

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 : FEBRUARY 20, 5:30 PM

WILD GAME FEED : FEBRUARY 20, 6:00 PM

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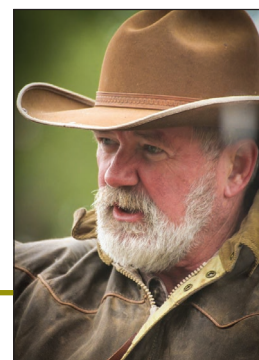
GENERAL MEETING : FEBRUARY 20, 7:00 PM

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TRAIL MAINTENANCE : FEBRUARY 22

Contact Dan Porter, 539-4575

2020 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:  
renewals are due and can be renewed  
[ONLINE](#)



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello, Back Country Horsemen,

I want to thank all officers and directors who served this past year. I also want to thank all incoming officers and directors for your willingness to serve our club for the coming year.

We have one or two slots left for delegates to the state convention in March 21-22 in Hamilton, MT hosted by the Bitterroot Chapter. If you are interested please contact me soon.

The Saturday Trail Crew (STC) will be having a few fun days this winter. The dates are on the calendar and Dan Porter is the contact person.

Everyone please try and attend the February meeting. It is our wild game potluck and also a chance to hear updates from the Forest Service. We also sign the volunteer agreement at this meeting so every one who works on trails please come.

Hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter.

—Henry

## BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Jim Wing, Kathy VanDyke, Rod Wilson, Corinne Martin, Lew Goodpasture, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, Marianne Myer; Rich stood proxy for Carmen Matzick; Dan Porter stood proxy for Vern Campbell

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2019 MEETING:

Rich moved to approve the minutes as written; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jim reported on the savings and checking accounts. We received a \$100 donation from BWAGS. Dan Porter moved to approve the report; Chris seconded; the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

RAC Grant: The application has been completed. Henry will finalize, sign and deliver it by the Feb. 7 deadline. Dan Porter wanted to review it before it's finalized.

Convention: We currently have seven delegates (we can send eight).

Audit: Marianne, Carl, and Jim reviewed everything and saw no issues. Everything was then turned over to Jim.

### NEW BUSINESS

Director position: Rich is termed out as the state delegate, so he resigned his position. Dan Porter moved to accept the resignation, Marianne seconded, and the motion passed. As the duly elected alternate Henry automatically takes his place. Dan Porter moved to appoint Rich as the new alternate, Chris seconded, and the motion passed.

Poker Ride: The ride will be on Saturday, July 11. Henry will work on trail-clearing but can't be at the ride itself.

Trail-clearing day: Dan Porter will lead a trail-clearing hike on Jan. 25 at South Cottonwood at 9:30 a.m.

Wilderness Assoc.: Cliff Creek project on National Trails Day on June 6.

Trail crew: A new "trail boss" will be needed this year as Larry is resigning that position. The board will make an effort to determine who might be interested in taking over.

Adjournment: Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Corinne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Call to Order: Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's report: Jim reported on the savings and checking accounts. Rich moved to approve the report; Dan Marsh seconded; the motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

RAC Grant: The grant is in its final draft and Henry will submit it once it's finished. We're applying for a trail maintenance grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Dues: Henry reminded everyone to pay their annual dues.

February 20 meeting: Forest Service personnel will be in attendance and everyone who wants to volunteer for trail work should attend to sign the agreement. This will also be the Wild Game Feed. The board will meet at 5:30, dinner will be at 6:00, and the meeting will start at 7:00.

Convention: The state convention is March 20-22, 2020 in Hamilton. We currently have seven of the eight delegates. Let Henry know if you'd like to attend. The club will pay the registration fee.

Programs: Janice reported that programs are planned through June. Let Janice or Rich know if you have suggestions. She'd like to do a "Play Day" in mid-October (jointly with Saddle & Harness Club). She's also doing "tune ups" in late March and April; you'll need to sign up for these and more information will be forthcoming.

### NEW BUSINESS

Poker Ride: July 11 at Bridger Bowl.

Trail Crew: We need a new trail crew leader. If you're interested, please contact Henry or another board member.

Saturday trail crew: Dan Porter will lead a hike/trail work group on Jan. 25. Meet at South Cottonwood at 9:30 am.

Calendar: The evening's "program" consisted of scheduling the calendar of events for 2020 (the calendar is accessible via our website).

