

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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##### ONE YEAR TERM

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##### TWO YEAR TERM

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#### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

online, details will be available before the meeting

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AS A REMINDER, YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE AND  
CAN BE RENEWED ONLINE: [HTTP://GVBCH.BCHMT.ORG/](http://gvbch.bchmt.org/)



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone.

2020 has been one of those years you want to forget. Yet we had a successful season on the trails. The Board of directors has decided to cancel our in-person meetings for November and December. There will be a video conference call which you may participate in. We only have the election for important business and there will be some emails to follow on that and what the nominating committee is recommending. As the number of Covid 19 cases continue to rise in Gallatin, I feel we need to be vigilant and not expose our members unnecessarily.

More bad news, we are unable to secure a venue to hold the Christmas party and because of the above circumstances we will also not hold our annual Christmas Party this year. Bummer, I know but we will survive and move forward. Everyone stay safe and we will be in touch.

—Henry

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21**

Henry Glenn, Jim Wing, Kathy VanDyke, Carmen Matzick, Vern Campbell, Carl Blaskovich, Rod Wilson, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter

Called to order by Henry Glenn

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING**

Jim moved to approve the minutes as written; John seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Jim reported on the club’s savings and checking accounts. Vern moved to approve the report; Carl seconded; the motion passed. Marianne had newsletters printed at Staples for a cost of \$30. John moved to approve reimbursement; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nominating committee: Vern reported on the progress of the committee. Chris is willing to run for President; Henry is willing to run for Vice President; Jim is willing to run for Treasurer; Laurie Connelly is willing to run for Secretary; Kathy has agreed to serve as a director. A complete proposed slate will be presented at the November meeting.

Volunteer hours: Dan noted that many of the forms were completed incorrectly so he will do some training on this in future. Dan also reported that there is an opportunity to seek RTP money for this year. We will wait until Nov. 14 to find out if there’s RTP money available after which we will submit requests via RTP, RAC, or both. Henry reported that no hours have been turned in for RAC grant payments. Henry and Dan will work on these issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Holiday party: The party has been tentatively set for Dec. 12 at Eagle Mount (assuming the facility repair has been completed and Covid restrictions allow).

Trailer: John has found two trailers that would fill the club’s needs. The first is a flat-topped Mirage, 8.5 feet wide by 20 feet long, for approximately \$8,500; the other is 8.5 feet wide by 20 feet long with a dome roof (he does not have a price yet). Neither trailer would be available until March. Henry will talk with Wayne Frederickson about additional options.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



**PROGRAM**

Virginia Kelly presented an overview of the Land Management Plan revision for the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Marianne Meyer moved to accept the September 2020 minutes as written; Larry Thomas seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Jim Wing reported on the club’s savings and checking accounts. Carmen Matzick moved to approve the report; Molly Glenn seconded; the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Grants: Henry reported on two RAC grants that were approved last spring, neither of which have been tapped yet. There’s also RTP grant money remaining; we will seek money from this resource first before turning to the RAC grants.

Elections: The Nominating Committee has been working on the upcoming elections, and a final report will be made at the November meeting.

AB wilderness trips: Henry reported that the trips were successful, and much work was accomplished.

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Trailers: John reported on his trailer project. These efforts are ongoing and should be finalized in the spring.

Adjournment: John Mutter moved to adjourn; Sid Boswell seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

## 2020 GALLATIN VALLEY BCH VOLUNTEER HOURS

We had a great year in 2020 despite fighting the added trouble of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also had to deal with our trail boss extraordinaire Larry Thomas taking a step back from his trail boss duties. Thanks to Dan Porter and Lew Goodpasture for stepping up to the plate and filling Larry's boots! Dan Porter led the Saturday Crew and also started early in January with a couple of trips to clear brush at South Cottonwood. Dan also took on the task of retreading the High Lakes trail which has not got much attention in the last few years and was becoming dangerous to ride on. Lew took over the Wednesday crew and did a great job managing two crews to keep the size of the crew down during the pandemic. We had to get special approval from the Forest Service and submit a plan of how to deal with any COVID-19 cases that may have come up while doing the volunteer work. We also had a new requirement to be able to carry a firearm to dispatch any stock that required a back ground check and a letter of authorization from Mary Erickson. We had over 40 different projects this year with over 2,162 hours and 529 trail miles and a whopping 14,137 travel miles and 313 stock days. When the going rates for volunteer time and stock are totaled we donated over \$113,182 to the volunteer effort for the year. Aside from Dan Porter, Lew Goodpasture and Henry Glenn for their countless hours organizing and

riding heard on all of the volunteer folks there are some notable volunteers that went above and beyond this year. Kenji Aoki was on just about every project including the early ones and amassed 2,186 miles himself in hauling stock to the trailhead. The next highest mileage total went to Lew with 1,434 followed by Dan Marsh with 1,244 and then Henry Glenn with 1,104. We are waiting to find out if there will be any leftover RTP money around mid-November and if so we will submit to that grant because it has to be used this year. Our RAC grants are good for another year so the remainder of our mileage will be applied to those grants. We get more with the RTP grant per project because it pays more in mileage and also pays for trailer and stock use while the RAC grants only cover mileage and use a formula based on the distance from the district office instead of actual mileage. We had over 26 members that participated in the volunteer effort this year so give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done! You should feel a sense of pride in that we consistently produce more hours than chapters that are more than double our size. We also consistently have more projects per year than the other chapters. For more details please download our Volunteer Report for 2020 from the web site at: <https://gvbch.bchmt.org/documents/GVBCHVolunteerHoursWorkbook2020.pdf>

—Dan Marsh



Rich Inman has three horse blankets to give away. They are used but in good condition. Anyone interested can reach him at 388-1564



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