

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

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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TWO YEAR TERM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

4-H CLINIC 3 : FEBRUARY 13, 9:00 AM

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 18, 6:00 PM
Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING & WILD GAME FEED : FEBRUARY 18, 6:30 PM 
Gallatin Ranger District's Volunteer Agreement Program
Springhill Church

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Well, it's almost February and the last time I looked it was still winter! I don't know about the rest of you but the only exercise our horses have been getting, me too for that matter, is when they come in to eat. I guess I'm going to have to find an indoor arena to ride in lest I forget which end goes in front!

Our last meeting was productive. We added lots of activities to the calendar. One item I'd like to mention in particular, actually 5 items, are the "Spring Ride" Rich likes to do at Red Bluff on April 16th and 4 "Fun Rides" Dan Porter has volunteered to lead (June 11, July 23, Aug. 20, Sep. 10). There's been a lot of requests for more recreational activities so check the calendar on our website and come join the fun.

This month is our Annual Game Feed so don't forget to bring something for the pot luck style dinner. Also, Wendi and Brian will be here from the Forrest Service to bring us all up to speed from their perspective.

That's about all I have for now. I'll see 'ya at the Game Feed.

Respectfully submitted, *John Mutter*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21

John Mutter called the meeting to order and took roll call.

Sharon Fraser, Tamara Erickson, Larry Thomas, Chris Nygren, Carl Blaskovich, John Mutter, Henry Glenn, Janice Cartwright, Rich Inman, Sue Geske, Carmen Matzick, Dan Marsh, Mike Haugan, Lawrence VanDyke and Steve Thienes were in attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

Chris Nygren made a motion to accept the minutes from the December Board meeting, Janice Cartwright seconded the motion, the motion passed, and the December Minutes were accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT:

Sharon Fraser reported. Two new bills were paid.

The club is still waiting for one check for RTP reimbursement that has not yet been received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A donation from the BWAGs of \$100.00 was received, as well as a thank you note from Rich Inman for the fruit basket sent to wish him a speedy recovery.

POKER RIDE WRAP UP:

Tamara Erickson and Rich Inman reported on the Poker Ride wrap up meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS:

John reported that he spoke with Steve Thienes regarding his board position. Steve is not able to attend meetings and needs to be replaced on the board. A review of the GVBCH constitution revealed that the board may appoint a replacement and an election is not necessary.

After some discussion, the board agreed to appoint someone who ran for election last month, but was not elected. A review of last month's election results revealed that Harry Huntsinger, who ran for a board member position but was not elected, had the next highest votes received. Lawrence VanDyke made a motion to appoint Harry to replace Steve on the board, Carl Blaskovich seconded, and the motion passed.

4-H PACKING CLINIC:

The first 4-H packing clinic was held. John Mutter reported that there may be a conflict with dates at Circle L arena, and one clinic may need to be rescheduled.

Rich Inman reported that attendance was low, only 8 participants. It is possible that there are more participants signed up that did not attend, but a participant list was not available, so the issue is unclear. There was discussion regarding the participation issue, and how to best proceed with low participation numbers.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR INSURANCE:

In the past, GVBCH has only carried general liability insurance, which has been renewed. Chris Nygren recommended that the board also obtain D&O insurance, and looked into some policy options. A full proposal was sent to Sharon Fraser, which she received. Chris went over some of the policy details including cost, which is \$545 for a year.

A discussion took place to determine whether or not the GVBCH Board should obtain D&O insurance. There is an existing Montana statute that provides immunity in equine related situations. However, if there are decisions made that do not involve a horse, board members are not covered and may be liable if someone gets hurt, i.e. issues related to trail maintenance, etc.

No decision was made, and the issue was tabled for further discussion.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The annual report is due to the Secretary of State. Sharon agreed to take care of it.

SAFETY CLINIC:

A safety training / defensive horsemanship class needs to be held to satisfy USFS requirements as outlined in the "green book". Several options for satisfying the safety training were discussed, including watching a 4 hour video produced by the Forest Service, or conducting training out of the green book, involving hands on training with horses. It was decided that the first hour of the 4 hour video will be viewed in lieu of a program during an upcoming general meeting, with the balance of the training being decided upon and conducted at a later time.

John Mutter moved to adjourn the meeting, Tamara Erickson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Erickson

John Porter photo



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21

John Mutter called the meeting to order.

