

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:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAY : AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Contact Larry: 586-6878

FUN RIDE : AUGUST 4

Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

STEAK RIDE : AUGUST 11, 4 PM

Henry & Molly's place :

SLOUGH CREEK: AUGUST 13-16

Contact Henry Glenn 578-2084

BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 16, 6:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road

GENERAL MEETING : AUGUST 16, 7:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road

FUN RIDE : AUGUST 25

Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

BUFFALO FORK: AUGUST 27-30

Contact Henry Glenn 578-2084



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello fellow Horsemen,

Summer is in full swing and the Wednesday trail crew is busy. Thanks to all who have helped Larry with this monumental task. Call him by Tuesday evening if you want to go.

The 31st Poker Ride is in the books and was safe and profitable for our Chapter of BCH. Many thanks to Dave and Nanci Marx for a great job. Also want to thank all the many volunteers who made it possible. 212 registered riders had a great time.

We will be gearing up for our annual A-B Wilderness trips soon so let me know if you are interested in going. The dates are on the calendar. I will have details soon.

We have a great guest speaker, she is a member, for our August meeting, Stacy will talk about how to deal with horse emergencies.

May God Bless the Trails you ride.

Henry, President

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Kathy Van Dyke

Called to order by Henry

MINUTES OF JUNE 2018 MEETING

John moved to approve the minutes as written; Carmen seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and saving accounts. She received \$4,570 in cash and checks from the Poker Ride; this figure does not include PayPal payments for pre-registrations.

TRAILER

Henry noted that it would cost about \$7,000 for a new cargo trailer. Discussion followed with no consensus, and the topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

POKER RIDE

The ride was safe and successful, and feedback has been great. Several suggestions were made for next year including: (1) Someone from the flagging group should go with the pre-ride clearing crew so they know the route; (2) the Pop Stops should be "designed" so participants can't ride up to the tables; (3) all Pop Stops should have manure forks available; and (4) a "No Refunds" policy should be reflected in all advertising materials.

MEETING LOCATION

There is a possibility that Springhill Church will no longer be available for meetings. Further discussion will be necessary regarding possible venues.

Henry asked for a motion that the club give \$100 to Dave and Nanci Marx in thanks for planning the Ride. Chris made a motion, Carl seconded, and the motion carried.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PROGRAM

Janice Cartwright set up a "tack challenge" to test our knowledge of good and bad tack practices.

Call to Order: Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Molly made a motion to pass the June minutes as written; Larry seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and saving accounts. She received \$4,570 in cash and checks from the Poker Ride.

POKER RIDE

The ride was safe and successful this year with 212 riders. It was suggested that in future the number be restricted to 200-250 riders to keep the event manageable.

Nanci noted that a 3x5 "thank you" ad in the Chronicle would cost \$259. Nanci moved to purchase the ad, and Rich seconded; the motion carried. The ad will list every business and individual who donated prizes for the event. Nanci indicated that she will also write thank-you notes to the donors.

BOARD MEMBER

Henry announced that David Crisp has resigned from the board. Chris moved and Rich seconded that Vern Campbell be nominated to fill the remainder of David's term; the motion carried.

FUN RIDE

A fun ride is scheduled for August 4. Dan Porter is in charge.

BBQ RIDE

The ride will be on August 11 at Henry and Molly's place. A suggestion was made that the Spanish Creek cabin be reserved for the 2019 ride and Henry said he'd check into it.

PROGRAM

Stacy Bosworth will do the program in August and it will address services that may be necessary in cases of "horse emergencies". The meeting will be at Janice's again.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

POKER RIDE



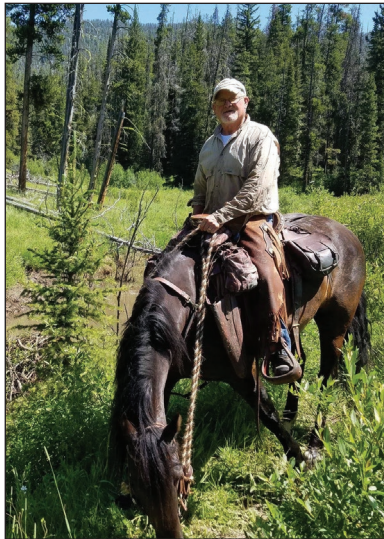
WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, JULY 11

On July 11th, after our Poker Ride the Wednesday Crew led by Larry Thomas along with Wayne Frederickson, Jim Allbright, Rich Inman, Mark DeOpsomer, Lew Goodpasture, Dan Marsh, John Mutter and Ron Rohletter headed up the 407 trail and Larry, Dan, Mark, Jim and Lew went toward Jerome Rock Lakes while Rich, John, Ron and Wayne headed to Mirror Lake. The Jerome crew took out about 20 trees with lots of sawing while the Mirror crew removed a bunch of small trees and a half dozen bigger trees. The Jerome crew got to the High Lakes trail on top and turned around. There is still a need to do some brush clearing on the Jerome trail but of course the nippers went with the Mirror crew.



WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, JULY 18

On July 18, the Wednesday crew, led by Rich Inman (Larry was busy haying) and his crew of Dan Marsh, Wayne Frederickson, Vern Campbell and Lew Goodpasture, went up New World Gulch via Moonshine #438 to the #153 Bear Lakes trail and turned around back down the New World Gulch trail #150. We only had to cut out 4 logs but we entertained ourselves tearing out a beaver pond that had backed up the water to about 4 feet over the trail. We also put in a temporary bridge next to one that was getting dangerous to cross. Before the ride, we met a film crew for American Hero Outdoors at the trailhead that was doing a video on one of our early chapter members Tom Griffith. Tom is looking great and still skis every year! I'll post a link to the video when it is released.



BUFFALO HORN PACK TRIP

Wednesday, July 25th, found Larry's trail crew packing bridge planks into the Buffalo Horn third bridge which washed out this spring during high water. The crew included Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh, Vern Campbell, Jim and Corinne Martin, and Rich Inman. The bridge planks were 3"x12"x 6 feet and weighed between 50 and 60 pounds each. We decided to pack 2 planks on each horse. Livingston Ranger District loaned us log bunks which made the balancing job much easier. After some trial and error we figured out the right balance point to keep the planks from rubbing on the stock. It was about 2 miles to the drop point where Josh and the Bozeman RD trail crew were preparing the site for the new bridge. We stopped once on the first trip to tighten some of the lash ropes. Not bad for people who have not packed much 6 foot bridge plank. Harriet and Mandy have packed planks before although some time ago. Dan's pack horse (Flash) had not packed plank before but did good. Our second trip went well and by the third trip we were taking 1.5 hours to load and make the round trip of about 4 miles. The horse flies accompanied us on each trip so the stock had something to keep them busy. All in all it was a successful pack trip that provided us the opportunity to renew our bridge plank packing skills which had been unused for some time. The cold drinks provided by Dan and Rich at the end of the last turn were a great way to cap off a great day in Buffalo Horn.

—Rich Inman





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