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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, May 6 @ 7 pm
Dan Porter's Office, 1745 S. 19th

General Meeting-Thursday May 20 @7 pm,
Belgrade Alliance Church

Speaker; Tahnee J. Szymanski, DVM, Field Veterinarian,
State of Montana, Depart of Livestock

"Why? Coggins tests for Equine Infectious Anemia"

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President's Report April



Howdy fellow GVBCH,

Well we are moving along into our trail clearing schedule as the snow is melting and we will be out there working. Speaking about working it appears that the FS is short of money for hiring trail crews this summer.

So, it looks like the GVBCH will be doing most of the trail this summer. WOW! Big job , but we can handle it.

Like to bring up another item : Chick Hale has proposed to start up a weekly riding session for those of you that really don't have the time or can't ride 10 miles or more a day. Chick will be the trail boss and bring your lunch and go out for some real riding enjoyment. Please, contact Chick at 406-763-4105 to make arrangements. If any of you know someone that doesn't have e-mail , please try and pass this along. As of now, we do not have a source for mailing out hard copies.

Also we will be doing some community service in a few weeks of cleaning up the trail head at Copper City. It appears that the kids have had a lot of fun partying there and, of course, left their junk behind. Unfortunately, some big kids have dumped their beds and old air conditioners there, also. As soon as I get a date for this, I will let everyone know. At this point, hoping to see "ya all" at the next general meeting.

Pres,
Jim

Gallatin Back Country Horsemen Board Meeting April 1 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Albright.
Directors present were: Brenda Kessler, Den Porter, Allan Hathaway, Sonja Berg as proxy for Stacey Bragg, and Janice Cartwright as proxy for Sandy Kypfer.
Officers present were Jim Albright, Rich Inman and Charley Smith.

The February Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes with one correction was made by Allan Hathaway and seconded by Janice Cartwright. The motion was passed.

Bills

It was decided to combine all of the bill into one motion. The total amount was in the amount of \$394.18. A motion to pay the bill was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Janice Cartwright. The motion was passed.

The bills consisted of the following:

Rich Inman:

Items for the convention: \$ 52.08

Convention Registration 80.00

Brenda Kessler (& Jim Albright)

Convention Registration 160.00

Allan Hathaway

Convention Registration 80.00

Janice Cartwright

Posters for Safety Class 22.10

New Business

A motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Allan Hathaway to allow the President and the Secretary/Treasurer to appoint a proxy to collect the mail and open and distribute it to the appropriate people. The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Janice Cartwright to reimburse Charley Smith for his Hotel and Registration Costs. Charley explained to the board that he would rather see the money used for future chapter projects.

The motion was voted down at Charley's request.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Allan Hathaway.
The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary

Gallatin Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes April 15, 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, Janice Cartwright, Activities and Sherry White, Poker Ride.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Charley Smith. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Beth Merrick and seconded by Sonja Berg. The motion was passed.

New Bills

Dan Marsh presented a bill in the amount of \$25.51 for various supplies from the convention. A motion to pay the bill was made by Beth Merrick and seconded by Chick Hale. The motion was passed.

Membership

Marianne Meyer said that the membership now stands at 65 memberships.

Publicity

Stacey Bragg said that the advertisement for the Horse Safety Clinic was printed in the Mini Nickel. The price to publish the Ad is \$130.00.

Trail Crews

Larry Thomas told us that due to monetary shortages the National Forest Service will be unable to put trail crews into the forests this year. The GVBCH will be the only ones clearing trails in the Gallatin National Forest..

Larry will be the weekend crew chief.

Old Business

Members at the meeting discussed the request from the Selway-Pintler Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana to reimburse them for a convention registration fee in the amount of \$85.00 for one of their members who was unable to attend because of a family emergency situation.

A motion to refund the fee was made by Amy Hathaway and seconded by Sonja Berg. The motion was passed.

Jim Albright said that we should reimburse Bill Sowa for the \$ 240.00 he had given the chapter earlier for expenses of the Christmas Party because the amount was to be sent to us by the proper organization.

A motion to reimburse Mr. Sowa was made by Dan

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Porter and seconded by Henry Glenn. The motion was passed.

Convention

Amy Hathaway gave the Convention Financial Report.

Horse Safety Clinic

Janice Cartwright asked for help to set up and take down various displays at the Horse Safety Clinic. She said that we would begin the setup at 7:00 AM and finish at 4:00 PM.

