

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:

1ST AID/CPR FOR SAWYERS : MAY 5 & 21

see page 4 for details

CRAIG JOHNSON CLINIC : MAY 12-13

Diamond E Ranch

CHAINSAW & CROSSCUT TRAINING : MAY 13 & 19

see page 4 for details

BOARD MEETING : MAY 17, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : MAY 17, 7:00 PM

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WILD HORSE PLAINS POKER RIDE : MAY 19

Jones Ranch Road, Jones Ranch Rd, Plains, MT

BCHMT BOARD MEETING: MAY 19

Dinner Bell, 469 Gold Creek Rd, Goldcreek

WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAY : MAY 23 & 30

weather/snow permitting. Larry: 586-6878

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 1-3

Eagle Guard Station



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello to all

I want to take a moment to welcome the new members and to let them know that we are available for questions and are willing to help as needed, so please don't suffer in silence.

Just as we hoped Winter had finally taken a trip back North for the last time, we woke up to over 12" of new snow and no electric power for 12 hrs. I have given up on Spring and am now hoping that Summer does come along.

There will be Saw training and CPR/First Aid training by the Forest Service in Bozeman so please see note from Cody elsewhere in the newsletter.

Now is a good time to get those vaccinations and Coggins test so you are ready to go this Summer. We have club members who are veterinarians and so can answer all your questions. You must have a current Coggins to pass through Yellowstone Park.

We are gearing up for another great Poker Ride and will need a slew of volunteers. Please see Dave or Nanci Marx if you can help. All new members this is a good time to volunteer for your club.

Also, please read the minutes as they have pertinent info about what is going on and up-coming. Of note is we will not be having a 4-H clinic this year due to not enough 4-H participants. The OTO weekend is also canceled for this year.

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, David Crisp, Dan Marsh, Kathy Van Dyke, John Mutter, Tamara Erickson, Dan Porter

Called to order by Henry

### MINUTES OF MARCH 2018 MEETING

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

### FINANCE

Carmen reported on the club checking and savings accounts. She recently received some bills for payment. Chris reported that we have filed our annual report with the Montana Secretary of State as well as the necessary federal tax-exempt form.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 4-H PACKING CLINIC

Carmen was in touch with 4-H group; only 3 kids are interested and it was agreed that we won't run the program for so few. It'll be on hold for this year and will be considered again in 2019. OTO will not happen in 2018, either.

### POKER RIDE:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 24. Several of the major donors have already agreed to contribute. Rich and Henry are almost done with the permit application.

### STATE CONVENTION

Issues discussed: 1) The "Bikes in the Wilderness" bill is stalled; 2) The trail budget for 2018 is up slightly but our region probably won't see an increase; 3) The fire budget is down from 56% to 40% of the budget so other functions won't have to give as much money to the fire program; 4) There is one new chapter – Trout Creek – with 22 members; 5) We were assigned to do an article for the state newsletter by May 10 [Henry will ask Molly to put something together, e.g., photos of Slough Creek project]; 6) The next convention is March 1-3 in Great Falls (Charlie Russel chapter); 7) Amendments to the state constitution were approved with little ado; 8) Dan Marsh is the new state treasurer; 9) There was discussion about having a "youth" membership but the discussion did not proceed very far; 10) The regional pack trip for the Forest Service will be expanded to allow legislators, politicians, etc. and will be held from June 6-8, 2018. Mack Long is in charge. There will be a BBQ on June 6 and they'd like a person from each chapter to attend, although that person won't be allowed to go on the pack trip.

Regarding expenses for the convention, Henry suggested updating the reimbursable expenses to reflect the actual level of expense. A committee comprised of Henry, Kathy, Marianne will formulate a proposal to the board.

John moved that registration fees be reimbursed for everyone who paid them; Carl seconded; the motion carried.

### MEMBERSHIP

Marianne said she's received two \$25 checks with no related application so it's unclear whether they were for membership or donation. Rich will follow up with them. Henry will address this "partial membership" issue in his next President's Letter. We currently have 39 paid memberships, with a total of 51 memberships including honorary members.

### NEW BUSINESS

Henry said it might be necessary to find a new location for meetings. The local Forest Service office may be an option and Henry will check on that.

April 21 is the Custer / Gallatin planning meeting.

May 19 is the next state board meeting in Deer Lodge.

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

— Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19

### PROGRAM

Chad Dickerson (Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team) presented a very interesting program on grizzly bear studies and trapping.

### CALL TO ORDER

Henry called the meeting to order.

### MINUTES

Barb Mutter made a motion to pass the March minutes as written; Janice Cartwright seconded; the motion carried.

### FINANCE

Carmen Matzick reported on the club checking and savings accounts. No new bills were presented.

