

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church
205 West Cameron

OUR PURPOSE:

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage. Foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

2011 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

PRESIDENT

Jim Allbright... 995-4441

VICE PRESIDENT

Rich Inman... 388-1564

TREASURER

Charley Smith... 547-3459

SECRETARY

Marianne Meyer... 388-2676

DIRECTORS

TWO YEAR TERM

Clark Kinney... 388-1505

Michael Harney... 548-4217

Mike Haugen... 539-0538

ONE YEAR TERM

Brenda Kessler... 763-4241

Henry Glenn... 578-2084

Stacy Bragg... 222-0077

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (1 year)... 388-1564

Jim Allbright (2 years)... 995-4441

Stacy Bragg (Alternate) ... 222-0077

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Brant Robey... 222-5971

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BCH WEB MASTER

Dan Marsh... 587-7578

webmaster@bchmt.org.

<http://gvbch.bchmt.org>

DECEMBER EVENTS:

BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURES, Clinic 1: December 3, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Copper Springs Ranch, Bozeman

Christmas Caroling, December 6, 12:15 PM

Senior Center, 807 N. Tracy

STATE BOARD MEETING: December 10, 10:00 AM

Ruby's Inn, Missoula

GENERAL MEETING: December 15, 7:00 PM

Board Elections

Jake Troyer, MWA

Belgrade Alliance Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 17, 5:30 PM

with GV Saddle & Harness Club

Lindley Center, \$20 per person, due December 10

Send check to: POB 3232

Bozeman, MT 59771



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy Holidays GVBCH,

Well this wraps up another year and we sure did get a lot done. Many thanks to all those who kicked in and helped out on the different projects and trail work. As we all know, it's Dec. which is election of officers so please get out and vote. I will be running for President again this year and this will be my last year if elected. I would appreciate everyone's support. I am also running for State Director again and would also like to be voted into this position.

I would like to say many thanks to Brenda for doing the newsletter for these past years as she has done a job that no one will be able to match. The newsletter has been turned over to Brant Robey and I am sure she will also do a great job. If anyone has any news worthy article please send them to Brant. Remember, if you run for a position as an officer or board member that you can only miss a small number of meetings so please plan to attend all board and general meetings.

Also, it has been brought to my attention that there are a few members who might want to attend classes at the Nine Mile District this next year and I would like to remind those people that there are grants out there that will pay your way, so if you plan on attending you might want to get started on getting a grant. Well, hope to see you all at the next and final general meeting for this year and remember officers and board members will be elected then.

Your President,

Jim

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jim Allbright, President.

Officers and directors present were: Jim, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, Mike Haugan, Stacy Bragg, Brenda Kessler, Michael Harney, and Clark Kinney. Also attending was Sonya Berg.

Jim Allbright passed around the minutes of the October meeting to be approved later.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Clark presented a bill in the amount of \$294 to buy shirts for the instructors at the Back Country Adventures. This comes out of the escrow account and does not need to be voted on. Jim said thanks to all those involved in helping with the clinic.

USFS check was received, \$420. Rich gave the dispersion list to Charley. It was for expenses from 9/1 – 9/30.

BCH of MT sent email to Charley asking for dues by December 1. Our chapter sends \$15 for single memberships and \$25 for family memberships to state. Charley will send them a check for \$1580.

MEMBERSHIP

No new memberships.

ISSUES

Continue watching H.R.1505. Rich has written on it three times now and not received a single acknowledgement. (H.R.1505 is the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act (Introduced in House - IH) affecting a 100-mile deep swath of land along the entire Canadian border.)

The board discussed benefits and disadvantages of being part of the national and state BCH. What do they accomplish on our behalf?

The board had reviewed the minutes from the October board meeting at this time and Michael made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dan Marsh seconded, motion was passed.

TRAIL CREWS

... are shut down. Vouchers have been submitted. They've been paid in 30 days. Rich felt that it was a successful and safe year.

