

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.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 1, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

GENERAL MEETING : NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church



Henry and Bill Cohen, Howling Wolf Ranch Foundation

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Here in Sedan we have received about 2 inches of moisture and we are so blessed we got some relief from fire season.

With the close of riding season it is my hope that you got to ride a lot this past summer and tryout some new trails.

The end of the year is fast coming up so be thinking about your nominating committee and be willing to help where you can. Finding officers to fill all the positions is a challenge sometimes so please volunteer your services where you can.

We had a great program for the October meeting by the Wounded Warrior projects going on in the valley. Bill Cohen from the Howling Wolf Ranch Foundation and Shannon Stacy from the Station Foundation were our guest speakers. If you want to help you may contact them or Clark Kinney is the liaison for the Club you can contact him for info.

The Christmas party is fast approaching so make plans to attend now. We are again joining the Saddle and Harness Club for this event and it will be at Broken Hart Ranch on Hwy 191 South of Bozeman. Country Traditions will be the band and the Club has already paid for them to play so come and enjoy. Details are else where in the newsletter.

Please vote on November 6th, your country depends on it.

May God bless the trails you ride.

*Henry, President*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Michael, Brenda, Clark, Rich, Mike, John, Larry, Beth, Dan Marsh, Marianne Meyer, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Also present were members Sonya Berg, Molly Glenn, and state alternate Stacy Bragg.

Minutes from the September board meeting had not been published for everyone to review in time for this meeting. A printed copy was handed around for review and approval later.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda received the membership dues bill from state. Marianne will have a breakdown of single and family memberships for Brenda at the next meeting. Rich presented a bill for travel to state @ \$69.60. Since this is a pre-approved expense, no voting was required.

### MEMBERSHIP

Memberships include 65 paid memberships and 1 honorary.

### ISSUES

Tester's "Forest Bill" is now an add-on to a Senate Appropriations bill.

News from the state board meeting include that state now has a "historian committee". Julie Schramm sent an email asking each chapter to submit some info about them. Dan Marsh and Henry will reply to the email. State also has a new newsletter editor. They want to determine how many members want to receive their newsletter printed and mailed vs sent electronically. This means we would have to send them our email address list again. They assured chapters at the board meeting that the list would stay in Montana.

### PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER

No publicity happening and the last newsletter was pretty short with trail crews being done.

### TRAIL CREWS

Larry will not be heading out on any more big days for the remainder of the year.

### PROGRAMS

Bill Cohen from Wounded Warriors is now our confirmed program for this month's general meeting. He'll talk about how he got started and share some of the experiences wounded vets have had on his ranch.

### OLD BUSINESS

Christmas party is on December 8 at Lee Hart's ranch. GS&H Club has hired Country Traditions for entertainment and our share will be \$250. Dinner will be around \$10 per person, definitely not over \$15. Folks planning to attend will HAVE TO RSVP.

### NEW BUSINESS

Board members had reviewed suggested revisions for the constitution. Section 1 in Article I was discussed. Several versions of BCH purpose statements were read out loud and after some discussion a "final" version of our purpose statement was read. Michael made a motion to accept that version, Clark seconded and all voted in favor.

John Mutter suggested moving a large portion of Section 4 (Expulsion) of Article II to the end of the constitution under Article XIII. Everyone agreed with that suggestion.

A few other minor details were discussed and resolved.

At this time everyone had a chance to read the September board meeting minutes and John made a motion to approve minutes. Larry seconded, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn. Rich moved, Mike Haugan seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

*Submitted by Marianne Meyer*

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2012

Approximately 25-30 members gathered for the October general meeting. Henry introduced guest speakers Shannon and Kevin Stacy who spoke about their non-profit "The Station". Their purpose is to provide military members and their families an opportunity to unwind, relax, and focus on themselves in a ranch setting or other Montana experience. They sponsor military members that suffer from the immense strain put on their families while on active duty. The second speaker was Bill Cohen who started the Howling Wolf Ranch Foundation which aims to provide therapeutic recreation and rehabilitation for Wounded Warriors. He passed around photo albums and shared a number of experiences from his program.

Henry called the meeting to order after a short break. Officers, directors, and state board members present were, Brenda, Clark, Mike, John, Larry, Beth, Marianne, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Henry welcomed guests Chris and Julie Nygren.

