

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : MARCH 7, 7 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church

POKER RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 21, 6:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING : MARCH 21, 7 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church
CPR Training

CIRCLE L HORSE EXPO, CIRCLE L ARENA: March 30-April 1. \$Free
4350 Spain Bridge Road Belgrade [Map]

Details: Rod Cline & Lisa Armstrong 581-0697 or 570-5711



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone,

As winter rolls along, the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen are planning for the summer events schedule. I hope you are planning to join us for some work and some fun. We are already planning the 2013 Poker Ride it will be our 26th. Debbie Moran will be the coordinator.

Please let her know where you will assist with this year's event. The February Wild Game pot luck was a great success and thanks to everyone who brought their favorite wild game dish. We had lots of variety from Mountain goat to Bear lasagna. The March meeting is very important and everyone is invited, including your family and friends. The program is about new methods of CPR which are simple and save lives, so please come to this free event.

I hope you are setting aside some time for club events around the 4th of July: the Poker Ride is on the 6th and Wounded Warriors is right after.

Winter will End soon.

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members attending were Mike Haugan, Debbie Moran, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Marianne Meyer, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Steve Thienes, Dan Marsh, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Also present was member Sonya Berg. Minutes from the January board meeting were approved by a motion made by Jim and seconded by Mike.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie reported \$4,262.87 in checking and \$15,015.92 in savings. New bills consisted of Insty-Prints with a statement balance of \$7.05, Markel annual insurance renewal for \$709 (which already includes the Poker Ride), and USPS mail box renewal with an option to pay for 6 months (\$62) or 12 months (\$124). John Mutter made a motion and Jim seconded to pay the bills and motion passed. (Mail box was paid for the full year.)

MEMBERSHIP

46 memberships have been renewed for 2013. Marianne will send "payment/renewal reminders" to members who have not renewed by March 1.

NEWSLETTER

The board discussed different options of printing the hard copies of our newsletter for members without email. It was decided to continue with Insty-Prints as is.

ISSUES

Dan Marsh had a long list of issues that are in the news, including but not limited to:

- HB235 A bill regarding the "corner crossing and trespass laws"
- HB147 A bill to increase fees for trespassing
- HB322 & HB323 A bill to include loss and/or damage caused by grizzlies
- SB75 A bill that gives hunters the option to surrender their hunting license and donate it to a wounded vet

(Editor's Note: [Follow these bills HERE](#))

PROGRAMS

February — Will Shoutis from USFS would like to do a presentation on saws, topic: "care and sharpening".

March — CPR training presented by the AMA (American Medical Assn) that will benefit EVERYONE, not just those working on trail crews. Mouth to mouth is no longer part of CPR training; the training now focuses on chest compressions. Bring friends and family!

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Marsh researched websites that offer online registration for events or online donations to non-profit organizations. Some are free, others have a fee. He will continue to research and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Dan has also added a "store" to our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry received an invitation from the Wilderness Association to attend a meeting regarding the Gallatin Crest. The MT Farm & Ranch show extended an invitation to their event on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The Nine-Mile might do a packing presentation, but if they can't make it, organizers would love to have us do one. At a minimum, we should man a booth at the event.

Poker Ride — The committee will start meeting at 6 pm prior to general meetings at the Belgrade Alliance Church. Since the February meeting starts at 6 anyway, the committee should sit at the same table during the potluck for discussion.

Henry will get information from Randy at Bridger Bowl. It's been published in the news that they will put up two new lifts this summer so the parking lot will be affected. Also, the USFS did not repair the washouts on the southern route. We've done the northern route two years in a row now.

State Convention — Delegates should register by March 1 to get the lower rate of \$75. Raffle tickets from the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead are still available.

Dan Porter expressed concern over a section in the January newsletter. We included financial reports that make it look like most of our spending goes to insurance, travel expenses for state delegates, expenses for trail bosses, and so on. This presents a rather skewed picture to readers who are non-members and don't realize how much time and labor is spent volunteering. Dan would like to also (or instead) see a report showing actual work done, summary of work hours, miles traveled, etc. This would be a lot more meaningful to prize donors, for example.

Henry passed around a "CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT" for our chapter. Jim Allbright made a motion to approve the design of the receipt, Larry seconded, and the motion carried.

John moved to adjourn the board meeting, Mike seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21

Members gathered at the Belgrade Alliance Church at 6 pm to enjoy a Wild Game Potluck. After dinner, Will Shoutis and Brian McNeil from the Forest Service took the floor.

PRESENTATION NOTES

Will brought a number of crosscut saws, sharpening tools, and a lot of information regarding the care, handling, and sharpening of crosscuts as well as chain saws. He also had tips on what brand of and where to purchase supplies. Some are no longer made and can only be found in antique stores or on ebay.

Brian talked about how spending cuts will undoubtedly affect what his trail crews can tackle in 2013. The rangers are tasking employees to reconnect with outside groups with the goal of getting more volunteer groups working on maintaining trails. This will free up FS crew time for construction projects. Some definite projects are Millie Fire area/Storm Castle drainage construction; East Bridger Trail – Cherry Lake; South Bracket to Slossman's. Work at Bridger will follow when Randy has built roads needed for chair lift construction. The FS obtained a lot of RACs and Brian was glad to hear that our chapter obtained a RAC for trail work as well. He will recruit other groups, such as the bicycle group, as well. Brian said that while they are staying out of the politics surrounding New World Gulch, he could at least report that Bear Canyon is open again to all users. Brian confirmed that he has two SPOT units available for us. The computer profile needs to be put in, which he would like to do along with Henry. He wants to receive notification as well if a SPOT is used. The FS will pay for the service. Fred Haas' replacement will be in position on April 15th.

Business meeting was called to order by Henry at about 8:30 pm with officers, directors, and state board members Mike Haugan, Debbie Moran, Marianne, Dan Porter, Steve Thienes, John, Larry, Beth, Dan Marsh, Jim Allbright and Rich Inman. Minutes from the January meeting were approved by a motion from Dan and seconded by Dan.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Debbie reported \$3,592.82 in checking and \$15,015.92 in savings. She pre-paid Insty-Prints \$150 for about one year's worth of newsletter printing.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne reported 50 paid memberships.

PROGRAMS

March program will be CPR training from American Medical Association. It is new / fast / easy and heart attack survival rates are improving as more and more people learn how to do it. This training meets USFS requirements. Everyone is invited!

OLD BUSINESS

The state convention and 40th Anniversary celebration on April 5, 6, & 7, 2013 is coming up fast. So far, our delegates include Jim & Brenda, Dan & Alice, Rich, Mike Haugan, Marianne and Henry & Mollie. We can have a total of 8 voting delegates in addition to the state board members. Raffle tickets are \$1 each for a chance to win outstanding prizes including a Decker pack saddle, gun safe, White boots, set of 4 tires, or framed 1899 map of the future Bob Marshall. Contact Deb, Rich, or Henry to buy tickets. Need not be present to win.



Rich pointed out that we need new photos for the display horse. Some have been around for years and are getting a bit tattered. If you have great pictures from work days, we'd love it if you would get them enlarged and printed for use on the horse. Also, there is a photo contest at the convention. See rules on the state website.

Henry reminded Poker Ride committee members to meet at 6 pm, March 21st, at Belgrade Alliance Church – prior to the general meeting. Mollie agreed to bring refreshments on March 21.

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mollie seconded, motion passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

HORSING AROUND WITH JANICE CARTWRIGHT



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