PROGRAMS

Jim Allbright will present a program on Leave No Trace at the general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Clark's Back Country Adventures event has 51 paid-up students! Clark is very happy with the help he got. T-shirts will be made up that students can buy at the event. Black button-up shirts are being made up for the instructors. All shirts will have "Backcountry Adventures" emblem screen printed on them. Clark asked that the board approve using our logo on the

front of the shirts. Stacy made a motion to approve, Dan Marsh seconded, the motion passed.

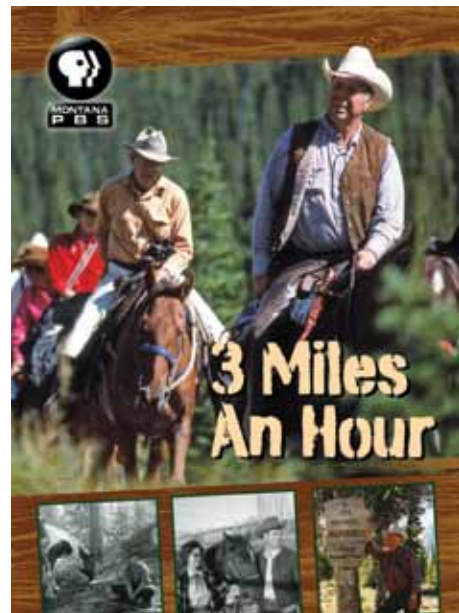
2. Elections Committee. The club has 8 positions for which nominees need to be submitted and presented at the general meeting, November 17th. Rich will head up the nominating committee.
3. Christmas Party. Jim called Connie to find out if we are invited to join the Gallatin Valley Saddle and Harness Club again this year. Connie said an invitation was in the mail. The party will be at Lindley Center on Saturday December 17, details are in the invitation. Cost is \$20 per person.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Stacy made the motion, Michael seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary

3 MILES AN HOUR

It is the speed of a horse and some folks say the best way to see and savor a life well lived. This is the story of retired back-country outfitter Smoke Elser. His vision of wilderness has always included people. This program takes you into the Bob Marshall wilderness as Elser shares his history, passion and connection to the outdoors. (First Aired November 22)



Upcoming MontanaPBS air dates:

Thursday 12/29 at 7:00pm

Saturday 12/31 at 4:30pm

<http://www.montanapbs.org/3MilesAnHour/>

GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2012 BALLOT

PRESIDENT:

----- Jim Allbright
----- Henry Glenn

VICE PRESIDENT:

----- Michael Harney

SECRETARY;

----- Marianne Meyer

TREASURER:

-----Brenda Kessler

DIRECTORS: vote for 3

----- Henry Glenn
----- Beth Merrick
----- John Mutter
----- Larry Thomas

STATE DIRECTOR: vote for one

----- Jim Allbright
----- Stacy Bragg
----- Dan Marsh

ALTERNATE STATE DIRECTOR:

----- Stacy Bragg

Write-ins for officers and directors are acceptable if the person has agreed to be nominated.

Please email your ballots to Rich Inman@ rmules04@yahoo.com or letter mail them to Rich Inman, 6075 Saddle Peak Way, Belgrade, Montana 59714 by December 12, 2011.Thank you.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Jim Allbright brought a power point presentation on "Leave No Trace" principles. There were many, many pictures of what NOT to do in the back country. Jim called the meeting to order after a short break.

Officers and directors present were: Jim Allbright, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, and Mike Haugan. Stacy Bragg stopped in briefly.

Jim welcomed guest John Fitch and his young son Blake.

Jim asked for a motion to approve minutes from the October general meeting as reported in the newsletter. Clark Kinney made the motion, John Mutter seconded, and the motion was passed.