A motion to accept the December general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter was made by Chris Nygren, was seconded by Janice Cartwright, and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

PROGRAM:

The 2016 calendar was set in lieu of a program. The 2016 calendar can be viewed on the GVBCH website.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Fraser reported two new bills that were submitted and paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A donation from the BWAGs of \$100.00 was received, as well as a thank you note from Rich Inman for the fruit basket sent to wish him a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members are reminded that it is time to renew your GVBCH membership, which can be done online, at a general membership meeting, or by contacting Marianne Meyer.

ISSUES:

Dan reported that there has been no significant change since last meeting.

PUBLICITY:

Harry Huntsinger was not in attendance, and no publicity report was made.

NEWSLETTER:

Please submit photos or newsletter articles to Brant. Please contact Dan Marsh if you would like to receive the State newsletter in print. GVBCH members are also welcome to submit articles and photos to the state newsletter.

TRAIL CREWS:

Larry Thomas reported that he will resume leading the Wednesday trail crew in June, but will possibly begin in May, weather permitting. Larry also mentioned that he is willing to help get a Saturday trail clearing crew set up if someone is interested in volunteering to lead. Lawrence VanDyke is possibly interested in heading up a trail crew to work in wilderness areas, and will look into that possibility. Members interested in participating with a Saturday trail crew may contact Larry or Lawrence for additional information.

PROGRAM:

The February program will be presented by the Forest Service, which will be kicked off by the annual wild game feed at 6:30 PM. Members are asked to bring a pot luck dish. The kitchen at the church is available for items that need to be re-heated. A short board meeting will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting.

GOODIES FOR NEXT MEETING:

No goodies necessary for February meeting due to the wild game feed.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

John Mutter announced that GVBCH founding member, Voley Steele, recently passed away. John made a motion to send a card and floral arrangement on behalf of the club to offer condolences to the family. Tamara Erickson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Rich Inman volunteered to make arrangements and put a card together.

Henry Glenn made a motion that the club pay \$360 per year to Springhill Church for the use of the facility. Rich Inman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

The board appointed Harry Huntsinger to replace Steve Thienes in his position on the Board of Directors.

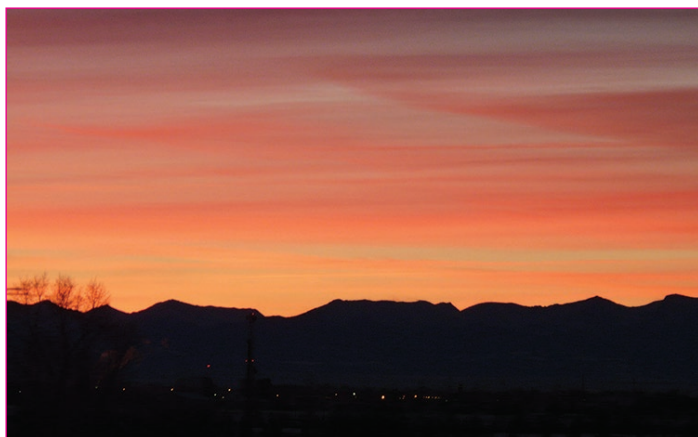
Connie Lein, with the Saddle and Harness Club, proposed that the Saddle and Harness Club join forces and participate with GVBCH due to a decline in membership.

John Mutter suggested recognizing original founding GVBCH members Wally Becker and Ron Rassley with honorary memberships in appreciation for their efforts in support of the club. Tamara Erickson made a motion in support of this idea, Sharon Fraser seconded the motion. There were some questions asked and answered, but no objections were made and the motion passed.

John Mutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tamara Erickson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Erickson

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BCHMT CONSTITUTION PROPOSED CHANGES

This first page provides a general overview of the proposed changes. The remainder ([available online](#)) is the current constitution with the proposed changes inserted—red wording (also struck out) are deletions; blue wording are additions.

This is being provided now to allow time for review prior to April 1. There will be two readings (the first at the April 1 pre-convention State Board Meeting), discussion opportunities, and if approved, a revised constitution will be in effect by the end of the convention weekend.

As a quick review, this originally came about by a suggestion to change the effective date of the State Directors to January 1. The Constitution Committee looked at the full constitution when they met. Primary and secondary memberships are being addressed. The committee discussed eliminating the limitation of the number of terms a State or National Director can hold their position, but based on discussion at the December State Board Meeting, that was not included in the proposed changes, but is, of course, open for discussion.

Nancy Pollman, Secretary, BCHMT

2016 Proposed changes to constitution - draft 1: **Proposed Change**

Why?

