

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:

CHILI FEED, GALLATIN SADDLE & HARNESS CLUB : MAY 4, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Three Forks Rodeo Grounds

CPR/1ST AID FOR VOLUNTEER SAWYERS : MAY 6, 5:30-9:30 PM (tentative)  
Bozeman Ranger District, 3710 Fallon St, C

WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAYS : MAY 15, 22, 29

Call Larry Thomas at 586-6878

BOARD MEETING : MAY 16, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : MAY 16, 7:00 PM

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VOLUNTEER CROSSCUT AND CHAINSAW TRAINING : MAY 18, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Limited to those who plan to work on trail maintenance

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : MAY 18, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Dinnerbell, Gold Creek

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 1



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone.

As we fast approach Spring in Montana, that is different than Spring on a Calendar, we are all in a tizzy to get yards, pastures, hay fields, and corrals in shape so we can ride. Don't forget to vaccinate your horses and get those Coggins test done before you need them.

Rich and I presented a check for \$1500 to PLWA at their annual meeting to help them keep public lands open to the public. They fight the tough battles in the legal arena that often go unnoticed and GVBCH wanted to show our support.

Thanks to Dan P and Carmen, the Poker Ride is coming along nicely. Please help them wherever you can. We are in the final stages and need to get posters out so please take a drive in beautiful Montana and place posters in all the likely places horse people will see them. See Dan P for posters.

As we fast approach trail clearing season please see Larry to get the current information on our schedule. Training is going on right now so contact Dan Marsh for info on saw training and First Aid and CPR. Only the Sawyers need this and we only need one or two sawyers per crew. Everyone needs horse safety training to do trail clearing. If you missed the Horse Safety Clinic we had in April please contact Dan Marsh for an alternative.

We want to thank Janice for putting on the Horse Safety Clinic and VL Arena for the use of their facility. We appreciate all the hard work.

Stay safe out there.

—Henry, President

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Rod Wilson, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, Lew Goodpasture, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, John Mutter; Dan Porter stood proxy for Vern Campbell; Rich stood proxy for Tamara Erickson

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 2019 MEETING:**

Rich moved to approve the minutes as written; Kathy seconded; the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Carmen reported on the club's savings and checking accounts. Dan Marsh received \$5,472.83 in RTP money for the club and a \$200 donation was received from Bank of Bozeman. John moved to approve the report; Marianne seconded; the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Saw training: First aid training will be held on May 6; May 18 will be the training session for saw certification for "first timers".

**OLD BUSINESS**

Poker Ride: Dan Porter reported that planning is moving along and he turned in two bills for payment (the sign for trail crew and posters for the Poker Ride). The committee wants to appoint a "Prize Chairman". Kathy will send thank you notes to donors.

RTP money: Dan Marsh reported that \$9,537.06 came in to the state via the program, of which the club received \$5472.83. He does not know when the next draw will be.

Membership: Per Marianne we have 45 paid members. Dan Marsh thinks there are several trail crew members who haven't renewed.

Trail-clearing: The crew boss needs to confirm that those working on the crews are members as only members are allowed to volunteer. Henry will talk with Wendy about Forest Service people going through the horse safety class.

PLWA donation: Rich and Henry presented the check at the PLWA meeting. They were very appreciative and Rich read aloud a portion of their thank-you letter.

FS Plan: Dan Porter reported he, Dan Marsh & Mark DeOpsomer went to the FS plan revision meeting. Dan Porter and Mark were appointed to the Rural Action Committee (RAC).

Adjournment: Rich moved to adjourn the meeting; Carmen seconded; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Four members of GVBCH, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Mark DeOpsomer, and myself attended the public meeting on April 3rd sponsored by the Forest Service regarding the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision.

After a brief introduction by FS personnel and the FS Supervisor, Mary Erickson, we broke into smaller groups to ask about issues concerning wildlife, recreation, timber, and water.

Input and comments regarding the alternatives for revision can still be made on the FS website [www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin](http://www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin).

All GVBCH members are encouraged to make their thoughts known regarding the revision alternatives.

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On April 6th, Rich Inman, Henry Glenn and myself attended the Annual membership meeting of the Public Land Water Access Association in Bozeman.

Rich introduced Henry who made a presentation to the PLWAA about BCH and the work we do maintaining trails.

Henry then thanked the PLWAA for the legal work that they do to maintain the legal access to trails which is every bit as important, if not more so, as the work that BCH does.

He then presented a check from GVBCH for our donation to the president of PLWAA in appreciation for their work.

Our donation was well received and applauded by the full membership.

