

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:

BOARD MEETING : OCTOBER 18, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : OCTOBER 18, 7:00 PM

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SADDLE & HARNESS CLUB PLAY DAY: OCTOBER 27

Gallatin County Fairgrounds



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Back Country Horsemen

I want to start by saying thanks to Chris for leading the last two meetings in my absence. We were in the Back Country for the August meeting and were working during the September Meeting. A lot has happened in August and September. Larry and trail crew have finished trail clearing for the year and, on behalf of the Chapter and all who use the trails in the Gallatin Canyon, I want to say Thank You for another year of hard work and lots of trail miles cleared.

We also made three trips to help the Gardiner District maintain the Cabins and trails in the A-B Wilderness. One trip to each of the cabins: First Slough Creek where we completed the tack shed residing job and replaced some hitching rails. We also drained the beaver pond from the spring and repaired the pasture fence. At Buffalo Fork, we sawed our way in and out. We also repaired the chimneys, front door, foundation and placed in screen to keep the varmints out. At Hellroaring, we also sawed our way in and out, replaced 2 hitching rails and repaired the cabinet doors and front and back doors. We cleared 5 miles of blow downs to Carpenter Lake.

Thanks to all those who helped, Dan Marsh, Vern Campbell, Lew Goodpasture, Chris Nygren and Molly Glenn.

So a busy summer for all and the planning for next year begins right after hunting season.

May God Bless the trails you ride.

Henry, President

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20**

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Kathy Van Dyke; Rod Wilson; Tamara Erickson; Vern Campbell, Carmen was standing proxy for Dan Porter

Called to order by Chris

MINUTES:

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

FINANCE:

Carmen reported on club's checking and savings accounts. John moved to accept the report, Marianne seconded, and the motion was approved.

Old Business

POKER RIDE:

The net income was roughly \$5,000.

MEMBERSHIP:

There are no changes to report per Marianne.

TRAIL CREW:

Per Rich there will be no more trail crew trip this year.

FUN RIDES:

A fun ride was held on Sept. 9, and three people went.

FOREST SERVICE CABIN TRIPS:

(1) Slough Creek finished siding the tack barn, repaired fence, and did lots of work on the cabin. They also went up to Carpenter Lake and did lots of trail work on the way; (2) Buffalo Fork was mostly rodent control and restocking firewood. They worked on chimneys on both cabins. They also worked on the Hidden Lake trail while at Buffalo Fork; (3) The last trip was to Hellroaring.

STEAK RIDE 2019:

It's been proposed to hold the Steak Ride at the Spanish Creek cabin. We'll need to pick a date and reserve the cabin. There will also be a BBQ in August (no ride, just a potluck) at Henry and Molly's.

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Dan Marsh needs volunteer hours by October 10.

NEW BUSINESS:

MT Wilderness Association will send a draft letter regarding the forest plan in the Crazy Mountains and have asked the club to sign the letter. Following some discussion, it was determined that while the Board agrees in principle, we feel that a separate letter should be written by the club. John moved that a letter be drafted by Henry, then presented and approved at the October board meeting; Vern seconded; the motion carried.

Christmas Party. It is the club's turn to plan the party. We might not be able to use Broken Hart Ranch because the manager doesn't want to let us use it for free. There was some discussion that Lee Hart will likely override the manager's objection given Lee's appreciation for all the club does to keep the trails open.

Saddle & Harness Club "play day" is Oct. 27.

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

-Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20**

PROGRAM:

Dean Duvall had been scheduled to present the program, however had to cancel. He will be asked to present in October. No program was presented at the September meeting.

Call to Order by Chris Nygren called the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Dan Marsh made a motion to accept the August minutes as written; Larry seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE:

Carmen reported on club's checking and savings accounts. The net income for the Poker Ride was about \$5,000. Dan moved to accept the report; Larry seconded; the motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP:

Marianne reported that we're holding at 56 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were two "Fun Rides" last month. Carmen and Marianne reported they were great rides but not many people showed up. John Mutter said that he will plan one for Sat., Sept. 22.

The BBQ at the Glenn's place in August was a lot of fun. There will be a BBQ in August 2019, as well as a Steak Ride at the Spanish Creek cabin in September.

Larry reported that the trail crew is done for the year. The season went well with a good crew and good turnout.

Henry led three trips to Forest Service cabins last month. The trips were to Slough Creek (Dan, Vern, Henry); Buffalo Fork (Dan, Vern, Henry, Lew); and Hellroaring (Henry, Molly, Chris, Lew). They did lots of work on the cabins and trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

If you're interested in becoming a C-certified sawyer get in touch with Dan Marsh.

Connie Lien announced that the Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club "Play Day" will be held on Oct. 27 at the fairgrounds. She also noted that it's our turn to plan the Christmas/holiday party.

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

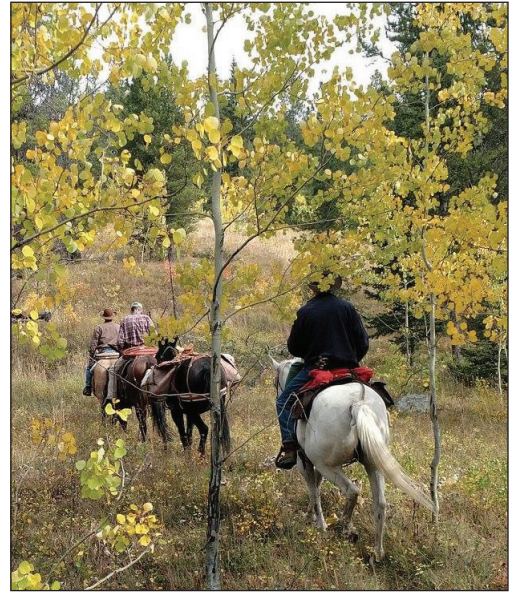
–Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING

On September 5th, the Wednesday trail crew consisting of the small but feisty group of Larry Thomas, Rich Inman and Bonnie Hammer worked on the 401 trail out to Willow Swamp. It was a 14 mile round trip. They cut out a lot of buck brush off the bridges behind Willow Swamp. They also rehabilitated about 2 miles of water diversions on the way out.

On August 29, the Wednesday crew consisting of leader Larry Thomas and crew Rich Inman, John Mutter and Billie Thomas cut out about 7 miles on the Garnet Mountain trail. They also worked on water diversions along the way.

HELLROARING CABIN





9/10-9/14

This trip packed in some supplies and inventoried the needs at the cabin. The crew also completed some jobs around the cabin. Thanks to the crew: Chris Nygren, Lew Goodpasture, Henry and Molly Glenn

CLIFF CREEK FUN RIDE—AUGUST 25



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