

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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BCHMT CONVENTION : MARCH 1

Best Western Plus Heritage Inn, Great Falls

CHILI FEED: MARCH 9, 11:00

2800 Texas Way, Bozeman

Look for the signs on Texas Way to get to the parking area. We will begin the Wagon Rides at 11:00 and have lunch around 12:30. You can also bring riding horses to ride with the wagons if you so desire. There will be chili and coffee provided by Gallatin Saddle and Harness club and it is requested everyone bring a side dish or dessert. This has always been a fun event so everyone come if you can.

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HORSE SAFETY COURSE: MARCH 30, 9:00AM

VL Arena - (used to be Circle L Arena) 4350 Spain Bridger Road, Belgrade
Set up is at 8am. Sign in, pastry/donuts and coffee starts at 8:30am. The clinic begins at 9am sharp! 9-1 Clinic 1-1:30 takedown. Bring your own chairs. It is suggested that all members watch the video online at <http://www.bchmt.org> before attending.

Who wants to bring donuts and/or pastries? Handle the coffee? Call Janice 406 579 3445

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello to All,

We had a great meeting in February with the wild game potluck. The food was outstanding. We also had the District Ranger Corey Lewellen and Wendi Urie as our guest. They gave updates on the Forest and thanked us for the work we do. We signed a new volunteer agreement and look forward to a successful year working with them in 2019.

Please renew your membership as soon as you can. It is easy and convenient on our website. There will be lots of opportunity to volunteer this summer as we will be very busy.

Keep the Poker Ride in mind for July 6th and volunteer where you can.

We are still in Winter's grasp, so stay safe and warm. Spring is a-coming.
—Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21

Secretary pro tem: Carmen Matzick

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Rod Wilson, Rich Inman, Vern Campbell, Tamara Erickson, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, John Mutter; Carmen Matzick stood proxy for Kathy VanDyke

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2019 MEETING

Dan Porter moved to approve the minutes as written, John seconded, and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. Prior month's payments included \$100 donation to BWAGS, \$50 memorial to East Glacier Fire Dept. for Alice Pilgeram's mother, and \$154 PO box rent. Club insurance of \$729 will be due in March. Carmen filed the annual report with the State.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of printing and mailing newsletters, and John stated that the current ink cartridges should last 2 years. Vern motioned that newsletters be printed until the ink runs out, Tamara seconded, and the motion carried. The board also approved reimbursement of the cost of postage stamps for the mailings.

NEW BUSINESS

SAFETY CLINIC

We need to hold a horse safety clinic. Proposed dates are March 23 or March 30, the clinic would run from 9 am to 2 pm, and it will be held at John Ensign's arena. John Ensign will give a demo. The cost for arena space is \$300 (more if it will be heated). The Forest Service and GVBCH require all volunteers to attend the clinic. Pack horses and packing demos could also be included. 5-Way and West Nile are required if you bring your horses. Janice has organized this event in the past and will be contacted.

NEW WORLD GULCH

Discussion was held regarding the need for work in this area.

OLD BUSINESS

PLWAA

Discussion was continued from the January meeting re providing financial support to the Public Lands/Water Access Assoc. Chris motioned to donate \$1,500, Henry seconded, and the motion carried. The check will be delivered personally at the Association's fundraising event.

Crazy Mountain access letter

Corey and Wendi (Forest Service personnel) will make a presentation at the general meeting.

Annual party

Discussion was held about holding the annual party at the Spanish Creek cabin.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21

PROGRAM

Corey Lewellen and Wendi Uri (Forest Service personnel) presented the program. They first noted that they are grateful for the work the club does in partnership with the FS. Programs will continue running this summer with most of the same crew. Projects will include Falls Creek trail, bridge and drainage issues in Spanish Creek, the West Bridgers and Middle Cottonwood Trail. Spring break-out work will be done by BCH with assistance from the FS crew. Cody will coordinate the program.

North Fork Spanish Creek and Big Brother Lake may need some pack support from members in the 3rd week in July.

Other items of interest are a "national visitor use" survey, and a National Trails Day project (location to be determined), work on Hyalite Road, campgrounds and trailhead parking areas.

BCH members inquired about several issues (treated bridge planks, excavator for Bang Tail divide, Hellroaring mud holes, Bear Canyon/New World Gulch, Porcupine and Buffalo Horn). None of these items is currently on the FS list for work this season.

Cody will schedule first aid and saw training classes, dates to be announced later.

Wendy provided volunteer sheets for all to complete and sign.

CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Chris moved to accept the January 2019 minutes as written, Dan seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen gave the treasurer's report. Chris moved to approve the report, Dan seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

State convention

Discussion was held regarding logistics. Seven delegates are scheduled to attend the convention in Great Falls.

Crazy Mountain trails

Henry addressed the access issue.

Horse safety clinic

The clinic will be held in March at John Ensign's arena. All members who plan to be on the volunteer crew with horses must take the clinic. Emails will be sent to all members with the details.