In conclusion, there were several bills discussed regarding access to public lands, the approval of FWP conservation easements by Governor Bullock, and the current access issues in the Crazy Mountains.

Forest Service supervisor, Mary Erickson, spoke about the Crazy Mountain access issues. She said that the FS prefers to negotiate with landowners first to seek the best solution, rather than litigate and potentially lose.

—Dan Porter



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18

### PROGRAM

We had a presentation by James with “Cowboy Crickets” where we learned that eating bugs is a good thing – for our health, for the environment and for financial stability. We also feasted on samples of wasabi crickets and “Chocolate Chirp” cookies.

### CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

### MINUTES

Rich moved to accept the March 2019 minutes as written, Molly seconded and the motion carried.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

Carmen reported on the club’s savings and checking accounts. She also reported a \$200 donation from Bank of Bozeman and \$5,472.83 for RTP. Chris moved to accept the report, Janice seconded and the motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Dan Porter reported that planning is going well. Posters are available. July 5 will be set-up (5:00 at Bridger Bowl) with a potluck. Someone needs to volunteer to be the Prize Chairman which involves organizing prizes shortly before the ride and will be done at Mike’s house. Trail clearing is June 25 instead of July 2. Flagging will be done on Friday morning, July 5 and de-flagging will be done on Sunday, July 7.

Advertising & marketing: Henry would like to have someone in club work on this and asked that anyone with skills and knowledge talk to him.

RTP: Dan Marsh reported the state got about \$9,500 for trail work. We got about \$5,400 of that for the first batch.

Membership: Marianne reported 45 paid memberships.

Saw training & first aid: Anyone interested should talk to Dan Marsh. May 6 is first aid training; May 18 is first-timers saw training. Anyone working around horses need to go through horse safety training and a video is available at BCHMT.org.

Trails: Larry will try to get a list out a month at a time. He doesn’t know yet when it’ll start this year.

Spanish Creek Cabin: Sept. 13-15. Bring your family—bring your camper.

Challenge to Challenge: The Flathead chapter is hosting and there will be lots of riding and socializing. The event is Aug. 22-25.

John moved to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



James Rolin (owner) of Cowboy Crickets (Made in Montana/Belgrade) Samples were passed around. The Cowboy Chocolate Chirp Cookies were tasted by many. The more adventurous gave the freeze dried, Wasabi flavored crickets a try.

# HORSE SAFETY CLINIC



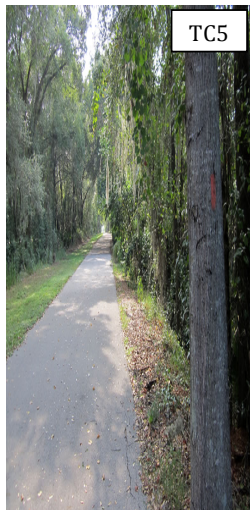
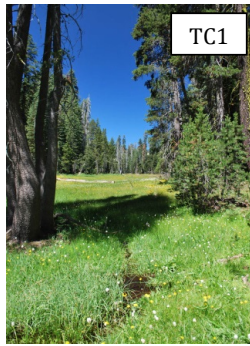
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**STOCK HAULING**

(By Connie Long)

As Back Country Horsemen, being courteous while hauling stock will be appreciated by the public.

When hauling stock we tend to drive slower and more cautiously which can cause traffic to build up behind us. The courteous thing to do is to pull over, in a safe place, and let cars/trucks go around. Also, remember, our dust trail is bigger, and it takes longer to stop. Let those other vehicles get past and on their way!



**NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
And you're invited to the party!

In 2018, America will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Join the celebration by sharing your stories, photos, or favorite memories, or by simply getting out on the trail – and maybe bringing along a friend.

[www.trails50.org](http://www.trails50.org)

Tee shirt, pins, maps and other memorabilia are now for sale. Check out the website!



**HORSE HEALTH**

**Weighing Your Horse or Mule**

**[Adult Horse Weight Calculator - The Horse](https://thehorse.com/tools/adult-horse-weight-calculator/)**

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Unfortunately, we don't all have access to scales big enough for a horse, so most horse owners end up using a traditional weight tape to measure their horse. While better than nothing, using a weight tape to measure your horse can be somewhat inaccurate at best. So, what's a horse owner to do?

Try this: Using a seamstress tape, measure the length of your horse, and then around their girth, all in inches. Put those measurements in to this formula:

**(Heart girth x heart girth x body length) / 330 =  
Weight of horse**

If you have a mature horse, use that "330" number. If you have a yearling, use "301", and if you have a weanling, use "280." And last but certainly not least – have a pony? Use "299" to get the right weight.



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