

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.

2012 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

PRESIDENT
Henry Glenn ... 578-2084
VICE PRESIDENT
Michael Harney... 548-4217
TREASURER
Brenda Kessler ... 763-4241
SECRETARY
Marianne Meyer ... 388-2676

DIRECTORS

ONE YEAR TERM
Clark Kinney... 388-1505
Michael Harney... 548-4217
Mike Haugen ... 539-0538

TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516
Larry Thomas ... 586-6878
Beth Merrick ... 388-4047

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Marsh (2 years) ... 587-7578
Stacy Bragg (Alternate) ... 222-0077
Rich Inman (1 year) ... 388-1564

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

GENERAL MEETING: January 19, 7:00 PM

Calendar planning meeting
Belgrade Alliance Church

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK: February 16, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year

I hope everyone is ready for a great year in 2012. Our club is going to be busy this year. We have a lot of activities going on and I want to encourage each of you to participate in one way or another. Remember, the Calendar meeting is this January and one of the most important meetings of the year so bring your calendar and participate.

I want to express my appreciation to Jim Albright for all his hard work. Jim worked tirelessly to obtain a 501(c)3 tax status for the GVBCH and the value to our club for years to come can not be overstated. Thank you Jim.

Henry Glenn
President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Memberships kept rolling in this year all the way into December. The last new members to join our chapter in 2011 did so at the first seminar of the Back Country Adventures. Here are some statistics on our membership numbers.



Total membership for 2011 is 99, of which 8 joined after October 1 and count as 2012 memberships.



68 out of the 99 are single memberships (68.7%), 30 are family memberships (about 30%), and 1 is an associate membership (Eagle Mount).



66 out of the 99 are renewals; 31 are new memberships, folks who joined our chapter for the first time in 2011; 2 are returning memberships, folks who've been away for a little while.

Now it is time for us to beat the drums and ask you to send in your renewals for 2012. Please remember that each year we need a new assumption of risk filled out. This also helps me keep the records straight as to who has paid their membership and who has not. You can find the form on the website (www.bchmt.org/gvbch/documents/BCHMembership.pdf) and I always have them available at meetings. Hope to see you soon in 2012.

Respectfully, Marianne Meyer

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2011**

Jake Troyer from the MWA Helena office, Hannah Stauts from Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and Ben Donatelle from the Wilderness Recreation Partnership talked about their mutual efforts and goals, in particular regarding the HPBWSA. They are looking for a representative from many different interest groups to join them in their efforts and have met with some of those interest groups already. They answered questions from our group and said we had many good questions that they were happy to try to answer.

Jim Allbright called the meeting to order. Officers and directors present were: Jim Allbright, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, Stacy Bragg, Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, and Mike Haugan.

Jim asked for a motion to approve minutes from the November general meeting as reported in the newsletter. Kay Tate made the motion, Janice Cartwright seconded, and the motion was passed.

BILLS

Rich Inman for \$13.97 ink expense; Brenda Kessler for \$18.00 engraving expense; Jim Allbright for \$140.50 travel expense to go to the State Board meeting. Ester Fishbaugh made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Michael seconded and the motion was passed. Charley also paid several bills stemming from the Back Country Adventures which do not need to be approved as they come out of the income from that event.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne reported 95 memberships for 2011, and that many renewals for 2012 are already rolling in.

ISSUES

Dan updated the chapter on the status of H.R. 1581 (Wilderness & Roadless Area Release Act of 2011) and H.R. 1505 (National Security & Federal Lands Protection Act).

He also reported that the horse slaughter issue has been re-introduced in both Senate and House. SB1176 and HR 2966 have over 130 supporters and aim to "amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes".

PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER, TRAIL CREWS

Nothing to report. The trails have snow on them – see you in Spring.

PROGRAMS

January general meeting is our calendar planning meeting. February general meeting we have a potluck and typically invite someone from the Forest Service.

GUESTS

Clark Kinney introduced two guests. Cory Biggers from RMTTC (who is also a new member) and Dave Clevidence from Kubota Tractors; they each contributed \$100 to the Back Country Adventures.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim reiterated the information Dan Marsh had sent out by email regarding the State Board Director election 2011 and how it affects the 2012 election. The solution is to put Rich in place retroactively for last year (i.e. 2011). Jim would run for a new 2-year term in the current 2012 election. Jim asked for a motion to put Rich in place retroactively, Dan Marsh made the motion and Michael seconded.

