

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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Larry Thomas ... 586-6878
Beth Merrick ... 388-4047

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

VIRGINIA CITY POKER RIDE: SEPTEMBER 1

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREWS: SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

contact: Larry Thomas, 586-6878 for full day;
Beth Merrick, 388-4047 for short day.

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 6, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

BCH State board meeting: SEPTEMBER 8

Broken Arrow Casino & Guesthouse, Deerlodge

Slough Creek Cabin: September 10-15

contact: Henry Glenn: 578-2084

GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Friends,

What a busy month it has been but a very successful one. I hope everyone is getting to ride during this beautiful summer weather.

We have finished the new Corrals at Buffalo Horn Trailhead and Windy Pass Cabin so the RAC grant is complete; we should all be thankful to Dan Porter for applying for the Grant. I want to take the time to thank all 12 people who came to Windy Pass to help build the Corrals. We had 23 head of stock and packed in over 15 loads of equipment and supplies. We are applying for a trail maintenance RAC grant for 2013.

Along with the Wounded Warriors Project, we have been very active this month. Thanks to Jim for a great time at the steak ride.

So on to September which contains more fun and action. On Sept 10th we are packing in to Slough Creek which is 14 miles north of Yellowstone Park. We are restoring a cabin and will be there for several days. If you are interested in going you must contact me now. You must be able to work for 4 days and able to pack in your own supplies 14 miles one way. We will be packing in a lot of materials for the cabin restoration and will not be able to pack in camping supplies for people without a pack horse.

Beth is working on updating our Bylaws (Constitution), if you have any suggestions, please contact Beth Merrick (388-4047). The current Bylaws are on our web site. [\[click here\]](#)

Be sure and check out our [Facebook](#) page and "like" it if you want to see the latest pictures.

Henry Glenn, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Henry Glenn, President.

Officers, directors, and state board members present were: Henry Glenn, Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Mike Haugan, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Beth Merrick, Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Also present were Ron Rassley, Stacy Bragg, and Sonya Berg.

Henry asked for a motion to approve minutes from the July board meeting. Rich moved, Beth seconded, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda moved \$3,000 from checking back into savings. She reported \$4,903.91 in checking and \$15,012.31 in savings. Bills received for Poker Ride came from Beth (\$39.75 paper & ink), Rich (\$22.50 stamps), Lee & Dad's (\$332.40 including the cookies), SW MT Ad (\$49.50 advertise), and TLC for outhouses (\$260.00). These did not need approval from the board. Ron Rassley presented a bill for saw work (\$69.70) and Ron White sent a bill for saw work, as well (\$58.00). Clark moved to approve the bills presented, John seconded and all voted aye to pass.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 65 paid memberships. Henry opened up a discussion on the topic of membership. We need to take stock of where we are. Do we need to send out a bill to each member at start of new year? Do we need a committee? Discuss the possibility of mailing newsletters again?

ISSUES

HR.1505 is not gathering enough votes in Senate. (100 mile strip along US borders to fall under Homeland Security)

CDT sent information regarding projects in the Bob Marshall, Anaconda Pintler, and Mystic Lake areas.

Scapegoat Wilderness may hold an anniversary celebration. Looking for support.

TRAIL CREWS

The crews are very busy – there is lots of timber down everywhere they go. Larry announced that he is willing to head up a Saturday work crew to tackle Sage Creek. First available Saturday is in September. Contact Larry if you are interested in this.

PROGRAMS

Bill Cohen and Harry Huntsinger from Wounded Warriors will come to the October 18th general meeting (Rich will verify date). **September program TBD.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Poker Ride – Rich will not be able to head up the coordination next year. We need a new PR coordinator and the sooner the better. A leader needs to be in place by February.
- Buffalo Horn – materials are loaded on trailer and Henry will head down the road after the board meeting. Help appreciated on Friday and Saturday. Bring extra drills. This was one part of the RAC grant and will be complete this weekend.
- Windy Pass – Henry has been assured that the materials have been delivered. Larry will check. Henry is packing in a whole “kitchen” and will cook up supper.
- Wounded Warriors – Some BCH members helped again on Monday 7/30. The day went wonderfully; the guys appreciate it very much. Clark reported that Bill Cohen said that he's been getting enough support to keep this thing going.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry asked for an update from the Bylaws Committee. Michael Harney was absent. Beth said she can get to work on it as long as she knows what the board wants to address. Beth and Dan Marsh will email about it and get the ball rolling. Last revision was May 2003.