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| 1. Change all BCHM references to BCHMT | BCHM could refer to another state. |
| 2. Change all 'horses' references to 'stock' | Includes all our members' preferences. |
| 3. Add definitions | Clarity. Lots of confusion between Directors and Delegates. Primary and Secondary memberships are defined, as a greater number of members are enjoying membership supporting more than one chapter. Defining the difference provides guidance on rights and membership dues. |
| 4. Article I - add that we're a 501(c)3 organization | Update matches our new tax status. |
| 5. Article I - update BCHMT address to new permanent address (to be determined, in or near Kalispell) | This was approved at December 2015 state board meeting. |
| 6. Article II - revise purposes | Need to meet requirements from BCHA. Removed numbering because no one of them is more important than another. Kept our original #5 and added that to end of others; BCHA allows you to add to their list of five. |
| 7. Article III - add Section 5 providing timing of BCHMT dues payment | Clarify when payment is due |
| 8. Article IV - add Section 6 recognizing members have only one vote on state board matters | Members of multiple chapters have one state membership; therefore, they have one vote on state matters. |
| 9. Article V, Section 4D - change 'general agenda' to 'resolution' | The Resolution Committee only oversees resolutions. |
| 10. Article VI, Section 1. Define State Director term to begin January 1 | Adjust effective date for SBD term to match terms within chapters. |
| 11. Article VI, Section 3. Remove last sentence | No longer needed with change #10. |
| 12. Article VI, Section 4. Change 'office' to 'officer' | Grammatical correction. |
| 13. Article VII, Section 2. | Wording is the same, but broke into paragraphs for easier reading. |
| 14. Article VII, Section 3B. Changed 'calendar year' to '12 month period' | Provides more latitude for timing. |
| 15. Article VII, Section 5B. Changed 'Club President' to 'Chapter President' | We are not a club! |
| 16. Article VII, Section 6. Added 'email, electronic communication' | Make options for contacting SBD current with technology |
| 17. Article VII, Section 10. Changed 'office' to 'officer' | Grammatical correction. |
| 18. Article XI. Change 'at an annual or special meeting' to 'at an annual convention' | Clarify constitutional changes can only be done by delegates. |
| 19. Updated list of State Chapters. | |

GVBCH 2016 CALENDAR

JANUARY	14	6:00 pm	4-H Clinic 1	AUGUST	3		Wednesday Trail Crew
	21	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting		6		BBQ Ride
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting		8-13		Buffalo Fork
	28	6:00 pm	4-H Clinic 2	10		Wednesday Trail Crew	
FEBRUARY	13	9:00 am	4-H Clinic 3	17		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	18	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	18	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	
		6:30 pm	GVBCH General Meeting		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting	
MARCH	17	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	20		Fun Ride	
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting	24		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	26	6:00 pm	4-H Clinic 4	29-September 3		Slough Creek	
APRIL	1-3		BCHMT State Convention	31		Wednesday Trail Crew	
	9		Copper Springs Sale	SEPTEMBER	7		Wednesday Trail Crew
	16		Spring Ride Red Bluff	10		Fun Ride	
	21	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	14		Wednesday Trail Crew	
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting	15	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	
	23	9:00 am	4-H Clinic 5		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting	
MAY	19	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting	21		Wednesday Trail Crew	
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting	26-October 1		Hellroaring	
	28		Virginia City Poker Ride	28		Wednesday Trail Crew	
JUNE	1		Wednesday Trail Crew	OCTOBER	20	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting
	4		National Trails Day			7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting
	8		Wednesday Trail Crew	NOVEMBER	17	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting
	11		Fun Ride			7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting
	15		Wednesday Trail Crew	DECEMBER	3		Christmas Party
	16	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting		15	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting
			& Ice Cream Social			7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting				
	18		Pony Poker Ride				
	22		Wednesday Trail Crew				
29		Wednesday Trail Crew					
JULY	5		Poker Ride Trail Clearing				
	6		Wednesday Trail Crew				
	8	9:00 am	Flag Poker Ride				
		5:30 pm	Poker Ride Setup				
	9		Poker Ride				
	13		Wednesday Trail Crew				
	18-24		Gallatin County Fair				
	20		Wednesday Trail Crew				
	21	6:00 pm	GVBCH Board Meeting				
		7:00 pm	GVBCH General Meeting				
23		Fun Ride					
27		Wednesday Trail Crew					



Janice Cartwright photos



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