

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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TWO YEAR TERM

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 18, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 18, 7:00 PM

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CHRISTMAS PARTY : JANUARY 13, 2018

Broken Hart Ranch

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone,

I Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and are ready for a exciting 2018. Back Country Horsemen had a lot of successes in 2017 and we face many challenges in 2018.

I have been attending meetings with MWA to partner with them on some trail work in the coming year. They would provide the labor on foot and we would provide the pack stock and trail boss for a few projects on the Gallatin Custer Forest. We will be looking to each of you to contribute where and when you can. While it is winter is a good time to repair your tack and be ready for the busy summer season.

We will have our annual calendar meeting in January so bring dates for any events that you wish to be on the Club calendar.

We are having our Holiday party on January 13th at Broken Hart Ranch so all come with a festive attitude and enjoy some great food and music as well as fellowship with each other.

I want to take a moment and thank John Mutter and all who served in the past year for your efforts on behalf of the GVBCH. We could not continue to exist and thrive without volunteers like each of you. As Rich famously says "Many Thanks" from all of us.

May God Bless the trails you ride.

Henry Glenn, President

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21**

ROLE CALL

John Mutter, Tamara Erickson, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Lawrence Van Dyke, David Crisp, Marianne Meyer, Carl Blaskovich, Henry Glenn, Jim Albright, Sharon Fraser, and Mike Haugan were present. Rich Inman is standing proxy for Sharon Fraser, Jim Albright is standing proxy for Carmen Matzick.

Motion to pass the November board meeting minutes was made by Dan Marsh, Lawrence Van Dyke seconded and the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Sharon Fraser reported that no new bills were submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Mutter received a letter from Montana Wilderness Association asking for GVBCCH support regarding their position on the proposed legislation regarding wilderness study areas. A discussion was held.

Dan Porter made a motion to support the state's letter and the position outlined in the MWA's letter in opposition to Senator Daines' bill SB2206 regarding Wilderness Study Areas. Jim Albright seconded the motion, the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are due and payable, particularly to those running for officer or director positions.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding a clarification of the rules for elections.

Annual Financial Audit: Dan Marsh and Carl Blaskovich agreed to assist with the annual financial audit.

Thank You Letter to Forest Service: John Mutter drafted a letter thanking key members of the Forest Service team, particularly Cody and Wendy. He also asked that the coordinator position be retained and asked for feedback from the board. Everyone agreed that the letter be sent as is, and everyone present had the opportunity to sign the letter.

Public Corrals Signs: Two very nice looking signs were made to post at Spanish Creek and Sage Creek.

RTP Grant: Rich Inman and Dan Marsh were asked that the chapter make a decision regarding whether or not to pursue participating with the RTP program.

Lawrence Van Dyke made a motion to pursue the RTP Grant. Dan Porter seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

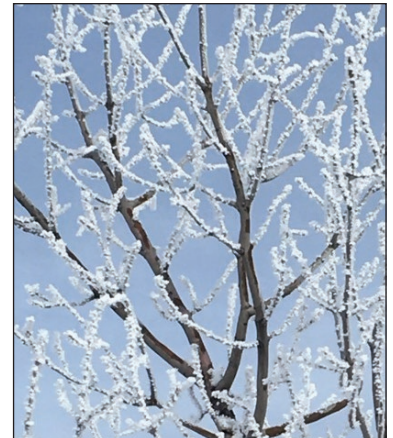
4-H: Mike Haugan received an email from 4-H regarding the packing clinic and if the club was planning to support the program moving forward in 2018. Mike asked if the board supports doing the packing clinics next year. A discussion was held and the tabled until next month.

Elections: John Mutter clarified the election process because there is only one nomination for each position, no paper ballots will be cast.

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

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson

Photos by Janice Cartwright



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21**

Rich Inman made a motion to pass the November minutes, Molly Glenn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

PROGRAM

There will be no program next month as the yearly scheduling will be done. February will be the wild game feed and the Forest Service District Ranger has been asked to speak.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Fraser reported on finances.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne Meyer reported that 8 members have renewed their membership for next year. She also mentioned that all new officers and directors need to be current on their membership and dues need to be paid.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held at Broken Hart Ranch January 13th, 2018. Henry will providing the meat and is asking for someone to coordinate with the Saddlelites and Saddle and Harness Club. We need RSVP's. Tamara agreed to contact Diane with the Saddlelites and ask her to send a head count to Molly.

Rich Inman mentioned that founding member Wally Becker is turning 88 years old on January 12th, the day before the Christmas Party and suggested the club acknowledge his birthday.

John Mutter offered to send Wally a birthday card from the club.



NEW BUSINESS

BCHM Constitution: The Constitution has been modified again and can be reviewed online at <http://www.bchmt.org/index.html> and corrections suggested before it is voted on.

Public Corrals Signs: Rich Inman had two signs made for the Sage Creek and Spanish Creek public use corrals.

Letter to the Forest Service: John Mutter drafted a letter thanking key members of the Forest Service team, particularly Cody and Wendy. He also asked that the coordinator position be retained. Everyone present had the opportunity to sign the letter.

ELECTION RESULTS

President: Henry Glenn

Vice President: Chris Nygren

Secretary: Kathy Van Dyke

Treasurer: Carmen Matzick

Directors: Marianne Meyers, Tamara Erickson, Rod Wilson

Directors, 1 Year: Carl Blaskovich, David Crisp,
Dan Porter

State Board: Rich Inman

Alternate: Henry Glenn

Janice Cartwright made a motion to accept the nominees on the ballot for their positions since there is only one nominee for each position. Jim Albright seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

— Submitted by Tamara Erickson



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