

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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

FOREST PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING : APRIL 3, 5:30PM – 7:45PM

Hilton Garden Inn, Larkspur Ballroom (2023 Commerce Way)

FOREST COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS : APRIL 4, 12:30-5:00

Hilton Garden Inn, Larkspur Ballroom

HORSE PACKING IN MONGOLIA : APRIL 7, 7:00-9:00 PM

Room 233, Strand Union Building, MSU

4-H CLINIC 5 : APRIL 8, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Rafter K Arena

BOARD MEETING : APRIL 20, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 20, 7:00 PM

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BCHA NATIONAL CONVENTION : APRIL 20-22

Holiday Inn, Great Falls

HASHKNIFE HORSES PACKING CLINIC : APRIL 22-23

11055 Gee Norman Road, Belgrade, call Sas for more information: 600-9310

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:
renewals are due and can be
renewed [ONLINE](#)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Greetings everyone,

I don't have a lot to say this month. I'm getting ready to head off to Polson for the Convention as I write this.

Henry's film of their "Cabin Rehab" was inspirational. It got my juices flowing and made me impatient to get this year's activities underway. I hope it did the same for you. We've got some fun projects that everyone can participate in planned for this summer.

Before I sign off, I want to send a big thank you out to Carmen for officiating at the meeting. I wasn't planning to be there and she did a fantastic job. It's not always easy, especially on your first try!

As always, ride safe and vaya con Dios (Go with God)!

John



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16**



Members Present: John M., Carmen M., Dan P., Barb M., Dan M., Rich I., Lawrence VD., Dave C., Sue G., Sharon, Marianne, Carl, Mike H.

Acceptance of last month's minutes. Dan M. motion, 2nd by Lawrence VD. Passed

FINANCE REPORT:

Sharon stated that our liability insurance premium is due this week. Did not pursue going with a new policy as it was more expensive. May look into seeing if it would be even cheaper to have the policy cover only one event, since the Poker Ride is our only public event. Dave made a motion to keep and pay the insurance. Multiple seconds. Passed. Sharon will pay the bill. Sharon will then give a copy of the insurance certificate to Rich so he can give it to the Forest Service. Discussion on the personal liability insurance for board members was tabled until next meeting. That premium is due next month. Perhaps board members may get info or direction from the State Convention.

MEMBERSHIP:

Marianne sent out 60 renewal letters. So far 30 members are active. She also read from an article about getting new members and retaining ongoing members. The article had many good ideas. Dan P. thinks there should be a membership committee to help Marianne do some of the items in the article. Discussed briefly multi-year memberships, post card reminders of special events, hard copies of the newsletter. John M. will try doing a hard copy of the next newsletter on a trial basis. Dan P. made a motion to have membership cards printed. Lawrence VD seconded. Passed. Dan P. will come up with a design. Dan M. will send him a copy of the logo for the cards.

STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

How will the board vote?

The membership vote. The delegates will all support it.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Resolution: The delegates will vote to support writing a resolution. Likely there will be much discussion and change at the State Convention.

The Forest Service Trail Maintenance Law passed. It was designed for this year to designate trail maintenance priority areas. Each Region can designate one area. The Bob Marshall Complex will likely be the area chosen for our region. However, the Spanish Peaks is also a priority area. Rich I. and Larry will monitor this for our area.

Lawrence VD showed the saw and scabbard that the club will be donating to the State Convention for an auction item. Very nice combo. Everyone approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

— Respectfully Submitted by Sue Geske

This saw and case are being donated, by our chapter, to the state convention.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16

29 members present. Welcome members.

PROGRAM:

2 DVD's were shown of the Fall 2016 Hellroaring Cabin Fix-up. The first was a short video of log dragging by Lawrence VD's mules Marvin and Clyde [see page 4]. The second was a video of Forest Service workers and other volunteers (including members of the GVBCH) replacing the sill log on the cabin using the large log that was drug by Lawrence's mules. Henry gave some great play by play interpretation of the action.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

No changes noted. Dan M. moved and Janice C. seconded to accept the minutes. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon stated that the club has \$8,266.00 in the account. The liability insurance bill was \$729.00. There were also bills for the State Convention registration and for stamps. Rich I. moved and Chris seconded that the bills be paid. Passed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Marianne talked about an article on getting and retaining members. Stated we have 30 active members in the club. Some new ones may still be coming in. John M. will mail out a hard copy of the newsletter to all members on a trial basis. Some members would really like that. Another suggestion to encourage membership was attending a "Green Drinks" meeting in town. This group allows a 10 minute introduction by a club and is often attended by about 50 people. More information will be supplied by a GVBCH member about upcoming dates.

POKER RIDE UPDATE:

The first committee meeting was held. Posters were updated. The route has not been decided yet. Always looking for volunteers to help out. Many areas can use the help. There will be a membership table set up on the day of the poker ride with "New Member Packets" being given to those that join.

