

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.

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Rod Wilson ... 539-1338

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Lew Goodpasture ... 575-639-9091

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BEERS FOR A CAUSE : FEBRUARY 5, 4:00-8:00 PM
Katabatic Brewing, 117 West Park, Livingston

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 21, 6:00 PM
Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING & WILD GAME FEED : FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 PM
Springhill Church

BCHMT CONVENTION : MARCH 1
Best Western Plus Heritage Inn, Great Falls

IT IS TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
[ONLINE](#)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello all Back Country Horsemen,

With the mild winter so far, I have heard of some of you getting out to ride. Sure has been nice and easy on the haystack.

February meeting is usually the wild game feed so bring your best dish and lets have a great time. We will see if the Federal shutdown is still going on by meeting time and if so we won't have the Forest Service employees present. We are planning on having a horse safety clinic this spring, we haven't had one in a while.

If you are interested in being a delegate at the State convention please let me know. We have 4 and need 8. It is in Great Falls hosted by the Charlie Russell Chapter this year March 2 & 3. Early registration ends February 1st.

Happy Winter; Spring is only 57 days away but who's counting.

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17

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

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

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

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. An internal audit was done of the club's books and Carl read the report. Everything was in order. Chris moved to accept the financial and audit reports, Vern seconded, and the motion carried. Concerns were raised about the cost of mailing newsletters to 10 people and the discussion will continue at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Expense Voucher: The issue was raised of the form of the club's "Expense Voucher." Kathy made a motion to modify the voucher, Marianne seconded, following discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. The issue will be brought to a subsequent meeting and will be in two parts: 1) the voucher will be modified to reflect travel-related

expenses, and 2) a policy will be developed regarding who can request reimbursement for travel costs. Kathy will draft a proposed voucher form, and the form and a proposed policy will be discussed at the February meeting.

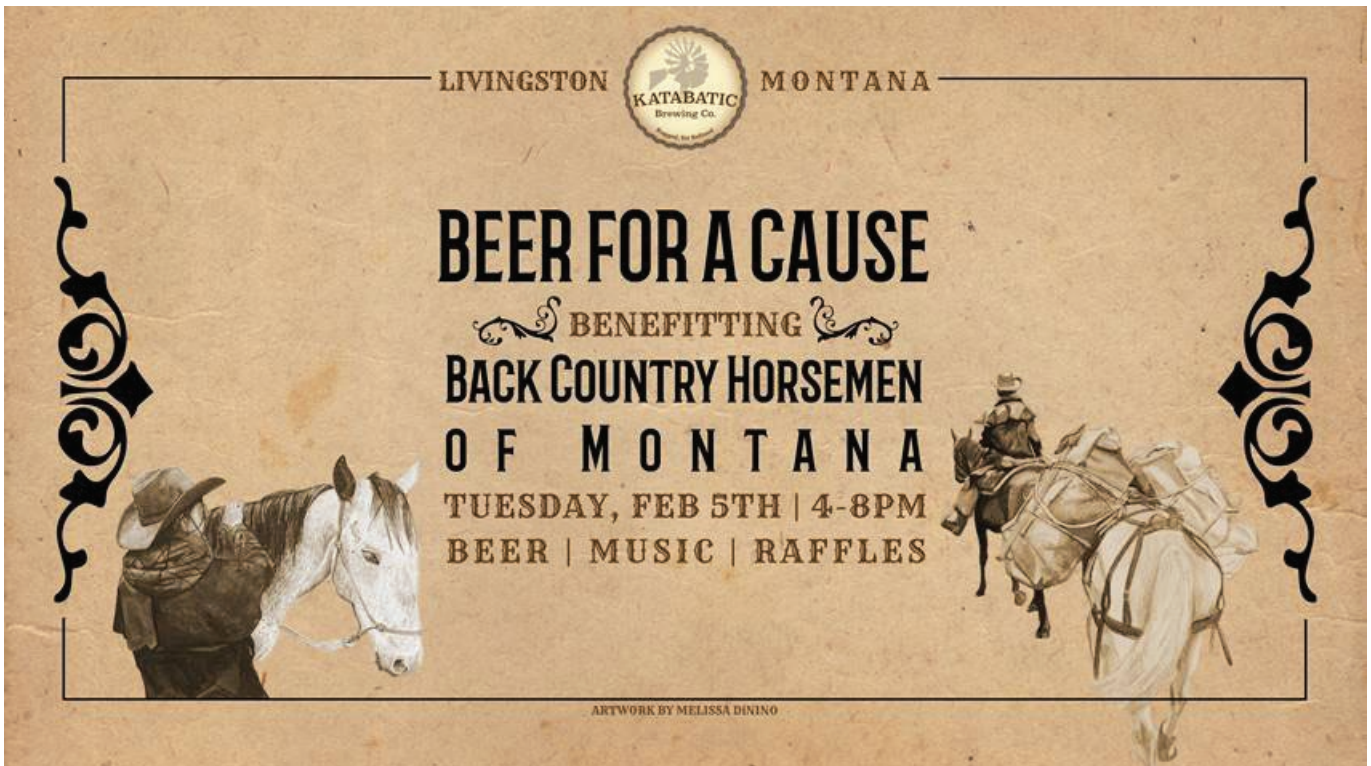
PLWAA inquiry: Rich received a letter from the Public Lands/Water Access Assoc. asking for financial support. He stated he feels it would be good for the club to support the PLWA with a significant donation. Henry asked everyone to think about it and possibly make a motion at future meeting.

Donation: The club received a \$500 donation from Shields.

Dan Marsh: Dan's mother-in-law recently passed away. Carl moved, and Rich seconded, that Carmen send a card a \$50 memorial donation to the entity of the family's choice.

