

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.

2016 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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John Mutter ... 285-0516
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Carmen Matzick ... 600-1379
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Tamara Erickson ... 451-8186

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Harry Huntzinger ... 580-2788
Chris Nygren ... 546-7550
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TWO YEAR TERM

SUE GESKE ... 581-6058
Mike Haugen ... 539-0538
Lawrence VanDyke ... 586-2440

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (2 year) ... 388-1564
Henry Glenn (1 years) ... 578-2084
Dan Marsh (Alternate) ... 587-7578

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

POKER RIDE TRAIL CLEARING : JULY 5

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : JULY 6, 13, 20, 27

FLAG POKER RIDE : JULY 8, 8:00 AM

POKER RIDE SETUP : JULY 8, 5:30 PM

POKER RIDE : JULY 9

JULY 18-24 : GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR

BOARD MEETING : JULY 21, 6:00 PM
1655 Harper Puckett Road

GENERAL MEETING : JULY 21, 7:00 PM
1655 Harper Puckett Road

FUN RIDE : JULY 23

Contact Dan Porter 539-0879

GVBCH Poker Ride
pre-registration:
[HERE](#)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I can hardly believe it's July already and the Poker Ride is right around the corner. Tamara and her crew have been working feverishly getting everything organized and ready to go. It's a big event for our little club and I always look forward to it. Everyone does what they can to help out and I believe the comradery that develops is what keeps our club strong. Every year, it just seems to get better and better. One of my favorite parts of the whole affair is the Friday evening Pot Luck. After the tents have been set up and everything is in place, we all sit around telling stories and simply enjoying each other's company.

As usual, our prize table will be literally overflowing. The troops have been out gathering donations from our faithful sponsors, who have once again been very generous. Nowhere will you find a Poker Ride with a prize table like ours. It's simply amazing! Most other rides will have a total value of \$250 - \$300. Ours will be well into the Thousands!!! Please be sure to personally thank each and every one of our sponsors for their continued support.

I'm looking forward to this year's Poker Ride and I hope you are too. Whether you ride, work a "Pop Stop" or stay in camp, be sure to come out and enjoy the fun. I can guarantee you won't be disappointed. It's the biggest event of the year!

Respectfully submitted,
John Mutter

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16

John Mutter called the meeting to order and took roll call. An abbreviated board meeting was held due to the ice cream social.

Sharon Fraser, Tamara Erickson, Chris Nygren, John Mutter, Rich Inman, Sue Geske, Carmen Matzick, Dan Marsh, Lawrence VanDyke, and Jim Allbright, were in attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

Carmen Matzick made a motion to accept minutes from last board meeting, Sharon Fraser seconded, and the motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT:

Sharon Fraser reported on new bills. Tamara Erickson made a motion to accept and pay the bills, Chris Nygren seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No new correspondence was reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Report held until general meeting.

ISSUES: Report held until general meeting.

PUBLICITY:

John proposed an idea to have magnetic signs made to be attached to trucks/trailers during trail clearing to generate more public awareness that GVBCH is out working for the public to maintain trails. A discussion was had, including similar ideas tried in the past, such as a banner worn by Rich's mule, and signs posted at trail heads. There were drawback with these that will potentially be avoided with the magnetic signs. The banner was too hot and made Rich's mule sweaty, and the signs posted at trail heads were often damaged by weather or disappeared. Tamara made a motion to pursue the idea and gather more information, such as cost, and possibly forming a committee to determine verbiage and graphics. Carmen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

NEWSLETTER:

No report on the newsletter was made.

TRAIL CREWS: Report held until general meeting.

PROGRAMS: Program report held until general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

4H PACKING CLINIC:

The 4H Trail Ride will be this weekend at the OTO ranch.

STATE BOARD MEETING:

Rich Inman attended the state board meeting and reported, including some interesting statistics, such as 33 of the 50 states in the US have BCH chapters, BCH has 14,300 members nationwide, and in 2015 members volunteered \$11.2 million dollars in volunteer hours nationwide.

New saw regulations have not yet been released. It will include a new training module, and will allow minors to use cross cut saws. First Aid training will be required for all certified sawyers.

POKER RIDE: Report held until general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Forest Plan Revision: Rich reported that a meeting will be held at Chief Joseph Middle School on June 29th from 4:30-7:30 pm. Dan Marsh added that web seminars will be available online. GVBCH has been invited to attend and it is important that the organization be represented so that our input will be heard when it comes time to make decisions.

RTP:

Rich spent time on Wednesday filling out RTP forms as the next submission is due July 1, and asked for member cooperation in providing mileage information on specific dates. The Spanish Creek, Hell Roaring, and 401 trails were chosen for submission, and the budget will be exceeded, so it will not be possible to get to some of the trails on the list. The RTP grant will be used up by the due date in October.

Rich stated that someone else will need to take over RTP submissions for next year.

