

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:

BOARD MEETING : OCTOBER 17, 6:30 PM

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Link to 2019 Volunteer hours:

<http://www.bchmt.org/gvbch/documents/BCHAVolunteerHoursWorkbookGVBCH2019.pdf>

GVBCH donated \$153,224.12 this year compared to \$94,402.14 last year!

The new October BCHMT Decker Dispatch is also available

<http://www.bchmt.org/gvbch/documents/BCHAVolunteerHoursWorkbookGVBCH2019.pdf>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Horsemen,

We are finishing up trail crew work and I wanted to take the time to thank Larry Thomas and company for a great job well done.

I also want to thank Janice and Rich for all their work getting people lined up for programs. It sure helps when we have a good program for the members to enjoy during the meetings. I thank Kathy for filling in for Chris and I who both had to work on the last meeting night.

We are into the nominating process for 2020 officers and directors so please consider severing if you are available.

The Spanish Creek Camp/cookout was a success and appears we want to do it again. Please discuss it and let me know what we can do to make it better next year. I appreciate our Custer/Gallatin Forest Supervisor Mary Erickson attending the Camp/cookout.

Well the snow is a bit early this year but hopefully we will still have a fall riding season which is my favorite.

Ride every chance you get because winter is a coming.

—Henry

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19

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

Called to order by Kathy VanDyke.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2019 MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. John moved to approve the report; Rich seconded; the motion carried. Carmen then reported that she received a bill from Rich for state board meeting costs. John moved to approve payment; Dan Porter seconded; the motion carried. Carmen also noted that she's still awaiting a request from Henry for reimbursement of costs associated with the Spanish Creek weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

State board meeting: Rich reported on several issues that arose: there was lots of talk about digital information; one group reported on a serious accident that injured one of its members and which highlighted the need for constant awareness of safe horsemanship practices; the 2023 convention will be in the Flathead and will also commemorate that chapter's 40th anniversary; there has been a proposal to include meeting hours as volunteer hours beginning in 2020.

Dan Marsh further reported: Volunteer hours are due by Sept. 30; work has started on the trail in the Crazy Mountains, though a lawsuit is still pending; there's interest in forming a BCH group in Livingston.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Dan Marsh reminded everyone that director/officer elections are coming up. It's the outgoing one-year directors who are responsible for contacting members and preparing a slate (Tamara, Marianne and Rod), and the slate will need to be presented at the November meeting.

Trail crew: Dan Porter asked if the club has tools available for the Saturday trail crews, including combis, shovels and Pulaski's. Rich informed him that tools are available.

HOLIDAY PARTY

It's time to start planning the party, although the consensus was that it's Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club's "turn" to plan it. That said, the Beall and Lindley centers were suggested as possible locations, and Vern said he would check on availability in December and January.

Adjournment: Vern moved to adjourn the meeting, Marianne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PROGRAM

Danielle Oyler brought the "charging bear" and members had an opportunity to practice using bear spray to stop it in its tracks.

Kathy VanDyke called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Janice moved to accept the August 2019 minutes as written, Stacie seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the checking and savings accounts. Sid moved to accept the report, Janice seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Spanish Creek gathering: Kathy commented that Henry and Molly put on a great event last weekend and thanked everyone who helped.

STATE BOARD MEETING

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Dan Marsh further reported on the following: Please provide your volunteer hours to him a.s.a.p as they are due by Sept. 30; RTP info is due by October 1; the regional foresters' ride went well; the Challenge to Challenge weekend was well-attended and enjoyable; work has started on the trail in the Crazy Mountains even though a lawsuit is still pending; and there's some interest in forming a BCH group in Livingston.

Saturday trail clearing: Weather permitting, Lew will lead a group on the 401 Trail to Willow Swamp on Sept. 21.

PROGRAMS

Janice reported that she will present the October program and it will probably be a discussion of "helpful tips" re. trail riding, trailering, etc. She wants members to participate and contribute to the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Director/officer elections are coming up and the outgoing one-year directors (Tamara, Marianne and Rod) are responsible for contacting members and preparing a slate to be presented at the November meeting. Please contact any of them if you're interested in serving the club as a board member or director.

