

# The Picket Line

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**OUR PURPOSE:** *To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country. 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 and. 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.*

### Up coming Events

**1st Board meeting of 2011** (Jan 6, Thursday) Place: Bozeman Brokers:  
Dan Porter's Office, 1745 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Bozeman, MT: 7:00 PM

(**First on the Agenda: Wishing all a Happy New Year!**)

**General Meeting (January 20, Thursday) Place : Belgrade Alliance Church. 205 W. Cameron , Belgrade, MT: 7:00. Program: Scheduling and creating calendar for 2011.**

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## Fireside chat from your president

Hello Fellow GVBCH,

Well here I sit on Christmas day to write something.

First I would like to thank all the wonderful people who voted for me as president. And those of you who didn't vote for me I just hope I can do a job that will make you feel like you made a mistake.

I do feel the members recognized that an individual running for an officer's position should spend some time as a director or board member and be consistent in attending meetings. I believe one should come up through the ranks and know the issues confronting an officer in the Back country Horsemen organization before they become an officer. I feel a note should be made concerning this consideration. It is something maybe, club members should think about it.



We finished up December with a fun and interesting meeting which included Rowan, a miniature horse. We, as horse owners, had lots of questions about a "house horse". The next event, the following evening was our annual Christmas party hosted graciously by the Saddle and Harness Club. The food was great, steaks, potatoes and lots of delicious salads and desserts to pick from. It is always nice to spend time with our fellow horse people.

This coming year, looks like it is going to a very busy one for us. Dan Porter has been working very hard on a grant for us and we have received it. At our first board meeting for 2011, we will start looking at the projects that we think we will be able to do along with our regular trail clearing. Hopefully, then we can have this posted for all to see. And then, comments can be made at the January general meeting as we make out our calendar year for 2011.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. I would also like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for the hard work that was put in by all of you. This year, I made the decision to pick Rich Inman and Amy Hathaway for the President's Becker-Hale Trophy for the work they contributed this past year.

I would like to personally thank Amy for being the chair person for the convention. It is because of her immeasurable effort, our club is now very financially stable. And for 5 years now, I have watched Rich behind the scenes keep close contact with the Forest Service, along with state and national board members to keep us informed. He has been a constant and vigilant advisor to me so we can continue to be a part of protecting our rights as back country horsemen in the forests and wilderness areas.

With this, I hope to see all of you at the next meetings.

Your 2011 President  
JIM ALLBRIGHT

## Board meeting minutes

### DECEMBER 2 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

Directors present were: Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Marianne Meyer, Allen Hathaway, Sandy Kypfer and Stacey Bragg.

Officers present were Jim Allbright, Rich Inman and Charley Smith.

Also present was Sonja Berg.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by Sandy Kypfer and seconded by Rich Inman. The motion was passed.

#### **Bills**

No new bills were presented.

#### **Correspondence**

None.

#### **Membership**

One new membership application was received bringing the total memberships to 85.

#### **Old Business**

##### **501(c)3 Status**

Jim Allbright and Rich Inman met with Mable Dean the accountant who is helping us file for our 501(c)3 status. She agreed to charge the club \$275.00 for her services and informed Jim and Rich that the application fee would be \$400.00.

A motion to accept the bid was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Allen Hathaway. The motion was passed.

##### **Mission Statement**

It was agreed that the club will use the same Mission Statement wording that is used by the Back Country Horsemen of America.

##### **Trail Classification**

Rich Inman has been reviewing the trail classifications put forward by the National Forest service. He mentioned that any trail given a class 2 status would not be adequate for pack and saddle stock. He stated that he would be willing to discuss this problem with the Forest Service.

Dan Porter suggested that Rich should get some help with this problem. Jim Allbright and Allen Hathaway volunteered to help with this problem.

##### **New Business**

The Montana Conservation Corps has asked the club to hold a training stock use training class for its volunteers. The board felt that this was a good idea and suggested that we contact them and discuss what the class should cover and when we should hold it.

##### **Trail Crews**

The Copper City job was cancelled because of the heavy snow fall. The cleanup will be done next spring. It will be the clubs number one priority.

Rich Inman suggested that we should ask the Forest Service to give the club more input on where we should concentrate our efforts in improving trails in the Gallatin national Forest.

A motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Stacey Bragg to close the meeting. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Charles D. Smith, Secretary

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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**December 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Albright.

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

Directors present were Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, Sandy Kypfer, Dan Porter and Stacey Bragg.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Michael Harney and seconded by John Mutter. The motion was passed.

**Election**

A motion to close the nominations was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Larry Thomas. The nominations were closed. Votes were taken and counted.

The results were as follows:

**President:** Jim Allbright

**Vice President:** Rich Inman

**Treasurer:** Charley Smith

**Secretary:** Marianne Meyer

**Directors :** Clark Kinney . Michel Harney Mike Haugen

**State Board:** Jim Allbright and **State Board Alternate:** Stacey Bragg

**Annual Trophy Award**

The annual trophies were awarded to Rich Inman and Amy Hathaway.

**New Bills**

A bill was presented by Rich Inman in the amount of \$125.00 for expenses for going to the State board meeting.

A motion to pay the bill was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Janice Cartwright. The motion was passed.

**Old Business**

Jim Allbright and Rich Inman met with the accountant helping us with our 501(c)3 application. She agreed to charge us \$275.00 for her work. She also informed Jin and Rich that the application fee is \$400.00. The board of Directors approved the payments.

A motion to approve the costs was made by Barbara Mutter and seconded by Dan Porter. The motion was passed.

Jim, Rich and Dan Marsh attended the State Board meeting. The State Board discussed the upcoming convention and passed out raffle tickets. Jim asked our members to sell the tickets given to him.

It appears that the club will receive the Resource Advisory Council grant for our Corral work.

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

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary.

Program for the General meeting was: Rowan the Miniature "HOUSE" Horse

Rowan is a miniature horse that lives with the Thorne family in Belgrade. Jodi Thorne brought Rowan to our meeting in December to share her experiences with having a horse in the house. Rowan takes baths in the tub. She is house trained and uses a very large "doggy" door for access to the yard. Her herd mates are the Thorne children and dogs. Rowan's one trick is that she lies down on command. She carries Jodi's supplies when they go for walks and on visits to nursing homes and similar venues. Her transport is the family SUV. She also likes people food (which she is not to have) but if something is left on a cabinet and she can reach it, she will eat it

Lots of questions came up from the audience, such as: "How do you train a horse to potty outside? What does Rowan do while she is in the house? What does she eat while she is in the house? Does she go with you on vacation? Does she ride in the car? and yes she stays in the motel if pets are allowed. If they are considered therapy animals, they can even ride in airplanes. One interesting note was that the miniature horse can be taught to recognize seizures before they start. It was a very interesting look at a "horse" in a different setting.

I'm sure there were some skeptics in the audience but Rowan used her best in house manners while she was the center of our attention. Thank you Jodi, for sharing your time with us and allowing us to meet Rowan. And thank you Janice for getting this program and taking the following pictures



Rowan, carefully watching her step as she exits the car



Rowan with Jody by the treats



Time to lie down



Checking out the people

**OUR Merry. Merry Christmas Party.** Festivities, fun, food and folks, that's what was happening last Friday evening in at the Lindley Center in Bozeman. The GVBCH (us), the Gallatin Valley Saddle and Harness Club (our hosts) and The Saddlelites all joined in for some good food, pleasant conversation and nice music. It was quite a large gathering of horsey folks representing many of the various equine interest groups in the valley.

Thank you !

Janice for the following pictures of GVBH members.



**Dan, Jamie, Carol, Walt and Billie**

**Huge and Dan P**



**Alice and Brenda**

**More members of GVBH : AT THE PARTY**

**John and Barbara Mutter**

**Dan Marsh**

**Sonja Berg**

**( with Larry Thomas in background )**



**Picture below: Caroling at the  
Bozeman Senior Center**

The weather outside was NOT frightful (thank goodness) for the planned Christmas Caroling on horseback.

Sandy Kypfer organized this equine adventure so that mishaps would be missing. She did a good job of it since the event was a success with not a spook or slip along the way.

Six of us met at the indoor arena at the fair-grounds to warm up our horses. We also donned costumes and decorations so that the horses could get used to them prior to our departure.



**Janice sings !**

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