

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:

STATE BOARD MEETING : MAY 9, 8:00 AM

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE; details to come

BOARD MEETING : MAY 21, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : MAY 21, 7:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY —ON HOLD

Contact Dan Porter, 539-4575

SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY —PENDING

GSHC CHILI FEED : MAY 2 —CANCELLED



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Back Country Horsemen,

As we navigate this new environment we find our selves in, I hope all are safe and healthy. Mark DeOpsomer, who had contacted COVID 19 from a friend, has fully recovered. If there are others in our chapter, please let me know.

As we approach the point of no return on a decision on whether to cancel the 32nd annual GVBCH Poke Ride, we will be checking all sources of information as to what is best for the Chapter and the safety of the public. I would appreciate your input so please let me know your thoughts. The board has set May 21st as the drop dead, last day to decide.

We had a board meeting via video conference in April. The minutes are in this newsletter.

I hope to have a regular meeting in May at Springhill. Julie Cunningham is scheduled to have the program. She is from FWP and always has a good presentation about the local wildlife conditions.

We will be planning our regular summer trail clearing crews in the near future so stay tuned to your emails from GVBCH as there will be important info in them.

On a sad note, we have lost one of our own. Billie Thomas has gone to her heavenly home. Please keep Larry and family in your prayers. I am sure he would love to hear from you.

May we get to ride our trails soon!

—Henry

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21

The Board of Directors will determine whether to hold the May meetings taking into account Coronavirus health concerns. Notice will be made prior to the meetings. —Editor

N.B. The April meeting was held via video conference.

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Jim Wing, Kathy VanDyke, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Corinne Martin, Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, John Mutter

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

Carl moved to approve the minutes as published in the March newsletter; Corinne seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the club's checking and savings accounts. Chris moved to approve the report; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Dan Porter and Carmen will chair the event. Discussion ensued whether to cancel the event now. Concerns included collection of prizes given the financial hardship businesses are incurring and the risks of having groups of people in the registration area and serving/eating lunch together. Suggestions included giving cash prizes (\$100, \$50, \$25), having on-line registration only, and having riders provide their own lunch. It was also suggested that the ride be postponed until early September. A final decision regarding cancellation or postponement will be made by the board in May.

Trail Clearing: This activity will be on hold until trailhead restrictions are lifted. Discussion was held whether small groups (2-3 people) could do trail work, and Henry stated that he'll check with the FS to determine whether small crews would be covered by insurance during the shut-down. Henry also noted that there will be no chain saw or first aid classes this spring, and that all current certifications will be extended until the fall.

Trailer: This issue is on hold for now.

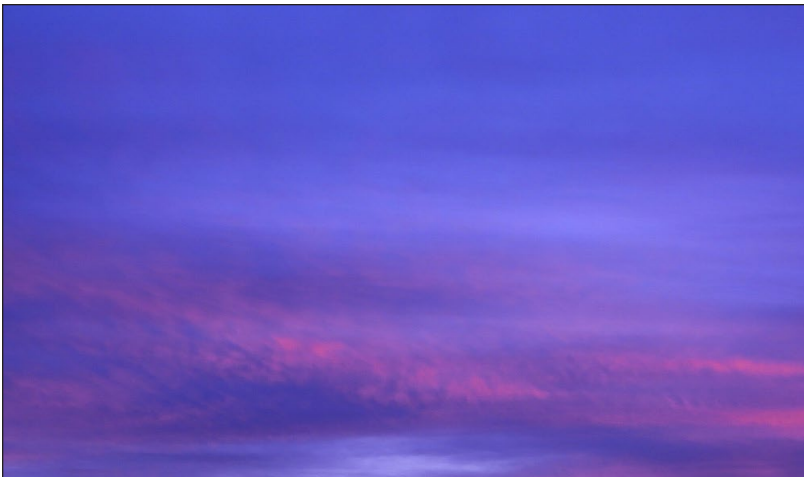
NEW BUSINESS

Forest Service guidelines: Henry reported that the Forest Service will be enforcing its firearms guidelines which require that any volunteer who wishes to carry a gun have a background check performed. One consequence of failure to follow the guideline is that the volunteer would not be covered by the FS workers' comp insurance. Henry further noted that all trailheads are currently closed to large gatherings, although they are open for recreational use by small groups and social distancing is required.

ADJOURNMENT

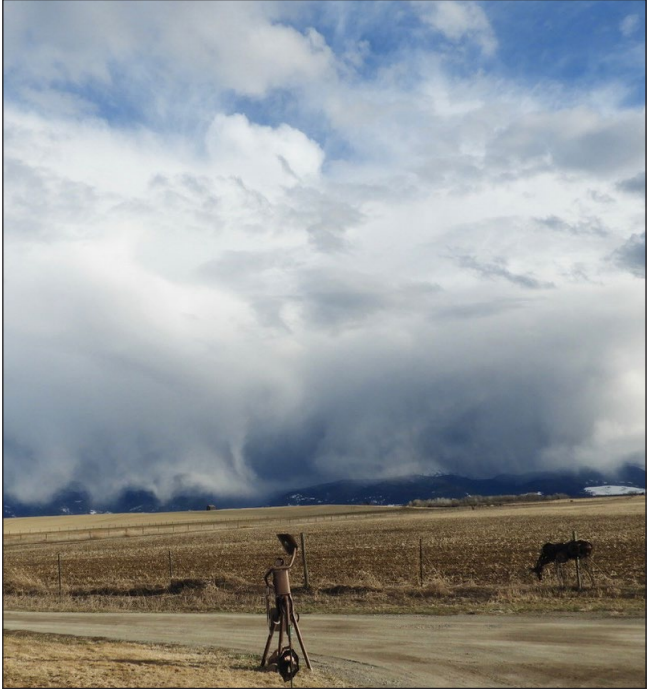
Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Carmen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke





Photos by Janice Cartwright



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