Rich Inman, as chair person for the elections, proceeded to make three calls for nominations from the floor. None were made and nominations ceased. At this time Jim Allbright announced that he was withdrawing his name from the bid for president. Ballots were passed out and members mingled, enjoyed coffee, cookies and other refreshments, and turned in their votes. Rich Inman, Clark Kinney, and Mike Haugan tallied the votes. Kay Tate reported that Ron White has a long recovery from his accident ahead of him and has not even begun physical therapy yet.

Rich reported the results from the election: 40 members voted (combining absentee and in person votes). Henry Glenn had withdrawn his name from the director bid.

President	Henry Glenn
Vice President	Michael Harney
Secretary	Marianne Meyer
Treasurer	Brenda Kessler
Directors	Beth Merrick, John Mutter, Larry Thomas (they each begin a 2-year term)
State Director	Dan Marsh (begins a 2-year term)
Alt State Director	Stacy Bragg

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Allbright asked for a couple of volunteers to audit the books kept by Charley this past year. This will need to be done within 2 weeks, before the new treasurer takes over. Vi Huffman and Beth Merrick volunteered to do the audit. Jim also asked Henry, Michael, and Brenda to get with Charley to submit signatures on the accounts at the bank. Jim also reminded all officers that the January 5th board meeting is a changing of the guards at which both outgoing and new officers and directors should all be present.

Jim next presented the MVP award (selected solely by the president) for 2011 to Marianne Meyer for her contribution as membership chair and secretary.

Rich Inman reported that no big decisions were made at the State Board Meeting. Some news coming from the meeting are that BCHA is contemplating a dues increase. National is looking to hire an executive director with a substantial job

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description for a salary of \$25,000. Bob Hoverson is retiring from the Forest Service with 42 years (23 years as Northern Region Pack Train Manager) and an award for his service is being arranged.

Rich also mentioned that the PBS program "3 Miles an Hour" is well worth watching. The film chronicles the life and backcountry experiences of outfitter Smoke Elser. It will air again on December 29th.

Clark Kinney beamed that the first seminar of the Back Country Adventures was a grand success. He has been approached by Rod Cline who requested the BCH does a packing clinic at his equine expo in March and would give the club a free booth. Mrs. Gilhausen was very impressed

with the manner in which the event took place (from set-up to take down) and asked that we come to the horse sale in May. Finally, it looks that the event will net a profit of several hundred dollars for our chapter. "Thanks again to all the volunteers!" Dan Marsh reported that so far he has tallied 231 volunteer hours for the BC Adventures alone!

Jim talked to Connie Lien with the Saddle & Harness Club, who said that last minute reservations could be called in to her @586-2885.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clark made the motion, seconded by Stacy, motion was passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 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, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, Michael Harney, Mike Haugen, Stacy Bragg, and Henry Glenn. Also attending was Sonya Berg.

Jim Allbright passed around the minutes of the November 3 meeting to be approved later. They were in the newsletter which had been posted on the website earlier that day.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

No new bills.

MEMBERSHIP

95 memberships for 2011.

ISSUES

Continue watching H.R.1505, the National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act affecting a 100-mile deep swath of land along the entire Canadian border.

The Hyalite & Porcupine WSA ruling was upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. This means the interim winter strategy remains in effect for the Gallatin Crest.

NEWSLETTER

We have a new newsletter editor, Brant Robey from Livingston. Submit articles for the newsletter to Brant.

PROGRAMS

Jake Troyer from MWA Helena office will bring a brief presentation. December general meeting we hold elections.

OLD BUSINESS

Clark Kinney reported on the final stages of the Back Country Adventures. He said he's been working with a 'dream team' and they were ready for Saturday, the day of the first seminar. Michael Harney suggested taping the event for future use as an educational tool within the GVBCH chapter. Clark reported that Harry Huntsinger had been quite firm on not allowing taping during this event, but Clark agreed he would ask Harry one more time.

Rich Inman reported that the draft ballot for elections is full and was published in the newsletter. Instructions for voting were included in the newsletter as well. The final tally will be taken on December 15, at the general meeting. Jim Allbright expressed thanks to the board members who had served under him this past year and assisted in many different capacities.

Christmas Party is a go.

Brenda pointed out the fact that horse slaughter was once again allowed in the US.

Jim asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November board meeting which had been reviewed by all at this time. Stacy made the motion, Michael seconded, and the motion was passed.

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

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

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

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Bridger Feeds
Bridger Glass & Windows
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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

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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
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