

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:

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 16, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

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CHRISTMAS PARTY : JANUARY 13, 2018

Hart Ranch

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Hi All,

I guess by now everyone is aware that multiple horses in Gallatin County have been positively diagnosed with Equine Infectious Anemia. That's the disease you're checking for with a Coggins test. This is a big deal because it's a reportable disease, there is no treatment for the disease and it's usually fatal. Just ask Jim Albright, he lost horses to it a few years ago! I would strongly recommend talking with your Veterinarian about it. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy of the MT Dept. of Livestock press release.

Our year is rapidly drawing to a close and with that our election of officers & board is rapidly approaching. Our nominating committee has a full slate of candidates but there is always room for more. I will open nominations for all positions, from the floor, at our next general meeting (Nov. 16th). If you would like to serve your club in a very practical way, I would encourage you to submit your name for nomination at that time.

One other thing that I want to mention is our Christmas Party. As usual we are combining with the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club again. Lee Hart has kindly agreed to let us hold it at his facility again this year. So, mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday Jan. 13th. It should be a blast!

"Till then.... Happy Trails

John

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19

Meeting Start time 6:08 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

Members present - John Mutter, Dan Porter, Mike Haugen, Dave Crisp, Carl Blaskovich, Sue Geske, Henry Glenn.

Accept minutes of the last meeting. Dan made a motion, Dave seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FINANCE REPORT:

None.

NEW BILLS:

None. There are some RTP checks that need to be distributed. Dan had possession of them.

DONATIONS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reminder about the Halloween Play Day hosted by the Saddle and Harness Club.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: None

Issues: Land and Water Conservation Bill is gaining momentum in the House of Representatives.

Publicity: None.

Trail Crews: Our club has been invited to help out with the Last Chance BCH for the National Trails Day 2018 to help out on trails in the Elkhorn Mountains. Many of the trails are closed to motorized vehicles. This year was the first year in 20 years that the trails have been cleared.

The Montana Wilderness Assoc. has also contacted Dan to see if our club would like to once again help them out next year packing tools, etc. in to wilderness areas for them. Tom Ross was the contact for them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Porter updated the board on the Gallatin Forest Partnership meetings. The partnership is developing recommendations for the Forest Service.

Christmas Party is still tentatively set for the first or second weekend in January. More details to come. We will still be responsible for 1/3 the price of the band. We will be responsible for 1/2 the cost of the meat. Henry will cook the meat.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee met on Oct. 8, 2017 and developed the following slate of nominees for the upcoming election.

President - Henry Glenn

Vice President - Chris Nygren

Secretary - Cathy Van Dyk

Treasurer - Carmen Matzick

Directors - Marianne Myer, Tamara Erickson, Larry Thomas, Rod Wilson

State Board - 2 yr. term Rich Inman, Alternate Henry Glenn

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike reported that he is working with Jon Ensign and Greg Benjamin with the 4H Horse Packing group. He will keep us informed as to when the meetings will start.

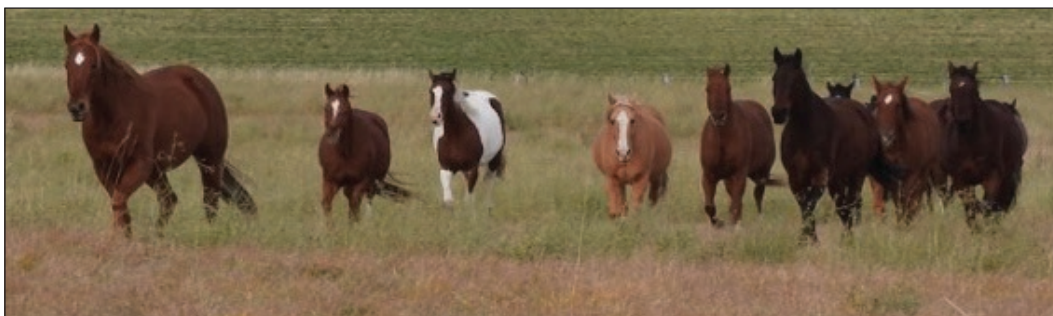
Adjourn: Henry mad a motion to adjourn meeting, Dave seconded. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

— Submitted by Sue Geske



photos by Janice Cartwright



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19

Meeting Start Time 7:03pm

Members: 16 members present, including 1 new member from Bozeman and one new member from Gallatin Gateway (previous New Mexico).

PROGRAM:

Presentation by Travis Horton of FWP on the status of invasive aquatic species in our rivers, lakes, streams.

General Meeting: Start Time 7:45pm.

Accept minutes of the last meeting. Motion made by Larry Thomas and second made by Janice Cartwright. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None.

NEW BILLS:

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Membership: Marianne reported there are 52 members total.

Issues: None.

Publicity: None.

Trail Crews: John Mutter discussed the invitation by the Last Chance BCH to help out on the next National Trails Day in June 2018 to continue to clear trails in the Elkhorn Mountains. Camping included. He had a good time riding in the area and thought it might be a fun way to have some inter-chapter work experience. General consensus was that it sounded like a good idea but the club will wait until next year (with the new board of directors) to make any final decisions.

Dan Porter mentioned that the MT Wilderness Society would like our help for the 2018 summer season in transporting/packing in various items for trail work again.

Programs: Horses for Heros next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gallatin Forest Partnership: Dan and John explained some of their work with the GFP and held up the map of the forest areas involved in much of the discussion. Their participation is ongoing and they will keep the club advised as to the final recommendations to the Forest Service.

Christmas Party: Waiting for final information about the exact date for the Christmas Party. Informed the general membership about the cost splits for the band and the meat.

Bozeman Saddle and Harness - Reminder about their play date on Sat. Oct. 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Projects or Programs: REACH helicopters wanted to do a helicopters and Horses program with horses. Discussion about that and the consensus was that it would likely make for a better meeting program.

There will be a Bicycles and Horses clinic next March 2018 for those horses that would like to be educated about bicycles. More info as it becomes available.

Nominations for the new board: Nominations are open until the November 2017 meeting. The nominating committee came up with a slate of nominees, but more nominations could be added. The slate is as follows:

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State Board- Rich Inman, Alternate- Henry Glenn


Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carl, second by Marianne. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

—Submitted by Sue Geske

Zebra / Quagga Mussel


- Genus: *Dreissena*
- Species:
 - *polymorpha* (zebra).
 - *burgensis* (quagga).
- Lifespan of 3-9 years.
- Can inhabit water depths over 400ft.
- Attach to things.
- Can survive 30 days out of the water.



Aquatic Invasive Species:

- Non-native species that cause negative impacts to the economy and the environment.
- Introduced by hitchhiking on watercraft, equipment or aquarium releases.
- Invasive plants, snails, crawfish, fish, pathogens, mussels.

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