 78.90 for additional raffle tickets was presented. A motion to pay the bill was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Stacey Bragg. The motion was passed.

### Old Business

A motion had been made at the last meeting to return a check in the amount of \$ 440.00 to Mr. Bill Sowa. After further discussion on the matter a motion was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Stacey Bragg to rescind the previous motion. The motion was passed. The above mentioned check was meant to reimburse the club for a meal dispute and for the club's share of the cost of the band. A motion was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Sandy Kypher to send a check in the amount of \$ 200.00 to the Mr. Bill Sowa for our portion of the cost of the band. The motion was passed.

After a short discussion a motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Allen Hathaway to raise the fee for the Poker Ride from \$ 15.00 to \$ 20.00. The motion was passed.

### Committee Reports

Marianne Meyer reported that there had been ten membership applications received bringing the membership up to nearly 50.

Stacey Bragg said that he had submitted club events to the local papers but that they had not been published. It was suggested that he shorten the announcements so that the papers could fit them in the space provided.

Janice Cartwright discussed the upcoming Safety Class that will be held at the Circle L Arena on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The classes will run continually from nine o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the after noon. It is recommend that those coming should bring their own lunch.

Jim Albright Asked for people to volunteer to serve as delegates to the convention. Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler, Rich Inman, Stacey Bragg, Allen Hathaway, and Henry Glenn will represent the chapter at the convention.

The March General Meeting will be held at the Alliance Church beginning at 7:00 PM on March 18th. There will be no presentations. Instead members are asked to help in making preparations for the convention that will begin on Friday.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Sandy Kypfer.

Respectfully Submitted by Charles D. Smith, Secretary



## Gallatin Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Albright.

The officers present were: Jim Albright, President, Rich Inman, Vice President and Charley Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairmen present were: Marianne Meyer, Membership; Amy Hathaway, Convention and Janice Cartwright, Activities.

A motion to defer the reading of the previous meeting was made by Bob Steinmann and seconded by Janice Cartwright. The motion was passed.

### **Bills**

A motion to reimburse Janice Cartwright for the Poker Ride poster board and posters in the amount of \$ 94.17 was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Stacey Bragg. The motion was passed.

The Bills for the Convention were added together in a sum of \$ 1922,28.

The bills were broken down as follows:

Outfitters Supply:	Pack Saddle	\$250.00
Yellowstone Gateway Sports:	Rifle	400.00
Dan Marsh	Tent	500.00
Amy Hathaaway	Various charges for items for the Convention & booklets	751.45
Alice Pilgeram	Gift Bags	20.83

A motion to pay the bills was made by Brenda Davis and seconded by Bob Steinmann. The motion was passed.

A motion to pay \$51.30 for the Display Horse picture was made by Sandy Kyoher and seconded by Larry Thomas. The motion passed.

A motion to reimburse Janice Cartwright in the amount of \$33.35 for the Poker Ride flyers was made by Henry Glenn and seconded by Marianne Meyer. The motion passed.

### **Trail Maintenance**

It was announced that the leader for the Bridger Crews is Dick Haynes.

### **Membership**

Marianne Meyer stated that the number of memberships now stands at 57.

### **Events**

Janice Cartwright informed us that the Safety Clinic will be held at the Circle L Arena. The flyers were not ready but would be brought to the next Board meeting.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of the attendees putting together the convention booklets and making other items that would be used at the convention.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary.

# BCH State of Montana State Convention Review

Written by Brenda, as approved the April 1st board .

The 2010 Backcountry Horsemen of Montana State Convention, hosted by the Gallatin Valley Chapter has come and gone. And a nice time was had by all.

For the Gallatin Chapter, it really started several years ago, with Dan Marsh, president reminding the Gallatin Chapter every meeting of the coming event. Finally, at some point, Amy Hathaway volunteered to head the committee. All the preparations culminated on Thursday night, March 18th with 25 people putting together packets, stuffing bags and just putting the finishing touches on many items.

Then Friday morning many of these same people appeared at the Holiday Inn at 9:00.