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

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Lew seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

## 2020 GVBCH CALENDAR

see GVBCH calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=bmdjOGw3cjdzdXQ0YzIkaTdhY25oM2I2dGtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xiLmNvbQ>

- 1/18 Eagle Mount tack sale
- 1/25 Saturday trail crew at South Cottonwood
- 2/20 Monthly meeting & Wild Game Feed (Board meeting at 5:30, Feed at 6:00)
- 3/7-8 Big Sky skjoring
- 3/19 Monthly meeting
- 3/20-22 State convention in Hamilton
- 4/16 Monthly meeting
- 5/13 Wednesday trail crew starts (tentative)
- 5/16 Saturday trail crew starts (tentative)
- 5/21 Monthly meeting
- 6/6 National Trails Day (BCH at Spanish Creek; MWA at Cliff Creek)
- 6/12-14 Montana Mule Days in Whitehall
- 6/18 Monthly meeting and ice cream social
- 7/7 Poker Ride clearing
- 7/10 Poker Ride flagging & set-up
- 7/11 Poker Ride
- 7/12 Poker ride de-flagging
- 7/16 Monthly meeting
- 8/3-10 Buffalo Fork cabin work
- 8/13 Open House at Hardaway Vet Clinic
- 8/24-31 Slough Creek cabin work
- 8/20 Monthly meeting
- 9/4-6 Windy Pass trail crew
- 9/11-13 Gathering at Spanish Creek cabin
- 9/17 Monthly meeting
- 10/15 Monthly meeting
- 11/19 Monthly meeting
- 12/12 Christmas party
- 12/17 Monthly meeting

Chukars by Janice Cartwright







Larry Thomas's Retirement from Trail Boss gift...the words to his two songs that I rearranged, Trail Boss mug and Happy Trails ornament. It was requested that I sing them.

That did not happen this evening.

—Janice Cartwright

#### LET IT SNOW

Oh...the weather outside is frightful  
 But Larry thinks it's delightful.  
 So...load up and get ready to go.  
 Will it snow, will it snow, will it snow?

He...doesn't show signs of stopping.  
 Bonnie, you better keep lopping  
 Cuz there's lots more trail to clear.  
 Hey...who's bringing up the rear?

Up ahead there's a mess of downfall.  
 It'll take some time to clear it all.  
 So...get off your horses and start.  
 We'll begin over here at this part.

How...much farther today will we ride  
 Before we stop to eat outside?  
 My stomach's been empty for awhile.  
 Larry says it's just another mile...or 2...or 3!

Oh...we're heading back down to the trailhead.  
 My bottom feels like it's full of lead.  
 Now...I'm going home straight to bed  
 to dream of all the trails up ahead.

Well...the weather outside got frightful.  
 We were...dirty...soaked and quite an eyeful.  
 But...when Larry heads out next time  
 we'll... all be right there to fall in line.

#### OVER THE RIVER

Over the river and through the woods  
 to clear the trails we go.  
 My horse know the way  
 we're going today  
 Through the deadfall and the snow.

Over the river and through the dale  
 to the back country we do ride.  
 We see our way through  
 and we dig out some sloughs  
 As we slide down the mountainside.

Over the stream beds and through the rocks  
 we pick our way through the scree.  
 With the feel of our steed  
 we have all we need  
 To enjoy this lovely country!

Over the river and through the woods,  
 stopping to build a bridge.  
 We dig out the ditches,  
 we count all our riches  
 While heading on up to the ridge.

Over the hillside and across the creek,  
 on up to the top we go.  
 Just look at that view.  
 It's seen by so few.  
 We're the lucky ones, WE KNOW!

## EMERGENCY-RIDER DOWN

The first priority is the fallen rider.  
Let the horse go or let someone else catch him.

If the rider is on the ground for more than 1 or 2 minutes, you must determine if the rider needs medical attention. If so, or if in doubt, call 911 immediately.

Unless the rider has fallen into water do not move him. Do not remove his helmet.

If the rider is unconscious, make sure he is breathing with a clear airway and that he has a pulse. If necessary, start CPR.



If the rider is conscious, ask if he is able to move arms and legs. If not, help him stay calm while you wait for help. Provide shade from the sun or warmth if needed.

Even if the rider appears uninjured, ask a few simple questions to check for mental clarity. Confusion or short-term memory loss may indicate a concussion.

If the rider seems dazed do not allow him back on the horse.

Do not leave an unconscious or dazed person alone while getting help-if he wakes up he could stumble off and get lost on top of being seriously injured.

## JUST FOR FUN: Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Smokey Bear



Smokey Bear was born on Aug. 9, 1944, when the U.S. Forest Service and the Ad Council agreed that a fictional bear would be the symbol for their joint effort to promote forest fire prevention.

