

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 : JANUARY 16, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all,

As we finish up 2019 I want to thank all the volunteers who made this year a big success. Thanks to Larry and the trail crew. Thanks to the Poker Ride committee and Carmen and Dan P for all their hard work. We also had a couple of celebrations that are noteworthy. The Spanish Creek Campout/cookout was a big success and we have the same dates reserved for 2020. The Christmas party was a big hit and I want to thank Diane Hoell and her crew for hosting this year. What a fun party; it will be hard to top that one.

I want to thank all outgoing directors and officers for their service to our club. Thanks to all the new directors and officers for being willing to volunteer to make our Chapter of BCHM a success.

Please renew your memberships now so we don't get behind. Also please come to the Feb meeting with the Forest Service so you can have some great food and sign the volunteer agreement with the Forest Service.

The next big thing is the State Convention hosted by the Bitterroot Chapter in Hamilton MT in March. We need eight delegates to represent GVBCH at the convention.

A warm thank you to our newsletter editor who selflessly gives of her talents and time for another year of great newsletters. Thank you Brant.

Until next Year.

—Henry

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19**

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

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

Minutes of November 2019 meeting: Dan Porter moved to approve the minutes as written; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the savings and checking accounts. Our share of the Christmas party was \$591. Rich moved to approve the report; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed. Carmen mentioned that an audit needs to be done prior to turning books over to new treasurer. Carl and Marianne agreed to be on the audit committee.

OLD BUSINESS

RAC Grant: Dan Porter asked that the club put together some grant applications. Henry stated that he heard from various FS personnel that they'd like us to apply for a grant for trail maintenance, and he suggested applying for \$5,000. Applications are due February 7, 2020. Henry, Kathy and Rich will constitute the committee to draft an application.

Christmas party: The event was a great success, and the Saddle & Harness Club appreciated our cooperation. Almost 100 people attended.

January meeting: Calendar meeting. Henry wants to set a date to go to Windy Pass and view the corrals (probably late July/early August).

NEW BUSINESS

Spanish Creek: The cabin has been reserved for Sept. 11-13, 2020.

Convention: The state convention will be in Hamilton from March 20-22. The Bitterroot River Inn is the hotel but the events will be at the Ravali County Fairgrounds. Dan Marsh has raffle tickets. The club needs to provide an item for the live auction (approx. \$100 value).

Adjournment: Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting, Carl seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Please welcome new members of GVBCH:

Gregg & Angie Hansen	406-581-9801
Heather Ridley	651-334-7080
Jill Stephens	406-404-0738 (C) 586-2295 (H)

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

Janice moved to accept the November 2019 minutes as written, Carmen seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the savings and checking accounts. Carmen purchased stamps and reimbursed Henry for the club's portion for Christmas party (\$591). Dan Porter moved to approve the report; Janice seconded; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas party: We had a good turnout with nearly 100 people attending. It was a great party, and everyone had a good time.

Spanish Creek: The Spanish Creek outing will be held Sept. 11-13, 2020.

Programs: January will be the calendar/scheduling meeting. In February, we'll have the wild game potluck and Forest Service personnel will attend. Henry asked that everyone who plans to do trail work in 2020 attend the meeting so they can sign the necessary paperwork/waiver for the FS.

Elections: Rich conducted the election. Marianne read the following slate of officers and directors: President: Henry Glenn; Vice president: Chris Nygren; Treasurer: Jim Wing; Secretary: Kathy VanDyke; Directors: Carmen Matzick, Rod Wilson, Corinne Martin; State board rep: Rich Inman; State board alternate: Henry Glenn. Janice made a motion to accept the slate by acclimation, Jim seconded; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail crew: Larry is planning to resign his position as the trail boss. He'll be as involved as possible but wants someone else to head up the trail work group.

Miscellaneous info: Janice brought info about Stack's Saddles & Tack (he does tack repair) and noted that winter is a good time to examine your tack to ensure it's in good condition. She also mentioned some problems with the Facebook page.

Convention: The State convention will be in Hamilton from March 20-22, 2020. Henry advised that attendees get reservations soon. The club can have 8 delegates, and Henry asked that you let him know soon if you want to attend. Dan Marsh has raffle tickets.

Marianne moved to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Program: After adjournment, Henry and Molly presented a slide show of projects the club has done over the years. We enjoyed watching the show, eating cookies and chatting. Janice also treated us to trail stories performed to the music of Christmas songs.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

HORSEMEN MANNERS & ETTIQUETTE

Horse Manners

No horse can have good manners on the trail unless he is properly trained to do so. The same bad manners in a horse at home make him a poor trail companion. The unexpected on the trail magnifies the problems of kicking, biting, running away, crowding other horses, bucking and rearing.

In order to put good trail manners on your horse, you will need to practice at home. Trail riding in a group has a way of "un-training" your horse, so his lessons must be well learned in order for them to work on a trail ride, where he (and you) need them most.



Give to the bit ~ Giving to the bit is the beginning of your horse having brakes. So practice this cue until your horse will give every time you ask without resistance.

Hips over ~ As the horse takes a big step to the side with his hindquarters, he ends up turning about 90 degrees. If he will do that, you can limit his ability to bolt forward or shy easily, and you can slow or stop him by making a series of 90-degree turns.