POKER RIDE

Dan Porter noted that it's time to start collecting prizes, and he assigned the prize list to those members who previously handled it. He gave receipts to the members who are collecting the prizes and noted that the project is off to a great start. He noted that the trail will be going to the north this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation

The club will make a \$1,500 donation to the PLWAA.

Annual Chili Feed

Connie Lien announced that the Saddle & Harness Club annual chili feed will be on March 9 and all BCH members are invited to attend. Wagon rides will begin at 11:00 with lunch starting at 12:30.

Programs

The March program will be Kevin Fry on grizzly bears; April will be "cowboy crickets"; May will be Duckworth; June will be Poker Ride prep, aerobics and the ice cream social; August will be a presentation on hay and forage. If you have ideas for programs, please contact Rich or Janice. The meeting was adjourned.

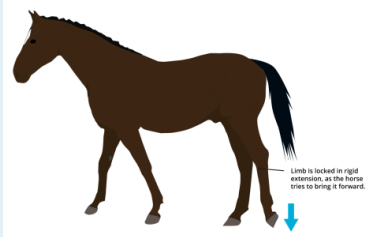
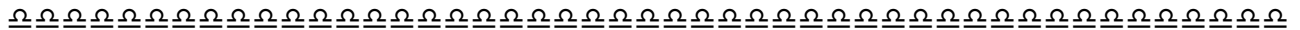
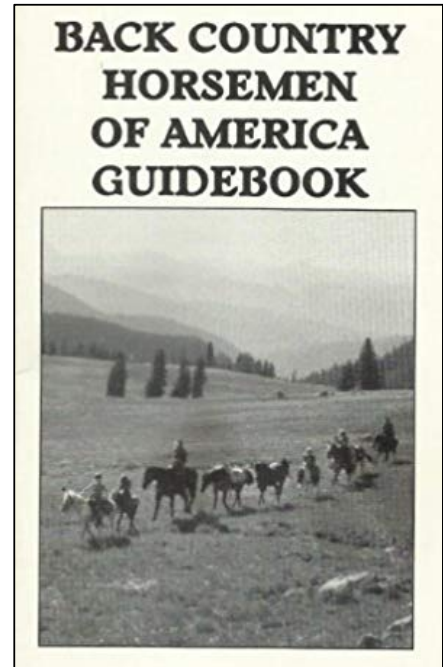
—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

HORSEMEN MANNERS & ETTIQUETTE

Back Country Horsemen Commandments

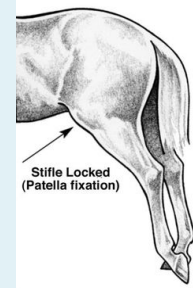
(Taken from the BCHA Guidebook)

1. The HORSEMAN shall not keep horses longer than it takes to unpack or pack them in any campsite normally used by hikers. (We suggest horsemen stay away from such camps if possible.)
2. The HORSEMAN shall not tie his stock, for more than a short period of time, directly to a tree.
3. The HORSEMAN shall not cut switchbacks.
4. The HORSEMAN shall not leave a campfire unattended.
5. The HORSEMAN shall properly dispose of all manure, bailing twine, wire and waste hay in camp areas, trailheads, or loading areas.
6. The HORSEMAN shall abide by the administrative rules and regulations affecting the area he/she is in.
7. The HORSEMAN shall recognize the fragility of the back country environment and practice minimum impact techniques at all times.



HORSE HEALTH

Fixation of the Patella



As the horse has evolved it has undergone a multitude of physical changes designed to help it survive. One such adaptation is the development of a locking mechanism in its stifle that keeps the hind leg in extension and allows the horse to rest while standing, with virtually no muscular effort.

This normal anatomical feature becomes abnormal only when the stifle inadvertently locks at the wrong time, or when the unlocking mechanism fails. When this happens it is known as a locking stifle or, more correctly, upward fixation of the patella (UFP).

UFP is the most common cause of stifle gait abnormalities, although it is not usually responsible for lameness. It tends to be seen mostly in young, immature horses and ponies, with Shetlands especially prone.

Why does it happen? There are various factors that increase the chances of a locking stifle and from these it can be understood why it is recognized more in young, unfit horses or those that have suddenly had to come out of training and are perhaps on box rest, leading to a rapid loss of muscle condition and tone.

Treatment options should include establishing a conditioning program aimed at increasing the level of fitness and strength of muscle tone such as trotting on soft ground in straight lines, walking/trotting up and down hills, increasing the scope/variety of feeds and worming.

In more severe cases, surgery may be required.



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As a veterinarian I've seen firsthand how challenging and rewarding restoring a horse's physical and mental health can be. Here's what can go wrong and what you can do to make sure things go right.

By Stacie G. Boswell, DVM, DACVS-LA

Therapy in motion

The movement of a horse's walk has therapeutic effects that are unequalled by manmade equipment. The walk has three dimensions to the movement: up and down, side to side, and forward and back. This motion benefits a rider's muscular development, coordination, posture, and balance. People who use wheelchairs can ride a horse and experience a sensation that is very similar to the human walk.

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