Adjournment: Dan Porter moved to adjourn the meeting, Sid seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



Danielle Oyler presented the Bear Attack program



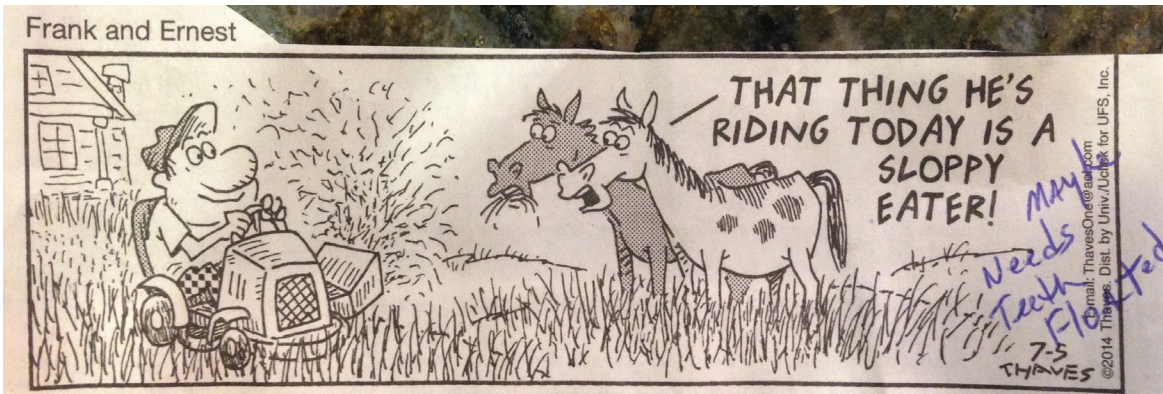
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[HTTP://WWW.BCHMT.ORG/GVBCH/VIDEOS/BEARSPRAY.MP4](http://www.bchmt.org/gvbch/videos/bearspray.mp4)



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Stacie Boswell, DVM, (GVBCH member and on staff at Hardaway Veterinary Hospital) will give a presentation on Dental Health Care for Equines at our October meeting. This is prior to Hardaway's dental special rate for equine floats through the month of November. With winter months approaching (fast, so it seems), having teeth floated can help your horse digest their winter hay forage and maintain their weight better.



WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAYS

On Saturday, August 31, Mark Deopsomer, Scott Brennan, and my self took the trail from Cache Creek and rode up the east face of Shedhorn, had lunch on the ridge looking at the Sphinx and Shedhorn from the south, and then rode over to the saddle between Tumbledown and Shedhorn Creeks. (Views of the Taylor Peaks here are well worth the ride) where we followed the trail down to the Lightening Creek trailhead. We hitched a ride for Mark to pick up his trailer at Cache Creek and we returned home late that evening. Views were incredible, the trail is good, and the weather perfect. There was a lot of bear sign along the trail, the horses did great. And we look forward to making that ride again next year. —Dan Porter



HARDAWAY VET CLINIC'S EQUINE HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Despite the questionable weather, a fun and informational time was had by all at the Hardaway Vet Clinic's Equine Health and Wellness fair. We represented well with our own information table full of pictures and helpful trail advice. A big shout out to Carmen, Maryanne and Dan Porter for hosting the table. The day ended with a lovely sunset...in case you missed it...

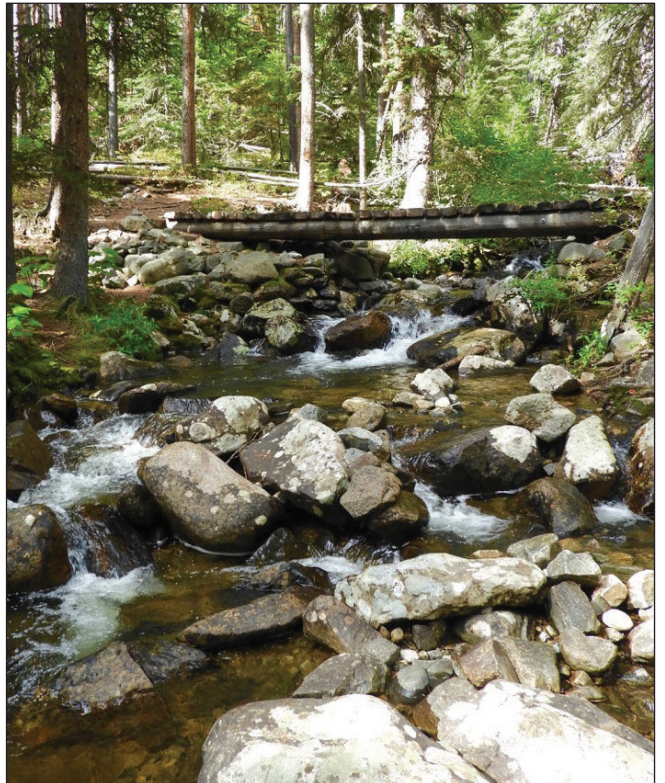


SPANISH CREEK BBQ WEEKEND



Janice led this crew to DuBois Lake with Stacie and Sid Boswell and Shelley McKamey





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 ELSER'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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