Jim moved to approve the minutes from our last general meeting. Sonya seconded and motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported \$4,597.46 in checking, \$15,013.96 in savings. Correspondence included two checks: a \$250 grant from MDU and \$568.75 from the Gallatin NF. New bill from Vi Huffman for \$56.89 in newsletter postage was paid. Membership dues to be sent to state come to \$1,215.

### MEMBERSHIP

No change. 65 paid, 1 honorary.

### ISSUES

The BCHA board has approved a dues increase of \$5.00. This means \$20 of every single membership and \$30 of every family membership would have to be paid by chapters. However, before they can proceed this has to be approved by the majority of states.

BCHA will try to get email addresses of all members AND they want to be able to sell the list! Dan Marsh will send out instructions by email on how to keep your address OFF the list or GET IT OFF the list, if you do not want to be included.

There is a landowner fight in progress at the Smith River.

The BLM has excluded horses on Carpenter Trails near Eugene Oregon, while allowing bicycles.

### OLD BUSINESS

Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club has made arrangements for a Christmas Party on December 8th at The Broken Hart Ranch. \$10 will buy your steak and twice baked potato. RSVP and pay by December 3rd; checks payable to GVBCH. The rest of the dinner will depend on what folks bring as a potluck contribution. The band Country Traditions has been booked for entertainment; our share is \$250. Jim made a motion to pay the band, Sonya seconded.

### NEW BUSINESS

BCHA is asking for all members' email addresses. Bobbie Kinney made a motion to NOT give out our email addresses especially in light of the fact that they want to be able to sell the list. Vi Huffman seconded, all voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Revisions for our chapter's constitution continue. A draft can be obtained from Beth Merrick, Henry Glenn or Dan Marsh. Please read and send comments to Beth, Henry, or Dan or bring to the next meeting.

We need a 3-person nominating committee for elections. Henry asked for volunteers and explained that without volunteers, the duty defaults to our three senior board members. We had no volunteers at this general meeting so it looks like Clark, Mike, and Rich will be responsible.

Mike Haugan explained how he requested the \$250 grant from MDU for us.

Finally, Henry asked for a motion to adjourn. Someone moved, someone else seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried faster than the note-taker could make note of.

*Submitted by Marianne Meyer*



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 8**

**AT THE BROKEN HART RANCH**

**\$10 will buy your steak & twice-baked potato**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO: GVBCH**

**RSVP AND PAY BY DECEMBER 3RD TO:**

**PO Box 3232**

**BOZEMAN MT 59771**

**QUESTIONS: JAA4@ROCKETMAIL.COM**





Barbara Mutter trying out Runner.  
This horse was owned by Bill Shields (ex trail crew boss)



Janice's Healing with Horses for the Cancer Support Community.  
Sonja joined in and I got her up on a horse.



Kevin and Shannon Stacy - The Station



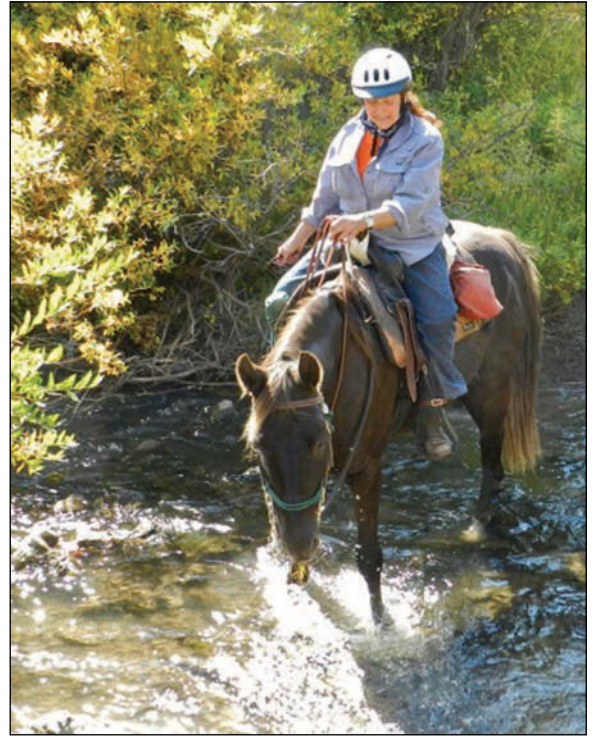
Janice on a Spanish Peaks ride







Anna Holstrom at Hyalite



Anna Holstrom and Toby in the Bridgers



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