OLD BUSINESS:

4H News. Mike H. thanked the members that showed up to help with the last 4H Horse Packing Clinic. 20+ kids with parents attended. Mike gave a brief explanation of the packing stations, the food preparation (THANKS CARMEN!!!) and how the kids were really making great strides in their understanding and completion of the tasks. The next clinic will be April 8, 2017. All are welcome to volunteer.

John M. Discussed the Gallatin Partnership Project. A new committee has formed to make a list of items to be submitted to the Forest Service for the revised Forest Service Plan. He had nothing else to report so far.

Photos are needed for the photo contest for the State Convention coming up. See the website for particulars. Molly or Dan M. will have info on this and can take photos to the convention for you.

Henry is selling raffle tickets for the State Convention.

Showed the saw and scabbard to the general membership that will be donated to the auction at the State Convention. Once again, everyone approved of the donation and commented on how nice it was.

Janice C. is working on the meeting programs for upcoming months. They look like interesting topics. Don't miss them!

APR: Tammie Parrot, Equine Vet

MAY: Tack talk and tack swap.
Meeting at Janice Cartwright's house.

JUN: Poker Ride discussion and ice cream social
at Janice Cartwright's house.

JUL: Katie Curry, Farrier, Hoof health

AUG: Julie Cunningham

SEP: Revised Forest Service Plan

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan M. showed some samples of pruning equipment from a new company called EZ Kut. There will be a discount to club members if anyone is interested. See Dan for purchasing.

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm.

—Respectfully Submitted by Sue Geske



LAWRENCE VAN DYKE'S MULES GOT SOME PRACTICE HAULING LOGS



While packing the crew and loads into the cabin, one of the mules would NOT step on this bridge so he returned to the trailer and his gear went on.



APRIL PROGRAM: TAMMY PARROT, EQUINE VET

Dental Health Care is often overlooked by owners. Discomfort to severe pain in the mouth can cause numerous issues with the horse's health and behaviors. Come listen to Dr. Parrot talk about options in equine dental and chiropractic work. If we're lucky, she might also share some experiences from her work as a wrangler in the back country.

Dr. Tami Parrott grew up on a small farm in New Jersey showing Morgan horses. A semester of wildlife research in Kenya and finishing her undergraduate degree at Brown University left Tami with prerequisite courses to complete before applying to veterinary school. While taking courses, she taught chemistry and biology and coached sports at a private secondary school in New Jersey. Summers, she worked as a back-country horseback trail guide for a guest ranch in Wyoming. An interest in science and love of horses as well as a growing appreciation for the mountain West led Tami to Colorado in pursuit of a career in veterinary medicine.

In May of 2011, Tami graduated from Colorado State University with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine then interned at Montana Equine Medical and Surgical Center in order to gain clinical knowledge and experience. She was subsequently hired as an associate veterinarian, practicing two years at Montana Equine. Tami is excited to now be a member of the Hardaway team. Since joining the team at Hardaway, she has become certified with the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association in equine and canine chiropractic. During off hours, Tami enjoys trail riding, hiking with her border collies, Sage and Monte, snow shoeing and skiing.



HARDWAY VETERINARY HOSPITAL
Equine Dental Chart

(406) 388-8387 phone (406) 388-3409 fax

| GENERAL INFORMATION | | DENTAL NOTES | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Date: 12/10/12 | Incisors: | | |
| Owner: Leatrice, Tami | Canines: | | |
| Horse's Name: Tami | Molars: | | |
| Breed: QH Color: Bay | | | |
| Gender: C Age: 12 yrs | | | |
| RCS (1-9): | Vital Signs (TPR): | | |
| Last Dental/Dental History: | Ulceration Present?: | | |
| Doctor/Technician: TP/CS | | | |

Owner Dental Concerns (circle): weight loss dropping feed abnormal chewing quidding head tossing head tilt large stem in feces

| SEDATION DRUGS (N/D/T) | SEDATION (mg) | SEDATION TIME | EFFECTIVENESS |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| X/D/T | 150/15 | | HEAVY ADEQ LIGHT |
| X/D | 50/2 | | HEAVY ADEQ LIGHT |

Medications Administered:

Recommended Re-check: 6 months 1 year 2 years



**GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2016 POKER RIDE:**

TOP POKER HAND PRIZES:

Rocky Mountain Hat
Madison River Propane
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Four Corners Saddlery
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
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Troxel
Montana Horse Sense
Boot Barn
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Three Forks Saddlery
Double Diamond Halter Company
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Rich Inman
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Barb Mutter
John Mutter
Chalet Market
Four Corners Saddlery
Beth Merrick
Big Sky RV

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Sorensen Veterinary Hospital
Rocky Mountain Truck Center
Freeway Enterprises
Double Diamond Veterinary
Rocky Mountain Supply
Town & Country Belgrade
Hardaway Veterinary Hospital
DaBrim
The Coffee Pot
Bridger Mountain Plumbing
Bozeman Saddle Outlet
Outback Steakhouse
Kountry Korner Café
Corral Steakhouse & Bar
B&B Plumbing

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