The Picket Line

BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM GENERAL MEETINGS: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 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.

2018 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

President

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084 sedancowboy@outlook.com VICE PRESIDENT Chris Nygren ... 546-7550 chrisnygren@berglawfirm.com TREASURER Carmen Matzick ... 600-1379 SECRETARY Kathy VanDyke ... 586-2440

DIRECTORS

One Year Term Carl Blaskovich ... 388-4640 Vern Campbell ... 570-6117 Dan Porter ... 539-0879

Two Year Term Tamara Erickson ... 451-8186 Marianne Meyer ... 585-4780 Rod Wilson ... 539-1338

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 1, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM The FairBridge Inn, Missoula

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 20, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : DECMBER 20, 7:00 PM

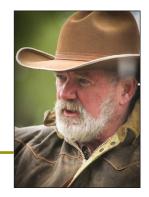
Springhill Church

Holiday Party : January 19

Broken Hart Ranch

NOTE: Later meeting time

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP <u>ONLINE</u>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone.

As we transition from Fall to Winter I hope everyone is prepared and is looking forward to the time of rest.

Our December Meeting will be short and sweet, literally, if everyone brings their favorite Christmas treat. The only business will be the election of officers and directors for the coming year. We are going to party while the ballots are counted and fellowship for a while and go home. So come and enjoy the treats. I have it on good authority that there will be some special treats.

A reminder for everyone to renew your membership dues for 2019 they are due by January 1st.

Our Winter party will be held on January 19th instead of the 12th as had been earlier planned because of a scheduling conflict with Hart Ranch.

We will need volunteers to decorate the hall and and coordinate the food so we have a verity and enough food. Molly and I will smoke brisket again this year.

Would like to have everything in place at the December meeting. Merry Christmas,

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Dan Porter, Kathy Van Dyke, Rod Wilson, Rich Inman, Vern Campbell; Rich stood proxy for Tamara Erickson Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2018 MEETING

Marianne moved to approve the minutes as written, Carl seconded, and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. She has received the Forest Service deposit of \$1,800 and it's been disbursed. John presented a \$300 bill for printer toner, and there ensued a discussion whether to continue printing color copies of newsletter (yes, we will). Rich moved to accept the report, Marianne seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee presented the following slate:

President: Henry Glenn; Vice-President: Chris Nygren; Treasurer: Carmen Matzick; Secretary: Kathy VanDyke; Directors: Carl Blaskovich, Vern Campbell, Lew Goodpasture; State director: Dan Marsh with Henry Glenn as the alternate. The returning directors are Tamara, Marianne and Rod.

Per Dan Marsh, officers don't have a vote at state – only delegates have a vote.

MEMBERSHIP

Per Marianne, there are 23 singles and 24 families for total of 47 paid memberships.

The next meeting will be on December 20. We should all bring Christmas goodies.

New Business

HOLIDAY PARTY

The party was tentatively set for January 12 at Broken Hart. If we'd like to have music, Henry suggested Jessica Lightner or the same band we had in January 2018. John had another suggestion and will go see a performance to see how good they are. Henry noted that he'll ask for party set-up volunteers at the general meeting.

MEETING FORMAT

Henry began a discussion about whether to change board and general meeting formats in order to address redundancies (he doesn't want to present the same information at both meetings). Board meetings should only relate to board business, and general business should be discussed at the general meetings. Board meetings need to be held monthly, as do general meetings. We discussed preparing an agenda to determine in advance how long a board meeting would need to be. December and January board meetings will begin at 6:30.

CHURCH DONATION

John moved that the Club donate \$360 to Springhill Church as thank you for use of facility; Rich seconded, and the motion carried.

POKER RIDE

Henry was informed that Dave and Nancy will not chair the Poker Ride committee in 2019 so we'll need to find person/people/couple to plan it. We'll need to have someone in place by February and will address this issue at the December and January meetings in order to have someone in place by February.

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

-Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15

PROGRAM

Pastor Shane Yates presented a program on his ministry with Task Force Heroes (serving military, law enforcement and other first responders).

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Janice Cartwright made a motion to accept the October minutes as written; Dan Porter seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. Some additional bills have been paid as well as state dues and a donation to Springhill Church. Lawrence VanDyke moved to accept the report, Janice seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

HOLIDAY PARTY

The party has been tentatively set for January 12 at Broken Hart ranch. We need to pay for the facility this time so have offered to pay \$300 for use. There's no band yet but we're working on it. Vern moved, Carl seconded, to pay \$300 to Lee Hart to use facility for party, and the motion carried. Henry asked for three volunteers to be in charge of decorating & food—no hands were raised so we'll need to follow up on this at December meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING

The only agenda item is the election so the meeting will be short and will segue into a party. Everyone should bring Christmas goodies.