Artist Albert Staehle was asked to paint the first poster of Smokey Bear. It depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire and saying “Care will prevent 9 out of 10 fires.” Smokey Bear soon became very popular as his image appeared on a variety of forest fire prevention materials. In 1947, his slogan became the familiar “Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!”

Then in the spring of 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, a young bear cub found himself caught in a burning forest. He took refuge in a tree, and while managing to stay alive was left badly burned. The firefighters who retrieved him were so moved by his bravery, they named him Smokey.

News about this real bear named Smokey spread across the Nation, and he was soon given a new home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The living symbol of Smokey Bear, he played an important role in spreading messages of wildfire prevention and forest conservation. Smokey died in

1976 and was returned to Capitan, New Mexico, where he is buried in the State Historical Park. This year, Smokey Bear celebrates his 75th birthday.

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

## THE FLAG — BY BAXTER BLACK, DVM

With your permission I would like to indulge in a little naked patriotism. The United States of America, during my lifetime has become a nation like none other on earth. Not because it is the most powerful nation on earth, but because we, more times than I can count, have taken the side of the oppressed with no intention to conquer, rule or pillage.

In the act of offering our assistance, we have sacrificed blood, money and lives. We have beat ourselves up. We have questioned our motives. Our leaders have engaged in heated debate about the hows and whys, but we continue to be the single brightest light for the world's mistreated. We will take on the schoolyard bully.

In spite of all our mistakes, missteps, misjudgments and misgivings, the world today would be a completely different place if our country; Americans all, had turned our back on the injustices and inhumanities that relentlessly stalk the globe.

Supporting the troops and their families on the front lines in the war on terror is not a partisan act. It is an act of pride, compassion, love, concern, anguish and hope. They carry our colors into harm's way, and have since 1776.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the flag  
That flew over Valley Forge  
Was torn in two by the gray and the blue  
And bled through two world wars.

I give you the flag that burned in the street  
In protest, in anger and shame,  
The very same flag that covered the men  
Who died defending her name.

We now stand together, Americans all,  
Either by choice or by birth  
To honor the flag that's flown on the moon  
And changed the face of the earth.

History will show this flag stood a friend  
To the hungry, the homeless and lost  
That a mixture of men as common as clay  
Valued one thing beyond cost.

And they've signed it in blood from Bunker Hill  
To Saigon, Kuwait, Bosnia  
Kabul, Baghdad and Toko Ri.  
I give you the flag that says to the world  
Each man has a right to be free.

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Laurie C. is preparing for the 2020 riding season by refining her skills, with her horse.

## Did my horse eat a rock?

Stones may be found in a horse's manure, and it is likely they were created inside the horse's digestive system.

Intestinal stones (enteroliths) are primarily made up of magnesium, calcium, ammonium, and phosphate.

The stones are created when the horse ingests a foreign object like sand, wire, or baling twine, and minerals build up around it in rings, layer upon layers.

Smaller stones can be passed in the feces, but larger stones cannot pass and often end up disrupting

digestion, resulting in colic (stomach ache). A large stone can be lethal when it leads to the rupturing of the intestinal tract.

Surgery is the common solution for large stones, which are usually spherical or tetrahedral (having four faces, like a pyramid building block), as large as 3 ½ feet in length and weighing up to 15 ½ pounds.

Kidney stones are rare in horses. Urinary tract stones are typically found in the bladder and are commonly in males because of the length of the urethra. Sizes range from 3 to 4 inches.

## TRAIL DAY

All,

A huge Thank You to the seven BCH members that were able to join me to make the Trail Day at South Cottonwood yesterday a huge success. I think we all had fun socializing and got some much needed exercise. In the process, we trimmed over 2 miles of trail and received a lot of "Thank yous" from the many hikers, joggers, and two fat bikes we met on the trail. The "Trail Maintenance Today" sign that we posted at the trailhead let them all know that you, Back Country Horsemen members, are maintaining trails for them to use as well.

Thank you Lew and Jenny, Carmen, Kenji, John M, Jamie Perkins, and Connie Lehocky for a great day in the mountains!

The next opportunity for trail maintenance will tentatively be February 22nd, two days after the general meeting.

The February Meeting on the 20th is the night we sign up with the Forest Service to be eligible to do volunteer trail maintenance. I hope you can all attend this meeting. Stay tuned about where we will trim trail next. We might work on Sypes Canyon again or New World Gulch to Moonshine, depending on the weather and snowfall.

Keep your loppers sharp!

Happy Trails,

—Dan

Photos by Lew Goiodpaasture & Carmen Matzick





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