

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

##### PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084  
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##### VICE PRESIDENT

Rich Inman ... 388-1564

##### TREASURER

Debbie Moran ... 509-999-6561

##### SECRETARY

Sharon Fraser ... 539-2783

#### DIRECTORS

##### ONE YEAR TERM

Dan Porter ... 388-0290, 539-0879

Steve Thienes ... 578-2124

Jim Wing ... 587-8880

##### TWO YEAR TERM

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578

John Mutter... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

#### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (2 year) ... 388-1564

Jim Allbright (1 year) ... 599-4620

John Mutter (Alternate) ... 285-0516

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 9, 7:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Merry Christmas Everyone:

This will be a short letter because of a time crunch. Brant is leaving for warmer places.

The Christmas Party was held at Broken Hart Ranch despite a fire there this fall. Thanks Lee for coming through for us.

I want to thank Clark, Harry and Rich for working on our youth program. We will be hosting a packing clinic for the 4H this spring. Stay tuned to the newsletter for details; we will need volunteers to help with the program. I want to thank Marianne Meyer for her faithful service as GVBCH secretary for the last three years she has done an outstanding job and will be missed. I also want to thank all the officers and board members who agreed to serve this coming year.

I could not have been more proud to give Wally Becker the Distinguished Member award. He has been such a inspiration to us all. At 83 years young, he rode over 400 miles in 2013 working on trails for GVBCH. Congradulations to Susie Finley she won a Wally Becker hand-tied halter at her first meeting.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

*Henry*

THERE WAS NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER.

The final meeting of the year started with a social hour and a table full of icecream, delicious homemade desserts, treats, and hot beverages. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Henry called the business meeting to order with the following officers and directors present: Mike, Marianne, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, John Mutter, Larry, Dan Marsh, Clark Kinney, and Jim Allbright. Guests Tom and Susie Finley were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Henry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November general meeting; Jim Allbright so moved, seconded by Janice and motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report/Bills**

Clark Kinney presented the treasurer's report for Debbie. \$3,882.78 in checking, \$20,022.50 in savings. No bills.

### **State Board Meeting Report**

Dan Marsh presented key points from the State Board Meeting. A representative from Daines' office attended taking notes. Treasurer's report showed that State is still operating in the black. This is not the case with National. The Executive Director left and Chairman Jim McGarvey is also acting as interim Exec Director now. He is doing this without taking the pay that comes with the position.

In connection with the 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act there is a video in production that chronicles a trip of taking youth into the wilderness for the first time. This is part of our "get youth involved challenge". The trip definitely made an impression on these youngsters and it comes across in the video.

It was reported that only 37% of the 158,000 miles of trails in the country are being maintained by FS. They will continue to approach more volunteer groups. A committee is looking at insurance options trying to group all chapters in the state together.

Forms for volunteer hours reporting may be revised. Currently, USFS, BCH MT, and BCHA all have different forms. Should go forward with just one version to make reporting consistent. As a side-note Dan reported that our chapter ranks high on volunteer hours and it gets noticed. We reported these numbers for 2013:

- 1028.5 basic trail work hours
- 803.5 skilled trail work hours
- 149.5 trail miles in wilderness
- 354.75 other trail miles
- 234 hours of LNT and education
- 46 hours public meetings
- 340 hours of admin service
- 407 hours of travel time
- 613 personal vehicle miles
- 8,731 stock hauling miles
- 247 stock animals used on 367 days of stock used

The convention will be April 4 – 6, 2014; Dan Marsh has the packet of raffle tickets. He already had prize contributions as well.

### **Newsletter**

Brant goes on vacation this weekend and any notes, pictures, or other contributions will need to be sent to her asap. Jan Elpel has kindly volunteered to mail the hard copies of newsletters going forward.

### **New business**

National has raised dues by \$5 which means the chapter will have to send an additional \$5 per membership in October 2014. Unless we want our chapter to send the extra \$5 without collecting it from members, we have no choice but to raise dues as well. Henry asked for a motion to raise dues by \$5: Single would go to \$35, family to \$45. Janice made the motion, it was seconded, and motion carried. Dan Marsh will update the Membership Application on our website.

Over the past few months Jerry Greybull has made the Silver Spur Arena available for our meetings at no charge, as a trial period. Rich Inman pointed out that every time we have had a meeting and made use of the arena with a meaningful presentation (trainers with horses) our attendance was really good. Now Jerry needs to know if we wish to continue, as he is scheduling the arena into 2014. Rich made a motion that we make Silver Spur the BV BCH base of operations for 2014, at the special rate of \$200 for the entire year. Dan seconded and the motion carried.