BCH RENDEZVOUS:

The Wyoming Backcountry Horsemen will be hosting a rendezvous August 5-7th at Turpin Meadows Campground, Moran, WY. Campsites are available for tents or campers, and there are scenic trail rides planned that have beautiful views of the Tetons. Please see the website at www.wyomingbchrendezvous.com for details.

PONY POKER RIDE:

The Pony Poker Ride will be held Saturday June 18 at the Sitz Angus Ranch on Norwegian Creek, Harrison, MT.

A motion was made by Rich Inman to adjourn the meeting, Chris Nygren seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

–Submitted by Tamara Erickson

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16

John Mutter called the meeting to order. No program was planned as the focus of the meeting was on the upcoming Poker Ride

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING:

Carmen Matzick made a motion to accept minutes from last board meeting, Jim Allbright seconded, and the motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT:

Sharon Fraser reported. Several new bills were submitted and paid. Rich Inman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Barbara Mutter seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No new correspondence was reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP:

Marianne Meyer reported one new membership, bringing total memberships to 64, including the honorary memberships.

ISSUES:

Dan Marsh reported no new updates on LWCF.

TRAIL CREWS:

Larry Thomas reported that trail clearing has been going well, and he has been pleased to see new faces participating. The planned trail clearing on Wednesday at Porcupine in Big Sky was cancelled due to rainy weather.

Lawrence Van Dyke proposed to lead a trail clearing crew on Saturday June 18th to clear the Porcupine trail, and asked for volunteers to participate.

PROGRAMS:

The July meeting will be held at Janice Cartwright's place, and left over ice cream and smores will be served. Janice will also put on the program, which will be a discussion on bits. She will present several examples of different bits and explain the mechanics and proper use of each. Members are encouraged to bring bits and headstalls to the meeting if they have questions that she can answer.

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POKER RIDE:

Tamara Erickson reported on poker ride planning. Members submitted prizes. The prize committee will meet the evening of Thursday June 30th to sort and organize prizes, so if you have a prize or donation that has not yet been turned in, please contact Mike Haugan or Tamara Erickson.

Help is needed! There are several key positions that still need to be filled on the day of the event, Saturday July 9th, such as help in the food tent and registration tent. Please contact Tamara Erickson at TamaraErickson@msn.com, or (406)451-8186 if you are available to help.

Henry Glenn will lead a crew to clear the trail.

The flagging crew will meet at Bridger Bowl and depart the trailhead at 9AM Friday July 8th to flag the trail for the ride.

Poker Ride set up and a pot luck supper will be held at Bridger Bowl on Friday July 8th at 4PM.

NEW BUSINESS

REGIONAL FORESTER PACK TRIP:

Two representatives from GVBCB have been invited to attend the evening meal/potluck which will be held at the Monture Guard Station Cabin on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm. No board members were interested in going, and the offer is open to general members. It is approximately a 3 hour drive from Bozeman.

FOREST PLAN REVISION:

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JUNE FUN RIDE:

Dan Porter reported that the June Trail Ride at Spanish Creek was a lot of fun. Eighteen riders participated, including seven non-members.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL BY JANICE CARTWRIGHT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...

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NATIONAL PARK ANNIVERSARY:

The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. BCH placed an ad in the USA Today that offered great exposure for the organization, and our chapter contributed to the ad.

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—Submitted by Tamara Erickson





4H OTO RANCH PACKING CLINIC







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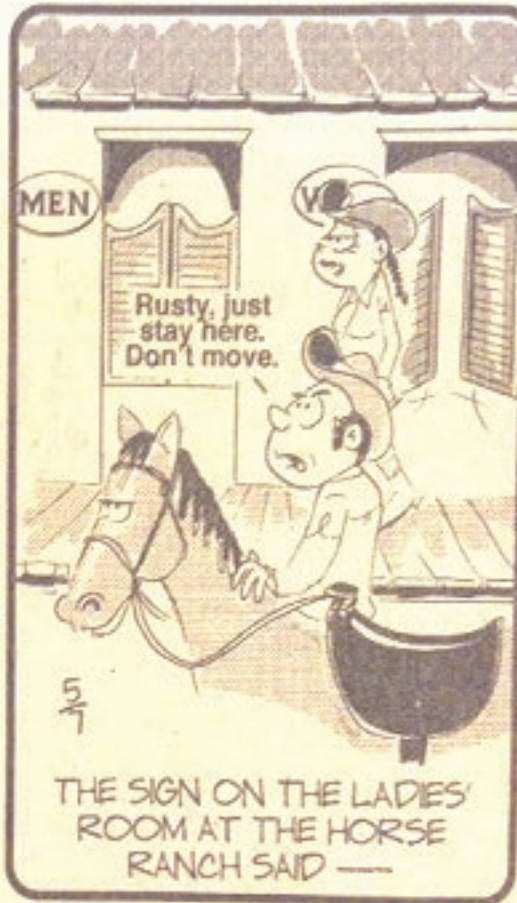
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Preferably a trail horse for older rider.
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