

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 in their 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:

JULY 7 : POKER RIDE

Bridger Bowl

Pre-register [HERE](#), closes July 2

WINDOW ROCK : JULY 14

Hyalite Reservoir

BOARD MEETING : JULY 19, 6:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road

GENERAL MEETING : JULY 19, 7:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAY : JULY 11, 18, 25

call Larry: 586-6878

BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR : JULY 18-24

Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Jan Elpel has horse pasture for two horses available for six months, south of Bozeman, 406-587-5844.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello All,

A big shout out to our own Tamara Erickson who represents us well on the Bozeman Saddle-ites. Also a big shout out to Larry Thomas and the trail crew: good job on keeping our trails open. See our [FACEBOOK](#) page for details and photos of GVBCH events. Thanks to Janice Cartwright for hosting the monthly meetings. Our July meeting will be at Janice's as well.

Final preparations for the 31st Annual Poker Ride is underway. All those who have volunteered to work on Saturday, July 7th are appreciated. We will be setting up on Friday evening, July 6th starting about 4pm in the parking lot of Bridger Bowl. Molly and I will provide pulled pork and buns so please if someone would bring a vinegar-based slaw that would be great. We will eat after we finish setting up the tents and have everything in order.

We will be clearing the poker ride trails on Tuesday, July 3, in case of rain we will try Thursday, July 5th. Meet at the Bridger Bowl parking lot at 9am, if you would like to help with the trails. It will be a fun time.

Hope to see everyone at the Poker Ride.

Henry, President

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

Called to order by Henry

MINUTES OF MAY 2018 MEETING

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

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts.

TRAILS

Rich reported that "trail day" on June 20 was cancelled due to muddy conditions. He also reported that there is a "work day" on Saturday with the "bike crew" on South Cottonwood; Rich will be packing the tools.

TRAILER

Henry noted that it would cost between \$5,000-\$7,000 for a new 3x20 cargo trailer. It was determined that we'll see how the Poker Ride goes with the current trailer and decide whether to present the idea to the membership at that point.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne stated that there are 44 paid and 12 honorary members.

POKER RIDE

Trail clearing, led by Henry, will be on Tuesday, July 3, with Thursday, July 5 being an alternate day to finish any remaining work. A discussion was held regarding possible routes.

Friday will be Flagging Day, with tent set-up beginning at 4:00 and a potluck to follow.

Dan Marsh noted that pre-registration has been very slow, and that the deadline for pre-registration is July 2.

Dan Porter has posters that should be placed around town.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

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

MINUTES

Nancy made a motion to pass the May minutes as written; Janice seconded; the motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP

Marianne stated that there are 44 paid and 12 honorary members.

TRAILS

Larry gave the trail update. Last week's trail work was cancelled due to rain and mud.

FUNDRAISING

Verbiage was proposed for participating in "Give Big" for next year. Henry will take it to the Board for consideration and will bring it up later.

POKER RIDE

Trail clearing, led by Henry Glenn, will be on Tuesday, July 3, with Thursday, July 5 being an alternate day to finish any remaining work.

Friday will be Flagging Day and Janice will lead that crew. If you would like to participate, please call Janice. All are welcome.

Tent set-up will begin on Friday, July 6 at 4:00. John will bring the trailer up and Rich will stay the night as he has done in the previous years. A potluck will follow set-up; Henry will provide the meat and others should bring a side to share.

Nancy thought that the stations were pretty much covered but additional volunteers would be welcome.

Alice and Mike will do prizes again this year, and Alice, Mike and Beth will do the prize board.

There needs to be a better job of thanking our donors for the prizes. There will be a follow up meeting regarding this.

Members were reminded to put addresses on the receipts for the donated items.

Pepsi is donating pop and water again this year.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



Tamara Erickson at the Wilsall Rodeo Parade

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, SPANISH CREEK, JUNE 2,



WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, JUNE 6

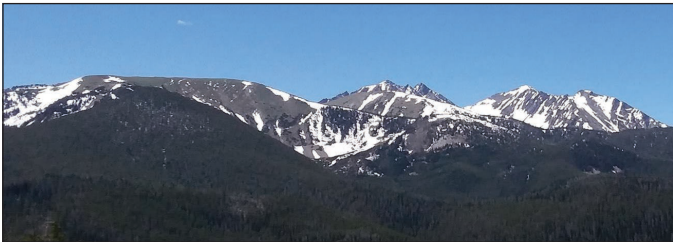
On June 6th, the Wednesday Trail Crew led by Larry Thomas and his band of merry trail cleaners including Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, Wayne Frederickson, Liz Lewis, Carmen Matzick, John & Pam Rounds, Mark DeOpsomer, Lew Goodpasture, Tom Lamb and Bonnie Hammer. We had great weather for the day with just a chance of showers for the afternoon. The people with saws went up to the Y and the rest went up Falls Creek with the tools. We only had to remove a half dozen trees but we ran into a 30+ incher that took a couple of hours to remove with wedges and lots of sawing. We had to leave one bad leaner up Falls Creek and got a lot of water off the trail.



WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING JUNE 13

On Wednesday (6/13), Larry Thomas and the trail crew headed up Little Hell Roaring trail #400 to see what winter and a wet cool spring had left for us to maintain. Trail clearing started in the first 1/4 mile and continued all the way. Being a non-wilderness trail we chainsawed our way through 20+ lodgepole blow down. We did not encounter any large trees (20+") like we did the previous week. Apparently Larry could feel the "ghost of Wally" pointing at his watch about 12:30 and the crew of seven stopped for lunch on an open ridge that provided a beautiful panorama of the white capped Spanish Peaks. We had just run into 4+ feet of snow on the trail making it impassible. Clearing to the junction with the Indian Ridge trail will have to wait for another day.

John Rounds could not get his saddle to keep from sliding over the withers of his horse and ended up walking most of the way back to the trail head. With a big smile on his face John said that "walking sucks". When we arrived back at the trail head about 4:00pm, there were cold drinks and some great snack bars that Carmen baked for the crew to enjoy. Great way to end the day.



WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, JUNE 27

We had a gorgeous day for our June 27 Wednesday trail clearing. We had a dozen riders with Larry Thomas as the trail boss along with Rich Inman, Ron Rohletter, Dan Marsh, John Muter, Jim and Brenda Allbright, Vern and Mary Campbell, Wayne Frederickson, Mark DeOpsomer and Carmen Matzick. We went toward Onion Basin and did a 16 mile loop and 2800 feet in elevation gain. Both the horses and riders were happy to get back to the trailers. We cut out about 50 trees with 35 of them from the Eaglehead turn off. Jim had his horse go down on him just after a big bog but both the horse and Jim got out without a scratch. It was a long day but we cleared a lot of downfall and a couple bad leaners.



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