

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 15, 6:30 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi, All Horsemen

Well, we have finished another great season of trail maintenance for the Forest Service in the Custer Gallatin Forest. Thanks go to Dan Porter and Lew Goodpasture for an outstanding season of trail work and fun. The Spanish Creek Campout was a success. Everyone had a great time. If you missed it, you missed a real treat provided by the GVBCH.

We have also completed the season in the A-B Wilderness with 1 trip to Buffalo Fork and 2 trips to Slough Creek. See our Facebook page for the pictures. Get Mark and Kenji to tell you about sleeping with the bears and beavers! Oh and I almost forgot, Mark caught several nice Cutthroats. Since we did not finish the pasture fence this year it will still be there next year so if you missed this year then plan on going next year.

The nominating process has begun for the Board and officers of GVBCH so if you are contacted by the nominating committee please consider serving our great chapter. I also want to thank Rich for standing in for me at the state board meeting while I was cooking for the Spanish Creek Campout. Thanks to Chris for moderating the meeting in my absence!

As Fall comes in enjoy the last days of riding while the leaves are that special color of yellow, red and gold.

I also want to thank everyone who helped or offered to help the victims of the Bridger Foothills Fire. Every act of kindness was noticed. Thank you!

May God Bless the Trails You Ride!

—Henry

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Jim Wing, Kathy VanDyke, Carl Blaskovich, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter; Kathy stood proxy for Carmen Matzick; Jim stood proxy for Corinne Martin; Rich stood proxy for Rod Wilson; Carl stood proxy for Vern Campbell

Called to order by Chris Nygren.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2020 MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Marianne reported there are 51 paid memberships, and 63 memberships when honorary members are included.

Trailer: John will inquire with Steer-In for prices and options. He recommends 18 or 20-footer. We discussed keeping old trailer to store trail crew tools and using a new trailer for tables, chairs, etc.

Trail crew: Wednesday crews are done for the year; it is unclear whether Dan Porter will schedule any more Saturday trips.

Forest plan: The Forest Service has received several objections to the proposed forest plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: We held a discussion regarding whether to stop mailing hard copies to several members. We decided to use a service to print and mail the letters, perhaps using Instyprints as we already have an account there. Marianne will contact Instyprints to set this up.

Nominating committee: It is time once again for annual elections. In the absence of committee volunteers, Carl, Vern and Lew are responsible for coming up with a proposed slate. The final slate will need to be presented at the November meeting so work will need to be done on this project prior to the October meeting.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Call to Order: Chris Nygren called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

John moved to accept the August 2020 minutes as written; Marianne seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

Trail crews: Wednesday crews are done for the year; it remains to be seen if Dan Porter will schedule any Saturday trips.

Membership: Marianne reported there are 51 paid memberships plus 12 honorary members for a total of 63 memberships.

Volunteer hours: Dan Marsh asked that anyone with administrative or education hours, or non-regularly scheduled trail work, report the hours to him.

State board meeting: Dan Marsh reported on the meeting (held virtually). Minutes and newsletters can be found on the BCHA website. Montana BCH website will be revamped and Dan's working on that project. RTP grants are no longer useful/usable so we will no longer be part of that program.

Firearms policy: There have been problems with volunteers showing up at trails with firearms. It is possible to get a letter authorizing such use, and the request must go through the Forest Service.

Spanish Creek gathering: Chris thanked Molly for her and Henry's hard work. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

Forest plan: Three groups have objected to proposed plan including Gallatin Forest Partnership. We are part of that group however we did not specifically object to the plan. Rich noted that the program in October will be a Forest Service presentation on the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Chris asked that anyone interested in being on the nominating committee contact Henry or Chris.

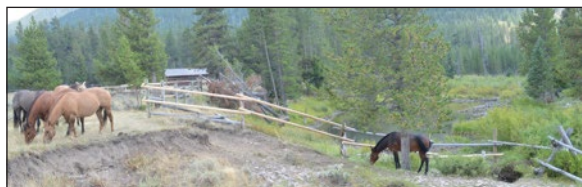
Program: Dan, Molly and Kenji regaled us with stories from the Slough Creek cabin trip in August.

Adjournment: John moved to adjourn; Janice seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

AUGUST 31 TRAIL CREW

A group of 7 headed to Slough Creek Cabin on August 23rd for a week of work on the pasture fence. This historic cabin, built in 1923, has a 13 acre pasture whose fence is in disrepair. Although Covid had impacted many seasonal plans, they were able to utilize helicopter drops to get materials into the site. So, with the materials at the ready, a work force was needed to start the project. Laurie Connelly, Kenji Aoki, Mark DeOpsomer, Dan Marsh, Lew Goodpasture, Henry & Molly Glenn worked hard for 4 days and replaced 152 rails, dug 16 new posts, re-tamped 3 posts, made a new slider gate and re-made three others, reset the front steps and re-hung the tack door. There was still time for a little fishing and a trail ride up to Frenchie's grave. —Molly Glenn



SPANISH CREEK CABIN EXTRAVAGANZA

This is from our weekend at Spanish Creek Cabin. It is great to accomplish all the work we do, but it is also nice to just get together, enjoy good food and some music. Thanks to all who came and shared food, stories and time together.

—Molly Glenn



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