Steak Ride – date is 8/25, place is Spanish Creek trailhead. Dinner will be at 5pm to give people more time on the trail. The board discussed price for the dinner. Rich made a motion to charge \$10, members and non-members. Larry seconded. The majority of the vote was aye, we had one nay. RSVP needs to be made by 8/20. Saddle & Harness Club is invited – need their numbers by 8/20 as well.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. However, Stacy announced that he had some news as well. He reported that new corrals were built at Big Creek in collaboration with Wendy from the Yellowstone district. He is also gathering donations for the “260th War Hammer boxing day” on 8/11. Contact Stacy.

Henry made another request to adjourn the meeting. Jim moved to adjourn, Larry seconded, the motion was passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

BUILDING CORRALS AT WINDY PASS

There were 15 loads of materials, supplies, tools and provisions that came into Windy Pass for the building project on August 17th and 18th. A small group (Larry and Billie Thomas, Henry and Molly Glenn, and Steve Thienes) packed in on Thursday Noon and then Larry, Henry and Steve went back out and packed in 5 more loads, picking up Mike Haugan on that trip to the cabin. That was enough work for Thursday!

Friday the work began...digging 15 post holes... without an auger! Steve did a great job...digging holes as soon as they were marked out. Early Friday afternoon, another group arrived: Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Michael Harney and Dan Marsh...and Dan Porter and Wally Becker came in from Tamphery Creek trailhead. During the afternoon, all the post holes were dug and posts placed. In addition, the spring was cleaned out and "headed up" so fresh water was easily accessible. Two hitching posts were marked off in addition to the corrals.

Saturday, after a hearty breakfast of sourdough pancakes, the rails went up with the help of a small generator. It ran one drill and recharged batteries for a cordless impact wrench. Since there are only two corrals being built, this was plenty of power and the rails went up quickly. Many thanks to the Forest Service for flying in the posts, rails, and gates. Since we had 12 crew and 23 horses along, including pack stock, the corrals were instantly useful to us! The work finished up in the early afternoon. Larry and Billie decided to pack out and we were able to convince Mike Haugan and Steve Thienes to take a load of tools out. Since Wally and Dan P. had come a different directions and we had the time, a group saddled up to go up to the ridge along Tamphery Creek Trail and put up a few more trail markers. There was time for a short ride to the ridge for a peek at the view into Paradise Valley. The rest of the group packed out on Sunday after breakfast.

Work Crew:

Larry Thomas
Billie Thomas
Steve Thienes
Mike Haugan

Henry Glenn
Molly Glenn
Rich Inman
Clark Kinney

Michael Harney
Wally Becker
Dan Porter
Dan Marsh



BUILDING CORRALS AT WINDY PASS
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BUILDING CORRALS AT BUFFALO HORN TRAILHEAD

Over August 3rd and 4th, four corrals were built at Buffalo Horn Trailhead. We had a great group both days. Everyone worked hard to get the corrals to be as safe, sturdy and long lasting as possible. With the help of Rudy, from the Forest Service, and his auger, the 41 post holes went in with very little resistance...just a couple of holes had the challenge of a clay shelf! It was a pleasant change from the rocks encountered at Spanish Creek and Sage Creek corrals! Most of the rails had been cut and peeled about 6 weeks before...although a party was sent to a nearby pole patch for a few more. A generator ran two drills and the rails went up in just a few hours. There was even time to run down to Sage Creek Trailhead to repair a few rails at those corrals.

Several visitors stopped by both days inquiring as to the details of this project and great interest in the completion... in fact, the corrals were in use within minutes of completion!

Work Crew:

Larry Thomas
Billie Thomas
Rich Inman
Dan Marsh
Dan Porter
Wally Becker

Ron Rohletter
Henry Glenn
Molly Glenn
Vern Campbell
Clark Kinney
Mike Haugin



BUILDING CORRALS AT BUFFALO HORN TRAILHEAD
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HORSING AROUND

“There is no way that the horse will ever try to take advantage of you.

It’s as honest and as truthful as anything you could ever work with.

It has no ego that gets in its way.

It has no pride that gets in its way.

It doesn’t know what win or lose is.

...Those are the four things that get in the human’s way.

All the horse is trying to do is to survive; it’s trying to make it.

So I try to work with it like it was me...just like I hope it would work with me.”

—Ray Hunt

“Horses are very sensitive animals. They have the sensitivity to be able to feel the weight of a fly. You folks who have been around horses know that because you put flyspray on them in the summer time...and yet when you ride them, you ride them like they don’t have any feeling. You ride them with pulleys and cables, chains, wires, tie-downs and martingales. Why?”

—Ray Hunt

“Horses aren’t lazy and they’re not greedy and they’re not jealous and they’re not spiteful, they’re not hateful. They’re not that way. But the human can sometimes only describe a horse in the way that they view other human beings.”

—Buck Brannaman



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