RTP GRANT

Dan Marsh finally got the forms and he's starting to fill them out now. He will likely need additional info from members.

New Business

MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your memberships. If you're on the ballot you need to be a member. The Club currently has 47 memberships.

POKER RIDE

Dave and Nancy can't plan the Poker Ride in 2019 so we'll need a new "event organizer". That appointment needs to be in place by the February 2019 meeting.

Nominating Committee

Rich Inman presented a slate consisting of the following officers: President: Henry Glenn; Vice-President: Chris Nygren; Treasurer: Carmen Matzick; Secretary: Kathy VanDyke. Rich opened the officer positions to nominations from the floor; no additional nominations were made. Dan moved, and Lawrence seconded that nominations be closed, and the motion carried. Rich next presented a slate of Directors consisting of Carl Blaskovich, Vern Campbell, and Lew Goodpasture. Rich opened director positions to nominations from the floor; no additional nominations were made. John moved, and Carl seconded, that nominations be closed, and the motion carried.

Rich next presented a slate for the State director position consisting of Dan Marsh with Henry Glenn as the alternate. Rich opened director positions to nominations from the floor; no additional nominations were made. Vern moved, and Janice seconded that nominations be closed, and the motion carried.

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

-Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

TIDBITS FROM JANICE CARTWRIGHT



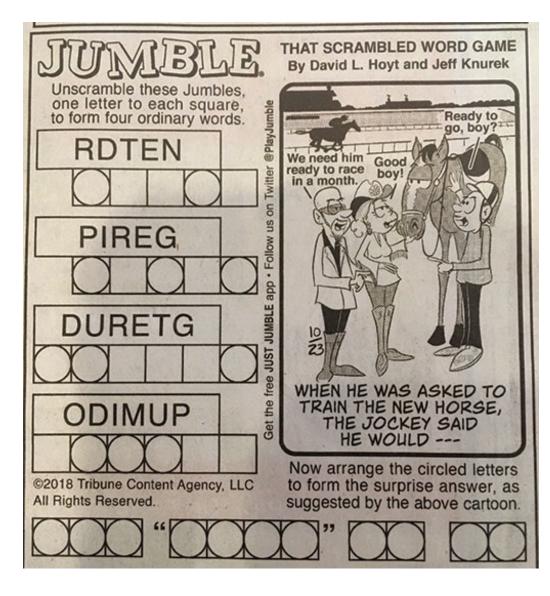


This photo was accepted by the Draft Horse Calendar 2019, February month. I took it of some neighbors (Ethan and Russ Kamerman) while snowshoeing in their field.









Horse

crosses

A female horse crossed with a male donkey (jack) = a mule (usually sterile).

A male horse crossed with a female donkey (jenny) = a hinny (usually sterile).

A horse crossed with a zebra = a zorse.

A donkey crossed with a zebra = a zedonk or zonkey.

So, what is a burro? It is a donkey in the wild.

Bones

Most horses have about 205 bones in their body. Most horses have 18 ribs, 6 lumbar vertebrae, and 18 tail vertebrae. However, one of the oldest breeds of horses, the Arabian, can have just 17 ribs, 5 lumbar vertebrae, and 16 tail vertebrae.

Helmets: Every horse, every ride

Sixty percent of all riding accidents leading to death are due to head injuries.

The best of horses can trip and unexpectedly fall to the ground with a rider. A fall on a horse that is standing still or walking can be just as dangerous as when the horse is moving.

Jumping, breaking young horses, speed events, and so on have an even higher risk of accidents.

Most trainers require students under the age of 18 to wear a helmet, even though the dangers can be just as great for adults (many of whom would rather not mess up their hair).

Bike helmets and skateboard helmets do not provide adequate protection. All helmets should be made specifically for horses and should have a label that says they are approved by a recognized standards organization.

Helmets come in a variety of fun colors and patterns that encourage their use.

It is estimated that headrelated injuries have decreased by 50 percent in the U.S. since certified helmets have been used.

Focus fix

Whereas humans have self-adjusting eye lenses, horses must move their heads to adjust their lenses. To see far away, a horse will raise its head (for example, when approaching a jump). To see close in front, a horse will lower its head and bring in its nose (when walking over a log, for instance).

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