

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:

BCH STATE CONVENTION : APRIL 6-8

Trade Center, Fergus County Fairgrounds, Lewistown [LINK](#)

MSU SPRING RODEO : APRIL 12-15

MSU COLT STARTING CLASS : APRIL 14

Copper Springs Ranch

BOARD MEETING : APRIL 19, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 19, 7:00 PM

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FOREST PLAN REVISION : APRIL 21, 10:00 AM

Hilton Garden Inn; [LINK](#)

VIRTUAL OPTION : APRIL 21 : [LINK](#)

SHORTER PRESENTATION: APRIL 26, 2:30 PM : [LINK](#)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello, Horsemen

The calendar says Spring but we still have a lot of snow in Sedan, Montana. I want to say thanks to Carmen for getting all the logistics in order for the 4-H Clinic at the Fairgrounds on May 5th. All those that can help please contact Carmen and let her know. Great program on Horse nutrition at the March meeting. I would encourage everyone to attend the meetings to get a lot of good information on a variety of subjects pertaining to the Back Country Horsemen way of life. Thanks to Janice and Rich for all their hard work planning for guest speakers. We have some new members so please come on out to the meetings and make them welcome. April meeting is about Grizzly Bears so don't miss this opportunity to learn about ole Griz.

Please check the Club Calendar for all the events that are planned for this Summer. The MTBCH convention is April 7 and 8 at Lewistown MT. Rich says that there is still time to purchase raffle tickets. Lots of good prizes this year so contact Rich if you want tickets.

Now if I could only get excited about Mud Season.
May God Bless the trails you ride.

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, Dan Porter, Kathy Van Dyke, John Mutter, Tim McWilliams; Carmen Matzick is standing proxy for Tamara Erickson; Rich Inman is standing proxy for Rod Wilson

Called to order by Henry

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

Chris moved to approve the minutes as written; Marianne seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking account. She received an insurance bill of \$729 for Poker Ride coverage. We discussed whether to have coverage for Steak Ride and Rich agreed to find out what it would cost for additional coverage added onto Poker Ride policy.

John Mutter submitted bills; Carmen paid for the PO box for the year.

OLD BUSINESS

4-H

The packing event will be on May 5 at the fairgrounds. There will be a meeting on March 16 at 4:00 at Carmen's to set the agenda which will then be sent out to interested groups. She'll also send agenda out to members and ask for volunteers.

POKER RIDE

The first committee meeting was held; Dan Marsh prepared a draft of the flyer, and a list was compiled of the various tasks that need to be done. Dan Porter suggested that we ask every club member to attempt to obtain a donated prize.

STATE MEETING

Photos for the contest must be ready to go soon, and they can be given to Henry, Rich, Chris, John or Dan Marsh. Henry noted that there's still room on dinner train, and Rich still has raffle tickets for sale.

The board previously approved the purchase of 8 new tables for use at the Poker Ride. Rich requested a blank check payable to Walmart so he can make the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim McWilliams talked about doing official photography gratis for club special events. He also talked about shared trails, especially bikes in Hyalite. He would like to see better signage and posting so it's more obvious to cyclists. It was noted that any signage must be approved by the Forest Service. Henry stated that he has artwork from several years ago that was not approved at that time but felt it might be worth raising the issue again. Dan Porter suggested talking to Wendy about better signage since enforcement isn't happening, and Henry said he will talk with Wendy. Rich said that because we don't maintain trails in the area it's not really in GVBCH'S purview to seek a remedy, and some discussion ensued. It was noted that we should encourage people who have a bad experience to complain to the Forest Service.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marianne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19**

PROGRAM

Crystal White, with CHS Nutrition, spoke about equine nutrition.

CALL TO ORDER

Henry called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Janice made a motion to pass the January minutes as written; Carmen seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking account.

4-H

Carmen reported that there will be a meeting to formulate an agenda March 16. The event will be on May 5 at the fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be provided.

HORSE/BIKE SAFETY CLINIC

The clinic will be held on March 17 at the Diamond E Ranch in Belgrade. For bikers, hikers and horses to learn how to get along on multiple use trails. Those interested will need to sign up for it and schedule a session.

POKER RIDE



Dave and Nancy reported that more volunteers are needed. This year the sweep riders will be separate from the de-flaggers (the latter will go out on Sunday). They asked that everyone try to obtain one donated prize. This is a major event and requires lots of volunteer effort.

STATE MEETING

Dan has submitted photos on behalf of the chapter. Eight delegates are attending. There is still space on dinner train, and raffle tickets are still available.

Dan Marsh reported on the CHILI FEED with the Gallatin Saddl & Harness Club last weekend and noted that it was very successful.

Janice reminded everyone to provide her and Rich with PROGRAM IDEAS.

LOWLINE TRAIL SYSTEM

A question was raised about this trail system from Rock Creek/Clyde Park to the Shields River. The old trail was good, but the new proposed trail is in an awful area. There is an organization that is working to make people aware of the potential loss of use and to get the Forest Service to step up and start pursuing legal means to keep the trails open. Info will be published in newsletter regarding how to get involved.

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

— Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



CHILI FEED



photos by Janice Cartwright



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