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

— Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Molly moved to accept the December 2018 minutes as written, Vern seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. An internal audit was done of the club's books and Carl read the report. Everything was in order. Vern moved to approve the reports, Larry seconded, and the motion carried.

STATE CONVENTION PHOTOS

Dan Marsh stated that he needs 20 photos for state convention. If you have any good ones, send them to him.

Horse safety clinic: Rich stated that we should hold a horse safety clinic in March or April.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

June 1 is the date. We need to choose a location to work on.

OLD BUSINESS

Holiday party: January 19 at Broken Hart Ranch. Saddle & Harness Club will also be there.

Poker Ride: The first committee meeting was tonight. The ride will be on July 6. Let Dan Porter know if you'd like to help. The group needs a "prize chairman".

Benefit opportunity: On Feb. 5 Katabatic Brewing in Livingston is having Beer for a Cause, and they'll donate some proceeds to MTBCH.

BCHMT Meeting: We need 3 more delegates for the state convention. Currently have 5 (Dan, Alice, Rich, Henry, Molly)

The evening's "program" consisted of scheduling the calendar of events for 2019 (the calendar is accessible via our website):

1/23: Gallatin Forest Partnership/MWA meeting (Bozeman)

2/21: Monthly meeting & wild game feed (Board meeting at 6:00, Feed at 6:30)

3/1-3: State convention in Great Falls

3/21: Monthly meeting

3/30: Safety clinic (tentative)

4/18: Monthly meeting

5/15: Wednesday trail days start (tentative)

5/16: Monthly meeting

6/1: National Trails Day

6/20: Monthly meeting & ice cream social

7/5: Poker Ride flagging & set-up

7/6: Poker Ride

7/7: Poker ride de-flagging

7/18: Monthly meeting

7/29-8/5: Slough Creek cabin work

8/12-19: Buffalo Fork cabin work

8/10: Steak dinner at Glenns'

8/15: Monthly meeting

9/2-9/9: Hellroaring cabin work

9/19: Monthly meeting

10/5: Steak Ride at Spanish Creek

10/17: Monthly meeting

11/21: Monthly meeting

12/19: Monthly meeting

If you have anything you want to add to the calendar, get in touch with Dan Marsh.

Molly moved to adjourn the meeting, Marianne seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

— Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

BCHMT Convention pre-registration is due by February 1 or the cost increases from \$90 to \$100. GVBCH only reimburses the lower fee for delegates and directors.

WHY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE IMPORTANT

- ◆ Volunteering helps keep trails open for all. It shows us as a good neighbor, with the community, kids and other user groups.
- ◆ Volunteering is our clout. Without them, our organization wouldn't be what it is now. Legislators and land managers know that our volunteer hours are an asset.
- ◆ Volunteering gives credibility to BCH during discussions with land managers.
- ◆ Volunteers perform work that may not otherwise get done, because money is not available due to budget cuts.
- ◆ Volunteering has a positive effect when talking with land managers. It shows that as a user group we take responsibility for keeping our public land in good condition for future generations.
- ◆ Volunteering helps overcome negative opinions about sharing trails and enhances our image as equine riders on trails.
- ◆ Volunteering gives a sense of pride and brings a positive attitude to our chapters and promotes teamwork.



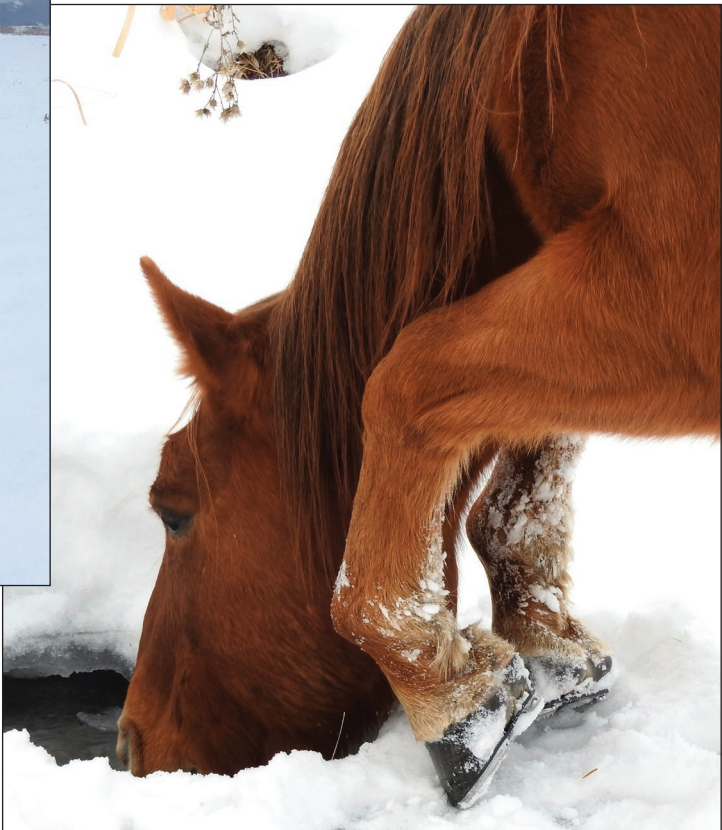
SMOKE ELSE'S SADDLEBAGS



Wondering what Wilderness outfitter and packer Smoke Elser carries in his saddlebags? Well...he has a small First Aid Kit, an extra pigtail, extra gloves, rubber goulashes, water filter, small flashlight with electrical tape on one end, a piece of bridle leather, a candle in a cigar cylinder, a deer antler awl and thread, matches, extra flashlight batteries, human sewing kit, lip balm, fingernail clippers, copper rivets & washers & metal set tool and 10-12 horseshoe nails...all in plastic bags. Never carry more than 12 pounds behind your saddle, including your rain slicker and/or coat.



Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.



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