

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM
Silver Spur Arena
115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

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.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MONTANA BCH CONVENTION : APRIL 4 - 6

Hilton Inn, Missoula

BOARD MEETING : **CANCELLED**

Silver Spur Arena

4H 2ND SESSION : APRIL 12, 9:30 AM

Silver Spur Arena

POKER RIDE MEETING : APRIL 17, 6:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena

GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 17, 7:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena

SPRING RIDE : APRIL 26, 9:30 AM

Red Bluff Sheep Station

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Everyone,

Spring came in like Lion so we will see how she goes out. Kudos to Clark and co. for a great first 4H field day. We had 26 young people and they seemed to have a blast learning about packing in the back country. The next one is April 12 at the Silver Spur Arena.

We have eight people going to Missoula for the annual State Back Country Horsemen convention. Thanks to all those who volunteered to attend this important event for our club.

We need help with programs. If you would like to help find and schedule them, please let someone on the board know. Also we need a program for April so if you have any suggestions, please let me or Rich know.

Mark your calendars for the last 2 weeks of June when we will be at the Spanish Creek Campground and Cabin to work on trails in that area and help do some work on the cabin. It is reserved for us those 2 weeks. We will also set up one of our large tents with a stove in it for group gathering and cooking.

Spring mud and snow will always give way to Summer?

Henry

BOARD MEETING MINUTES — MARCH 6

The March Board meeting was called to order at 7pm at the Belgrade Alliance Church. Present were officers Henry Glenn, Rich Inman, Debbie Moran, Sharon Fraser. Directors Dan Porter, Jim Wing, Steve Thienes, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh. State board members Rich Inman, Jim Allbright, John Mutter, membership chair Marianne Meyer and 4-H packing clinic coordinator Clark Kinney.

Dan Porter motioned for approval of minutes as published in the newsletter, seconded by Debbie, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking \$4,290.18 Savings \$20,023.98.

Post Office Box \$128, annual insurance policy \$709 (same as last year).

A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jim to accept the Treasurer's report. All voted aye.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne reported 35 paid memberships (family and individual).

PROGRAMS

Clark Kinney updated details for the 4-H Packing Clinic to be held March 22 and April 12 at the Silver Spur Arena.

ISSUES

Dan Porter attended a "front country" Greater Gallatin trails meeting in Bozeman on Tuesday March 4th. He was the only "horse use" representative there and stressed we need more representation at meetings.

EVENTS

The State BCH Meeting in Missoula – room for more delegates to attend. Henry & Molly, Dan & Alice, Jim & Brenda, Rich, John M will be attending.

Poker ride meeting before next general meeting at the Silver Spur Arena.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Debbie to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting continued with discussion on how and when to report trail work with volunteer coordinators Brian & Jeremiah from the Forest Service.

Henry reminded everyone that GVBCH volunteers must be on club roster for liability issues.

— *Respectfully submitted by Sharon Fraser*

GENERAL MEETING — MARCH 20

The business meeting was called to order by Henry with officers, directors & state board members: Rich, Debbie, Sharon, Dan P, Jim W, Steve, John, Larry, Dan M and Jim A present. Minutes from the February general meeting were approved by a motion from Jim and seconded by Molly.

GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

Mark Deopsomer & Steve Bennett

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking \$3,581.18 Savings \$20,023.98. No new bills.

A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Jim to accept the Treasurer's report. All voted aye.

MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 40 paid memberships so far this year.

PROGRAMS

Clark gave an update on the 4H Packing Clinic. Rich made a motion that the club supply a pizza dinner for the set-up volunteers on Friday night. Beth seconded and all voted in favor.

ISSUES

Dan Marsh reported on two resolutions at state level, one for a budget line item for a youth education committee and another to address FS gates that are not wide enough to accommodate equine stock. Rich recommended both resolutions and Henry called for a show of hands in support of the resolutions.

EVENTS

Poker Ride date set for July 12th at Bridger Bowl. There will be a 10 mile ride, food, tons of prizes and a silent auction. Debbie and Sara are co-chairing the committee.

The Poker Ride committee meeting is before the next general meeting on April 17th at Silver Spur Arena.

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by John and seconded by Debbie. All voted aye.

The meeting continued with a presentation and question/answer session with Shane McClaflyn on packing and stock use in Yellowstone NP.

— *Respectfully submitted by Sharon Fraser*

Pasture Management Class for Small Acreages

Montana State University Extension in Gallatin County & Gallatin/Big Sky Noxious Weed Committee will host a six week Small Acre Management Course to give participants the necessary tools to develop a pasture management plan for their property. The course will run **Monday's April 14th through May 19th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Montana State University Campus and one session in the field.**

Pasture Management for Small Acreages is a **6 week workshop** that gives land owners the necessary tools to develop a **sustainable pasture management plan** for their property. Learn to improve your forage production and keep your animals on healthy and productive pasture. Topics covered are:
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2008 class participant

Date & Time: Monday's April 14th through May 19th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Montana State University Campus

Cost: \$75 for 2 seats & 1 set of materials. Enrollment is limited to 15, with a minimum of 9.

RSVP by March 26 by calling the MSU Extension office in Gallatin County, (406) 388-3213, emailing gallatin@montana.edu, or stop by in person at 201 West Madison, Ste. 300, in Belgrade.

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