### 4-H

The packing clinic is cancelled due to very little interest among the kids. We will consider it again next year.

### POKER RIDE

Dave asked for volunteers to collect prizes and coordinate the efforts through Nancy. He noted that they need volunteers to help with second "pop stop" and to help with 50/50 raffle, food tent, registration, etc. John Mutter will deliver the trailer to Bridger. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 24 at Dan Porter's office.

The group held a discussion of how to recognize Poker Ride sponsors. Marianne suggested doing Chronicle ad; Tamara suggested using social media to give "shout out". A suggestion was made to have banners or signs at the Poker Ride thanking sponsors and telling people about BCH activities (miles of trails maintained, number of hours donated, etc.)

### TRAILS

Larry reported that the snow is really deep and it'll be awhile before the trail crew can go out.

### STATE CONVENTION

Rich reported on the following issues: 1) The "Bikes in the Wilderness" bill is stalled; 2) The trail budget for 2018 is up slightly but our region probably won't see an increase; 3) The fire budget is down from 56% to 40% of the budget so other functions won't have to give as much money to the fire program; 4) There is one new chapter, Trout Creek, with 22 members; 5) We were assigned to do an article for the state newsletter by May 10 [Henry asked that ideas or submissions be sent to Dan Marsh]; 6) Amendments to the state constitution were approved; 7) Dan Marsh is the new state treasurer; 8) The 2019 convention will be the first weekend in March in Great Falls; 9) The regional pack trip for the Forest Service will be held from June 6-8, 2018. There will be a BBQ on June 6 and they'd like a person from each chapter to attend, although that person won't be able to go on the pack trip; 10) Molly and Janice each won 3 awards in the photo contest; 11) There was some discussion about types of memberships that clubs should be able to have and our group prefers a "bottom-up" system with each club making its own choices.

Carl Blaskovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tamara Erickson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

— Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



## Capture Methods

- IGBST works throughout the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- Trapping areas accessed by trucks, ATV's , boats or horseback
- Primary capture methods are culverts traps or foot snares



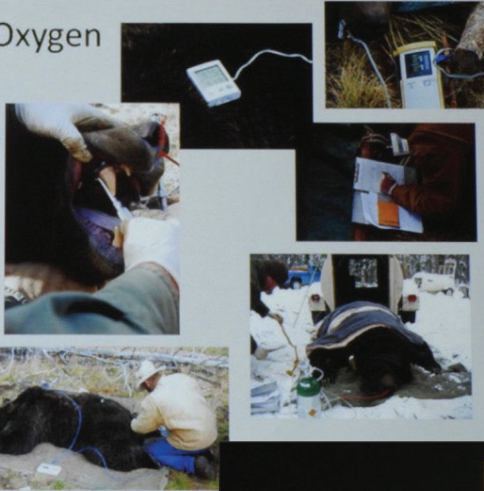
## Handling & Anesthetics

- Weight estimate
- Jab or dart
- Induction times average < 10 minutes



## Handling Procedures

- TPR along with Oxygen
- Scale Weight
- Tooth extraction
- Collar fitted
- Tags
- Measurements
- DNA Collected
- BIA



## Horses and Bears



## NATIONAL FOREST VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Hello everyone,

We have figured out some training dates for volunteers coming up in May. These training are for volunteers who will need to operate a chainsaw or crosscut saw while working on National Forest Projects. If folks just want to carry their saw with them when they ride that is different than working as a volunteer and they do not need to be certified by us. Please be clear with your members that not everyone needs to be certified as a sawyer. There is plenty of other work to do on trails other than saw. If people are interested in saw work they must be willing to play by all of the Forest Service safety regulations when working, stay current with their certifications, and report all work done to the district. Folks who are working with crosscut saws only need to have one certified sawyer on the saw and the second person can assist without being certified. Anyway, here are the dates for May.

1st Aid/CPR for sawyers – American Heart Association certification. Good for 2 years. All sawyers operating a chainsaw or crosscut must have current 1st Aid/CPR certification.

May 5th, Saturday, 9:00am at the Bozeman Ranger District

May 21st, Monday evening, 5:30pm at the Bozeman Ranger District

Chainsaw & Crosscut training – Good for 3 years. Class size is limited to 8 people per class. We will meet at the office for a short classroom portion before heading out into the field and cutting. Sawyers will be evaluated at the field training and may receive certification.

May 13th, Sunday, 8:30am – 4:00pm at the Bozeman Ranger District.

May 19th, Saturday, 8:30am – 4:00pm at the Bozeman Ranger District.

Please pass this along to anyone that is interested. If you would like to attend one of these trainings please RSVP with me so I can keep track of class sizes. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Cody Yeatts

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