

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

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

OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

2013 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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Debbie Moran ... 509-999-6561

SECRETARY

Marianne Meyer ... 388-2676

DIRECTORS

ONE YEAR TERM

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

TWO YEAR TERM

Dan Porter ... 388-0290
Steve Thienes ... 578-2124
Jim Wing ... 587-8880

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Marsh (1 year) ... 587-7578
Jim Allbright (2 years) ... 599-4320
Clark Kinney (Alternate) ... 599-4330

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 3, 7:00 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 17, 7:00 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church

Please renew your
membership
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Everyone,

It is my sincere hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and that 2013 is a good year for all. The Christmas party was a huge success and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our election process and to those who have been elected to serve. I want to welcome the new members to the board Jim Wing, Dan Porter and Steve Thienes. Thanks to Debbie Moran for accepting the Treasurer's position and to Mike Haugan the new VP. I also want to thank each of the returning officers for their dedication to the club.

2012 was a good year for the GVBCH and I want us to build on that in 2013. I would encourage you to attend the meetings and visit with each other. We have some educational programs scheduled for this spring so watch the newsletter for times and places.

Congratulations to Clark Kinney, he was awarded the MVP award for all his hard work on behalf of the Club in 2012. Picture and article else where in the newsletter.

The January meeting is the Calendar meeting so bring your ideas and favorite rides to the meeting. We were awarded a RAC grant for our trail clearing program and we need to concentrate on that in 2013. Please send me your ideas as we look forward to the new year.

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Rich Inman, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Marianne Meyer, Beth Merrick, Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Dan Porter served as proxy for Clark Kinney and Molly Glenn served as proxy for Mike Haugan. Also present were state alternate Stacy Bragg and member Sonya Berg.

Minutes from the November board meeting were approved by a motion made by Jim and seconded by John Mutter.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Jim Allbright presented Brenda's treasurer's report: Checking \$3,366.87 and savings \$15,015.92.

Correspondence included raffle tickets from the PL & Water Association which were passed around.

MEMBERSHIP

The roster for 2013 has been started and we have about 9 renewals. Members running for any officer or director positions must renew no later than January. As a side note, our Facebook page has close to 60 "likes".

ISSUES

Dan Marsh and Rich will be going to the State Board meeting in Missoula on Saturday. Dan informed the GVBCH board of some of the topics that will be discussed by state. The Land Use Bill, Rocky Mountain Heritage Act, \$5 dues increase for BCHA, and the BCH's involvement in the wolf debate are just some examples. Dan Porter pointed out that for anyone taking horses into the back country overnight and tying or picketing such horses, wolves are indeed a factor. Therefore, the wolf debate should be pertinent to the BCH.

The CDT sent out emails trying to raise \$100 from 100 folks to support their work on the Continental Divide Trail. Dan Porter made a motion to donate \$100 to the CDT. Beth Merrick seconded the motion. The vote resulted in 3 ayes and 4 opposed. Jim Allbright then pointed out that this type of spending of the club's money needs to be presented at the general meeting. He made a motion to bring this request before the members at the December general meeting. Larry seconded and this motion was approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

The Christmas Party at Lee Hart's was enjoyed by over 90 folks, a great turnout.

The bill in arrears from Montana Standard has been sorted out and paid. It was for a Poker Ride ad in the Mini Nickel. Election ballot has been sent out electronically. Brenda will need to check mail just before the general meeting for mail in ballots.

Dan reminded everyone that this is the last chance to turn in volunteer hours for 2012.

Stacy gave an update on the WSA committee meetings that he has been attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Marsh reported that Insty Prints is getting a bit slow with the newsletter and he feels they are expensive for what we get. He proposed handling the printing in-house. The discussion again turned to the question "does a printed newsletter add to our membership"? It was decided that Dan Marsh will get some prices from around town; we will send out a "survey" early in 2013 and decide then. Distribution will also need to be discussed.

Henry raised the concern that we do not have a way for folks to make a donation to us on the website. He has run into out-of-state riders on the trails who want to donate and end up paying a membership. Most of this money has to be sent to state/national. As a 501(c)3 we should have a way for people to just make a donation by visiting our website. Dan Marsh will look at adding a "How to donate" block to our home page.

Rich will continue to help with programs in 2013. The January meeting is our calendar planning meeting. The Forest Service comes to our February general meeting and there will be a wildly popular wild game potluck. March, April, and May would be great for educational presentations. The Twisted Spur Arena has offered their space for our meetings and we could have training and hands-on practice for packing, bit fitting, and other topics that have been requested. The public could be invited to further support the educational aspect of our 501(c)3 status.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Stacy seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2012

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Brenda, Marianne, Clark, Rich, Mike, John, Larry, Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright.

Guest Cheryl Friend talked about her experience training and showing horses across the US and Canada. Her husband is proficient in packing. She plans to have clinics in the Gallatin Valley, teaching riders how to move parts of their horse individually, such as one front leg at a time. This is an important skill when riding narrow mountain trails or anytime precision footwork is needed. Cheryl is still working on getting an arena and will keep us posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported \$3,526.87 in checking and \$15,015.92 in savings. Marianne turned in an \$18 bill from Bozeman Trophy. Jim Allbright said this was preapproved and did not need to be voted on.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals are rolling in for 2013. Approximately 12 are paid up already. Officers and directors must pay by January 31!