Poker Ride

Sherry White talked about the Poker Ride. She said that the work slots were being filled . The setup would begin on the Friday before the ride followed by a pot luck dinner. We will need \$300.00 for the cash box. The breakdown of the cash will be determined at a later date.

This year's entry fee will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children.

Other

Rich Inman said that the Forest Service was seeking the chapter's support to put in parking spaces for six to eight horse trailers at North Fork Creek.

Rich made a motion for the chapter to clean up the Copper City trail head as a community service. The motion was seconded by Larry Thomas. The motion was passed.

Larry Thomas made a motion to close the meeting and Beth Merrick seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary.

Overview of Safety Clinic— April 17, 2010 at Circle L Arena written by Janice Cartwright



Saturday, April 17th, dawned clear and calm. Great weather for our safety clinic considering the snow storms of some past clinics! Set up commenced at 6:50am with Rod Cline helping Janice until Brenda and Jim arrived. Then, the help started to pour in. It was a concentrated effort to get it all set up and ready by 9 am but we did it.

A BIG thanks to all that contributed.

This includes the donuts and bagels that Rich Inman and Brenda and Swep Davis brought to the Registration Desk (Brenda D also bought the great assortment of cream cheeses).

Jan Elpel, Brenda Kessler and Catherine Nelson manned the registration desk (we had 66 registered participants and we gained 5 new members at the clinic).

Also thanks to Charlie Smith, for artistically arranging the tack in the swap,



and thanks to Dan Porter, Dan Marsh

and Rich Inman in setting up our Display



Horse,



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Beth Merrick for getting the coffee going (Henry Glenn brought some coffee from his secret stash) along with even more refreshments.

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The trailers with the demo horses & mules were set up, manure scoopers were assigned

and we were ready to roll. The morning sessions were: "Before You Leave Home", with Joe Turner and "Packing and Pack Strings", with Shane MaClafin. They each did 2 presentations simultaneously and back to back. Lunch break was spent visiting with



the clinicians, browsing through the Wes Trends' traveling Tack Room, viewing the various displays, looking at all of the nice tack in the swap (we had 15 saddles and lots of varied equipment) and speaking with BCH members.

After lunch, Lisa

Jacobsen showed us her First Aid trail kits, Gallatin Valley Weed District told us



about all of the good information and help available in controlling noxious weeds in our area and out on the trails, **Continued.....**

and West Wickum informed us of Brand Inspection issues in the state of Montana and when traveling out of state (3 or 4 brand inspections were done during the clinic). Then, Janice made an executive decision to have Terry Shore ,with WesTrends, speak to all on tack is-
sues. She covered bits and their function and proper fit along with a few other items.

When Terry finished we all headed outside for the "On The

Trail" session by our BCH members. Janice headed up this panel discussion. Sonja Berg started this session by bringing up horses that kick other horses



(summation: whenever you take a horse out with other horses, 1. You are responsible for the safety of your horse as it relates to others and 2. You are responsible for the bad manners or dangerous situations that your horse creates.) We went on to discuss wild animal encounters, turning around on steep terrain, water crossings and so much more. Practice

and conditioning ahead of time was a repeated piece of advice. Janice mentioned that she will be offering some pre trail ride practice sessions and easy "starter" trail rides to do just that thing, both at the place on Harper-Puckett and at the ranch in Wilsall.

Storm clouds started to move in and our topics were covered, so we concluded the clinic. WOW!...You should have seen how fast everyone shut down, packed up and cleared out. A huge THANK YOU to all the members that got me loaded up. I had things everywhere and I just pointed to them and they were off to my rig. Not only in the rig but neatly arranged unlike my frantic dumping of everything in late, the night before.

Our 2010 clinic was a huge success and the very useful information was shared by the numerous people attending. Most of the comments heard started with "WOW" and they went on to say: "How much they enjoyed themselves", "Wished they had come in earlier", "Would have liked it to have lasted longer", and "Thank you so much for doing this". Janice will be sending a list of BCH participants to the USFS for trail clearing crew purposes. If you want a course participation card let her know. She'll (try to) have them at the general meetings for awhile. If the shared information on this day helps any rider and/or horse stay safer on the trails this year, then it has served a worthwhile purpose.

Happy and Safe Trails to All!

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PS: A big THANK YOU goes to Circle L Arena for the use of their nice facility. Rod and Lisa gave our club a big discount because of our public service intention and because of the work we do on the trails. We did take on \$100 in donations that will help with the rental cost.

More pictures: Thanks to Dan M, Sherrie W and Janice



Thanks to all

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