Head down/calm down cue ~ The head down cue allows the horse to calm down even when he's excited. It gives you a way on the trail to gain control when you most need it.

Spook in Place ~ Teaching your horse to face something that startles him can prevent him from spinning out from under you, and keeps the scary thing in front of him instead of behind him, where he views it as chasing him.



HORSE HEALTH ~ ACUPUNTURE

Acupuncture in the treatment of disease involves the stimulation of specific points along affected channels to reopen "blocked" energy flow and reestablish normal functioning. Diagnostic acupuncture uses these same meridians to detect an energy blockage. Precision in selecting the proper points, inserting needles (if used) to the proper depth, and maintaining treatment for the proper length of time, all are critical for successful acupuncture.



When To Consider Acupuncture? Use these rules of thumb:

1. Seek conventional treatment first. Where appropriate, augment it with acupuncture, or;
2. Try acupuncture after conventional treatment has produced less-than-satisfying results.
3. If your horse has a condition for which every passing minute means more tissue damage and a worsening prognosis (such as laminitis, severe colic, bowed tendon, or navicular disease), seek proven conventional care as his primary treatment. You can then use acupuncture to augment that protocol.
4. Following is a sampling of conditions for which acupuncture has been reported to be beneficial, on its own or as an adjunct to contemporary medicine:

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| • Peripheral nerve paralysis | • Navicular disease | • Laminitis |
| • A variety of musculoskeletal-related lameness | • Stomach ulcers | • Hives, shock |
| • Cribbing | | • Nervousness |

Backcountry Horsemen of America

Volunteer Hours Report

BCH MT

2019

	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	5916	\$25.43	\$150,443.88	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	6591	\$38.15	\$251,413.70	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	665	\$25.43	\$16,904.59	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	2915	\$25.43	\$74,128.45	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	2219	\$25.43	\$56,416.46	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	3827	\$25.43	\$97,307.90	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	4358	\$25.43	\$110,816.31	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	26489.45			
Wilderness Trail Miles	567			
Other Trail Miles	1441			
Total Trail Miles	2008			
Personal Vehicle	74858	\$0.90	\$67,372.20	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	64379	\$1.10	\$70,816.90	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	139237			
Power Equipment	667	\$26.00	\$17,342.00	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	73	\$81.00	\$5,913.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	740			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	1193			
Total Stock Days	1889	\$100.00	\$188,900.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$8,154.29		\$8,154.29	
		Total	\$1,115,929.67	

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State/Chapter Summary or Project Name	Volunteer Work										Transportation						Equipment Hours				Horses & Mules			Donations	
	Trail Work Hours			Trail Miles			Public				Travel		Personal		Power		Heavy		Quantity		Stock	Days	Dollar	Amount	
	Basic	Skilled	Recon	Wilderness	Trail Miles	Education & LNT	Public Meetings	Admin Service	Travel Time	POV Miles	Haul Miles	Stock	Power Equip	Heavy Equip	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Dollar	Amount				
Beartooth BCH	425.5	356.5	24.75	44.95	94.8	12	17.5	73.5	296.5	2264	7130	15	0	149	175	\$3,447.21									
Bitter Root BCH	585	258	28	12	106	40	40	1244	179.2	7123	4219	12	11	12.5	171	\$1,180.08									
Cabinet BCH	460	1164	40	5.5	57.9	1	12	416	165	3879	1616	324	12	32	32	\$250.00									
Charlie Russell BCH	100	238	63	0	217	394	376	0	337	5950	3128	25	0	54	54	\$-									
East Slope BCH	188	144	50	25	107	48	12	215	108	2050	2470	4	0	25	54	\$50.00									
Flathead BCH	1006	330	157	61	120	1087	890	190	754	13717	10731	0	31	156	233	\$622.00									
Gallatin Valley BCH	900	1826	3	210	163	21	21	363	435	2527	9488	18	0	178	261	\$-									
Judith Basin BCH	84	22	61	0	22	90	72	3	126	690	1330	0	0	62	62	\$15.00									
Last Chance BCH	99	236	0	6	17	0	56	114	137	683	1800	0	0	57	57	\$-									
Mile High BCH	330	12	30	16	30	48	0	20	84	3553	2880	0	0	47	47	\$-									
Mission Valley BCH	169	58	3	0	130	209	172	266	179	7770	1860	50	4	18	18	\$-									
Missoula BCH	131	127	8	0	8	36	29	119	77	1406	677	13	0	20	50	\$750.00									
Northwest MT BCH	990.5	826.5	110	73	163	534	152	509	927	12650	9353	3	0	205	440	\$-									
Selway / Pintler BCH	30	162	12	57	93	173	20	124	123	1237	2369	18	0	46	65	\$630.00									
Three Rivers BCH	8	95	75	57	14	94	343	0	178	6093	2115	96	0	37	37	\$860.00									
Trout Creek BCH																									
Upper Clark Fork BCH	153	357	0	0	55	30	0	125	61	710	1054	58	0	34	73	\$350.00									
Wild Horse Plains BCH	257	379	0	0	43	98	6	45	191	2556	2159	31	15	60	60	\$-									
Totals	5916	6591	664.75	567.45	1440.7	2915	2218.5	3826.5	4357.7	74858	64379	667	73	1192.5	1889	\$8,154.29									



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Janice Cartwright



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2019 POKER RIDE:**

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Big Sky RV
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