### **Old business**

Todd Kessner, MSU's Extension 4-H lead, has whole-heartedly endorsed the proposal of packing education for youth by our chapter. Two sessions have been set up: 3/22/14 and 4/05/14 from 9:30 – 3pm. Rich Inman and others have already contacted Bob Holverson & Dale Moore who are on board again. Harry Huntsinger got involved as well and will do all the fundraising. \$700 has already been raised with another \$700 needed. We will work in conjunction with 4-H leaders and parents and the liability goes to MSU Extension. Any BCH member volunteering for these sessions will become 4-H volunteers. Rich asked for help from the members. There will be lots of tasks as simple as serving lunch to the kids, holding horses, or moving tack around. Barb Mutter was the first to offer her help.

Dan Porter passed out 2014 Official Ballots. Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Larry Thomas for directors; Sharon Fraser for secretary, Debbie Moran for treasurer; Rich Inman for vice president and state director; John Mutter for state director alternate; Henry Glenn for president. Dan Marsh made a motion to vote by acclamation, Molly Glenn seconded and motion carried.

The Continental Divide Trail Assn needs six pack horses to pack into Yellowstone National Park for one week in late summer 2014. Shannon Freix needs a reply by February. Destination is Heart Lake, the week right after Labor Day. \$600 will be available to the club for fuel usage. Let Henry know if you are interested and/or able to help.

**Reminder: the January board meeting will be on January 9th.**

Once again, everyone present had tossed their name in the hat for a Walter Becker hand-tied halter. Our guest, Susie Finley was the lucky and very excited winner.

Rich Inman moved to adjourn the meeting, Molly seconded, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted by Marianne Meyer*

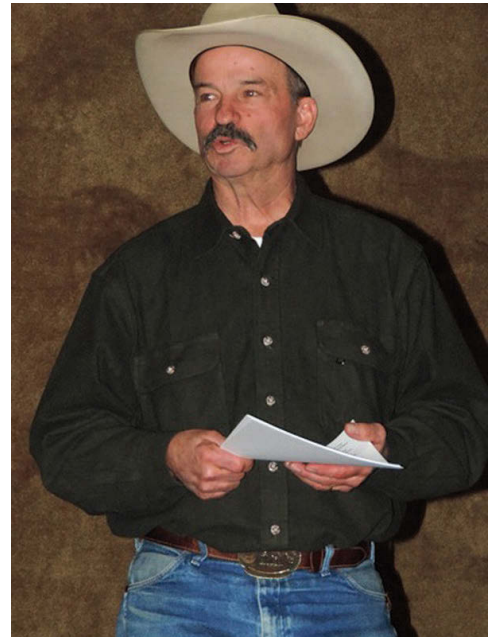


Rich & Clark



Henry presenting Wally with our 2013 Distinguished Member of the Year Award

Wally explaining the creative way his hand tied halters have been used



Dan Porter running the 2014 election of officers & board positions  
Winner of the hand tied halter - Susie





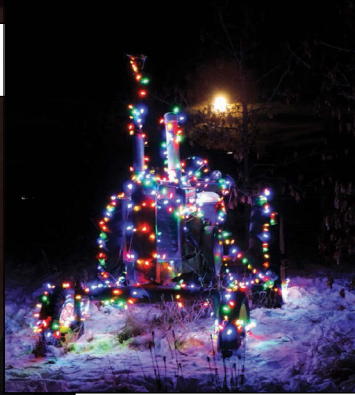
Carol, Wally & Marianne



Marianne - our outgoing secretary of many years



Sharon, Barbara & Chris



Ken Yankelevitz partying with Santa





Picasso

Christmas Caroling with GalleP:  
Liz & Sonja, Beth & Janice



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2013 POKER RIDE:

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Montana Canvas  
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Ag Depot  
All West Veterinary Hospital  
B&B Plumbing  
Big Shooters Espresso  
Big Sky RV  
Bozeman Saddle Outlet  
Bridger Glass & Windows  
Bunkhouse Originals  
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Double Diamond Halters  
Faithful Friends Animal Clinic  
Four Corner Saddlery  
Freeway Enterprizes  
Hardaway Veterinary Hospital  
Knife River  
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Center  
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Owenhouse Ace Hardware  
Remuda Coffee  
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