Larry, Rich, Jim, Wally and Dan set up the big wall tent in the lobby after the furniture was moved out by the gracious Holiday staff. Alice organized Brenda and Sandy as they helped to unloaded the silent auction items from Rich's truck, with Rich and Jim doing the heavy hoisting.

The items were organized around the Banquet room, along with the live auction items which were arriving with the registered participants. The tables were set with the now famous hitching post displays on each table. Allan Hathaway provided two new hitching posts (which he made) depicting the two new chapters. He also provided about fifty horse shoe racks (a red hankie was placed in the middle for color) which when placed under the hitching posts on the tables made for a festive creative center piece. Thank you, Allan for sharing your talent, energy and time. Also, Alice's leather fringed bags stuffed with candy added the final affluent touch. Thank you Alice for you sewing skills and your willingness early (the bags were made months before the convention) in the game to share them with us.

Meanwhile Marianne and Amy were working on the registration table, handing out packets, and checking in the live auction items for Rich. Charley was helping at the registration table and seeing that the photos were making it to the photo contest. (Much later, that Friday afternoon, found Alice and Janice in the photo contest room adding their decorative talent in displaying the photos from across Montana presented



by the Chapters of BCH. They even borrowed an iron and ironing board from Housekeeping ). It was rumored that Marianne, Amy and Charley worked late into the night keeping all in order.

All during the morning the vendors and display booths recruits were busy setting up their attractive displays, halters, horse items and woven baskets. Thanks Sandy and Bob for getting that all coordinated. It was busy with people running to and fro, asking lots of questions and between Amy and Rich there was an answer for everything.



Janice started early Friday morning setting up the Gallatin Chapter's horse display. Pete Neclario was



also there to help. Because some activities were around the corner and through several halls Janice, then made signs directing participants, helping all to find the various rooms. Her horse display and signs were clever, creative and distinctive with cowboy hats, colorful

horse blankets, pieces of lariat and other horse paraphernalia. This greeted the many Chapter participants as they arrived. It is great to have a worker like Janice around.

Dan, of course, had his computers, electronics and sound systems; checking the technology called for by all the presenters and the state board people. Soon the meetings started, with jokes and camaraderie flowing between friends that have not seen each other since the last meetings. It was fun!



Next item was Danni, the mule (graciously donated by Jehnet Carlson, DJ Bar Ranch ) Yes, Danni had a space outside. She and her companion, another horse, were unloaded and many watched as she looked out of the trailer—"what is going on here?" She hesitated, but looked to her leader Dan Porter and stepped out. She was petted and looked over by many at the convention. She was always polite and respectful. Dan Porter, Wally or Larry, always, very faithfully being there, as they sat with her throughout the two days.

Saturday morning started early: registration 7:00,



Danni arrived soon and at 8: 15 the presentation of the flag and Invocation. Jim welcomed the participants and acknowledged the many people who worked so hard to get the convention together. The schedule was followed with Jim and Rich sharing the Master of Ceremonies' duties. Most of the Montana Chapter's were represented and Gallatin Valley had Allan, Stacy, Rich, Henry, Jim, and Brenda at the table with Charlie, Amy. Alice, Marrienne and Dan when it was possible for them to get away from their duties..

Soon it was lunch and the food was great with no complaints heard. The afternoon session continued without a hitch. During the wilderness presentation another member Brenda Davis was recognized by the presenter. It was noted that Brenda Davis has been on the Board of The Wilderness Society for about 14 years and currently is the Chair of that Board . It was nice to Swep and Brenda at the convention.

The workshops were interesting and again everyone enjoyed the break-out sessions

In no time at all, it was Banquet time and the raffle drawings and the Silent and Live Auctions. The food was delicious and plentiful.

The silent auction was well attended and the live auction a hoot as Janice came as a rodeo clown. She along with Stacy and Allan acted as ring men for the



auctioneer, Bill Metzger. The auction went quick, with lots of jokes and fun. Marianne, Alice and Dan kept track of items sold while Rich emceed, taking charge of everything. The climax to the auction the auctioning of Danni, the mule. The club had become quite attached to her and was reluctant to see her go. When , she ended up being bought by Sandy Kypfer and Brenda Davis, our very own members, it was awesome. Many remarked, the auction was well done , successful and the





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