BILLS

Insty Prints bill for newsletter printing does not require a vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charley reports approximately \$4,700 in the checking account (after sending dues to state) and \$15,000 in savings.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne reported two new memberships, Dawn Underwood and Ric & Dollie Horst. They will be considered 2012 memberships. (total roster is 95)

ISSUES

Dan brought an update on the horse slaughter issue. On November 14 the Conference Committee on HR 2112 signed a report that for the first time since 2005 does not contain annual riders that prohibit USDA from providing necessary inspection for horse processing facilities. These riders prevented any facilities from operating in the forty-six states that do not have state law preventing them.

PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER, TRAIL CREWS

Nothing to report.

PROGRAMS

Jake Troyer from the MW Association will have a 30 minute presentation at the December general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Important Back Country Adventures update: the March clinic will be on the 24th instead of the 31st. Students will be called.
2. The Christmas party is at Lindley Center December 17th 5:30 – 6:30 visit, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 the GVS&HC will hold their meeting. Steak and twice baked potato provided, bring side dish or dessert for potluck. Members wishing to attend need to send non-refundable \$20 per person to arrive prior to 12/10/11 to: PO Box 3232, Bozeman MT 59772




3. Election committee: Rich reports that the results so far are miserable. The club needs to have 4 officers and 6 directors, otherwise it has to be dissolved. So far only a handful of folks have agreed to run as directors, state director, and alternate director. Jim Allbright will run again for president. No nominations have come in for vice president, treasurer, or secretary. The club is also looking for a newsletter volunteer.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marianne made the motion, seconded by Michael Harney, motion was passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary

DECEMBER PRESENTERS:

Representatives from the Montana Wilderness Association, Wilderness and Recreation Partnership, Greater Yellowstone Coalition and The Wilderness Society will be attending our meeting to discuss collaborative projects ranging from trail work to a larger picture discussion for permanent protection for the Gallatin Range.



**GVBCH NEEDS PEOPLE WHO WANT
TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION BY BEING
A BOARD OFFICER OR DIRECTOR. IF
YOU HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS EACH
MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT:
RICH INMAN: 388-1564
BY DEC. 14**

GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2011 POKER RIDE:

Ag Depot
All West Veterinary
Ardeson Boots and Shoes
Barnett's MT Gourmet Honey
Biggerstaff Construction
Big Sky Yoga Retreats
Bob Steinman & Assoc. Real Estate
Bozeman Saddle Outlet
Bridger Feeds
Bridger Glass & Windows
Bunkhouse Originals
CBU (Citizens for Balanced Use)
C'est la Vie Salon
Chalet Market
Cole Custom Saddles
Damasco's Restaurant
DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service
Double Diamond Halter Co.
Equine Solutions
Four Corners Saddlery
Freeway Enterprises
Gold's Gym/Jim Albrook
Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher
Hardaway Vet Clinic
Harrington's Beverages
Kountry Corner Cafe
Lee & Dad's

Mama Mac's
Matt's Saw Shop
Montana Canvas
Montana Equine Medical & Surgical Center
Montana Harvest
Montana Horse Sanctuary
Montana Horse Sense
Murdoch's Ranch & Home
Owenhouse Ace Hardware
Rapid Tech
R.O. Brooks Custom Leather
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
Rocky Mountain Horseman (Joe Turner)
Rocky Mountain Supply
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
Sandra J. McManus Jewelry Designs
Tri-Animals
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Linda Kelly
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING, DECEMBER 6

Get in the holiday spirit with the Gallatin Equestrian Partnership. Horseback Caroling, Tuesday, December 6, between 12:15 and 12:45 at the Senior Center, 807 N. Tracy. Weather permitting, we will ride down North Tracy and carol to residents of Mountain View Care Center, 205 N. Tracy. To join us you must have participated in Preparation for Urban Riding Safety Clinic or you and your horse must have parade experience, and feel confident and comfortable riding in an urban environment. We will meet at the fairgrounds indoor arena by 10 AM to warm up, decorate our horses and practice carols (music provided).
RSVP: Marianne

gallepmt@yahoo.com or
call 920-0888