ISSUES

Dan Marsh tabled Issues until later in the meeting when the state board meeting will come up under business.

At this point Rich took the floor and introduced the members nominated for either officer or director positions. Ballots were handed out to members who had not voted by mail or electronically.

Lee Hart made his facility available for the Christmas party at no charge. He was given a gift as a token of appreciation and someone (Henry?) proposed that we pay for half of it (\$20). John made the motion, Larry seconded, and the motion passed.

Dan Porter explained the CDT's request for a \$100 donation towards their work on the Mexico-to-Canada Continental Divide Trail. He made a motion for our chapter to make such a donation. Sonya seconded. Stacy Bragg, in discussion, said he would like to see our donation used for "on the ground" work. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Henry added that it is very likely that we will do some packing for the CDT this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Marsh gave a detailed report of the State Board meeting that he and Rich Inman attended via phone due to poor travel conditions. The Hi-Line chapter is on the verge of collapse due to lack of membership. State is strongly encouraging that chapters in Montana continue to support the creation of other new chapters. (Livingston/White Sulfur for example). The State Treasurer's Report was bare bones – they don't have any "fluff" to speak of. The online newsletter is available. S.P.O.T. units and the Beacon unit were talked about. Advantage to a Beacon is that there is no annual fee. The state convention on April 5, 6, & 7, 2013 will be in Kalispell, celebrating the BCH's 40th anniversary. Some of the original founders will be there! Our chapter sends eight delegates for free (i.e. the club pays for registration) – speak up if you wish to be one of the delegates. Resolutions for the 2013 convention are due by February.

In January we plan our calendar to the best of our abilities at that time. Please prepare, bring your own calendars, knowledge of non-club events that might affect us, and your wishes!

Henry asked for a volunteer to bring refreshments for said January meeting and Rich did.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich and Clark had tallied the votes at this point. Rich reported that we had good participation on this election with 33 votes coming in (we have 67 members). For those positions where multiple options were available, the results were: Jim Wing, Dan Porter, and Steve Thienes for director, and Mike Haugan for Vice President. Thanks to our new officers for stepping up and helping our club stay strong.

Finally, it was time for Henry, as president, to present the MVP to this year's recipient. He said he took him about all of one second to decide as this member really stepped up in 2012 with work on the Backcountry Adventures, cabin restorations, and much more. Without this member, some of these projects would not have happened. The MVP for 2012 was presented to Clark Kinney.

This wrapped up the final meeting of 2012 and Janice made a motion to adjourn, Larry seconded, the motion carried, and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

2012 MVP AWARD: CLARK KINNEY



It was with great honor that the MVP Award of 2012 was given to Clark Kinney. When I was asked who I was going to choose for the MVP, Clark is the person who instantly came to mind. He worked tirelessly to make the Back Country Adventures a success. This was the biggest educational project the club had undertaken and Clark lead us through it all. There was so many hours and days of planning necessary to make this project a success and Clark never faltered. He worked steadily from December 2011 to May 2012. I have had so many great comments about Back Country Adventures and how well it was planned and executed.

On top of all that, he initiated the Wounded Warriors Project. Clark helped prepare the horses and then we took the Wounded Warriors on 4 different rides at the Howling Wolf Ranch owned by Bill Cohen. Everyone who helped with Wounded Warriors was proud to work with Clark.

Congratulations Clark on a great 2012 and thank you for your dedication to the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen.

Henry, President



It is time to renew
your GVBCH membership.
This Assumption of Risk must be signed
by each member, every year.
We depend upon your dues to support
our Mission and programs.
— Thank you —



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Back Country Horsemen
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Name _____ **Spouse's Name** _____

Mailing Address

_____ **\$40 Family Membership**
_____ **\$30 Individual Membership**
_____ **\$30 Associate Membership**

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

(Please print clearly)

Assumption of Risk

I understand and agree that I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the clubs events.

I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen functions. Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, horses, other tack or equipment.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please check any committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

Social Activities Trail Rides Issues Fund Raising Newsletter Projects
 Planning Clinics Audit Trail Maintenance Serve on Board Refreshments

What skill, talent or resource are you willing to share with the club?

Name of the advertisement or person that introduced you to the Back Country Horsemen?

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Beth, Katy & Ron



Jamie & Dan, Henry & Molly



Carol & Wally



Catherine & Ron



Sonja



Brenda & Jim



Jim & Ron

CAROLING & HORSEING AROUND



The (Horse) Rockettes?



Vi warming up her flute with Marianne Amsden (GalIEP)



Vi, Janice & Margaret



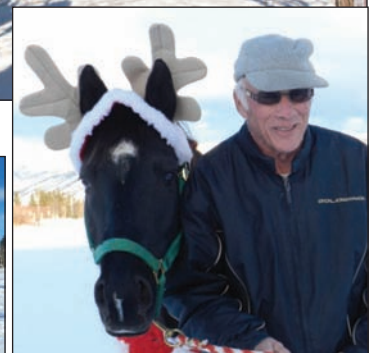
Ron & RC pulling Janice



pulling Ken Yankelevitz



at the Senior Center



Ken Yankelevitz

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