

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 : APRIL 15, 6:30 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Spring is officially here! There are signs that the pandemic is ending and your Backcountry Horsemen chapter is busy planning for the summer and fall. We are back to meeting in person again on the third Thursday of each month and beginning to plan for our Poker Ride in July. The April meeting should be our US Forest Service presentation with the opportunity to sign volunteer agreements so we can perform trail work. There will also be opportunities for three pack trips into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness area, a chapter barbeque at the Spanish Creek trailhead in September and other chapter activities as suggested up through October, perhaps using the new BCH trailer! Don't miss out and join us in these events. Contact any board member or officer on this newsletter for more information.

—Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18**

ROLL CALL

Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Carmen Matzick (proxy for Corrine Martin), Laurie Connelly, Rich Inman, Kathy VanDyke, Vern Campbell, Dan Marsh, Dan Porter (proxy for Lew Goodpasture), Jim Wing, Marianne Meyer (proxy for Ron Wilson) and John Mutter.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING:

Kathy VanDyke moved to approve the February minutes as published in the newsletter; Henry Glenn seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wing reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts. Carmen moved to approve the report; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

We are moving forward with the expectation that we will be able to hold the Poker Ride. Jim is in contact with the insurance company. Kathy VanDyke has offered to chair a committee to organize the event. Henry volunteered to help. That committee can start meeting next month to start the planning. Let either of them know if you would like to be on their committee. Rich is still waiting for the Forest Service to get back with him regarding a permit and will contact Bridger Bowl as soon as the ski season closes.

The discussion about the chapter trailer was deferred to the General Meeting.



Micaela Young's new mule



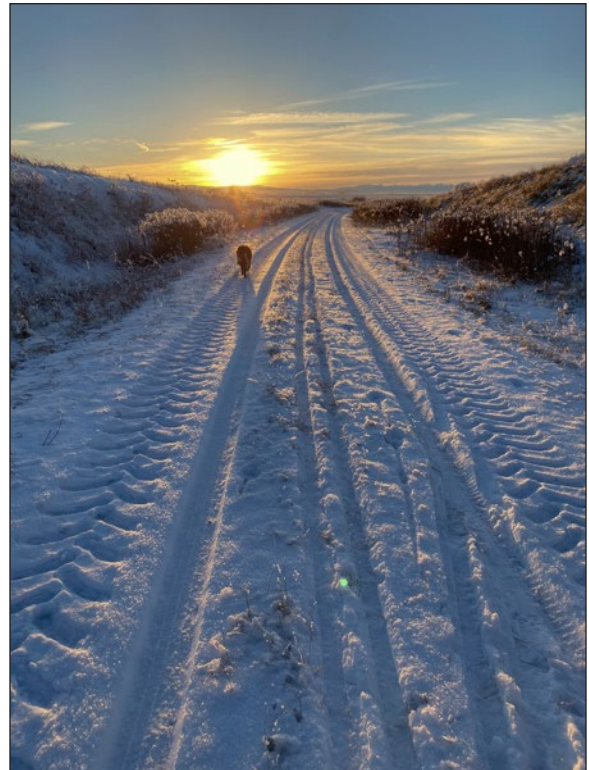
NEW BUSINESS

Chris named the delegates to represent our chapter for the purpose of voting at the State Convention. They will be Jim Wing, Janice Cartwright, Carmen Matzick, Laurie Connelly, Vern Campbell, Kathy VanDyke, Molly Glenn, Dan Porter and John Mutter.

Dan Porter brought attention to the members of a recent published list of projects approved for funding by The Great American Outdoors Act. He suggested that since there aren't that many equestrian related projects on this list, perhaps we should start accumulating a list of projects for the next time they are seeking our input. Henry offered to chair a committee to do this.

Henry moved to adjourn; Kathy seconded; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly



Dan Porter's visiting moose



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18

ROLL CALL

Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Molly Glenn, Carmen Matzick, Rich Inman, Kathy and Lawrence VanDyke, Vern Campbell, Dan Marsh, Dan Porter, Jim Wing, Marianne Meyer, John Mutter, Carl Blaskovich, Melissa Boersma, Nancy and Dave Marks, Bruce May, Larry Thomas, Janice Cartwright, Curt Settergren and Laurie Connelly
Chris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

The program tonight was a member discussion as to whether we should or should not replace the current trailer with a new trailer. Recap of that discussion will be recounted below.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING

Janice moved to approve the meeting minutes as published; John Mutter seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported the chapter's checking and savings accounts. Carmen moved to approve the report; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Delegates have been selected for the purpose of representing our chapter's votes for the National Director and Alternate National Director. Rich Inman and Henry Glenn will attend the convention (via zoom) and submit our votes. The delegates are Jim Wing, Carmen Matzick, Laurie Connelly, Vern Campbell, Kathy VanDyke, Molly Glenn, Dan Porter and John Mutter. Henry motioned the delegates approve John Chepulis for National Director; Rich seconded; the motion was passed. Henry motioned the delegates approve Brad Polman for alternate National Director; Rich seconded; the motion was passed.

We will be hosting the Poker Ride July 10. Kathy and Henry will lead a small committee to organize the event. Please let them know if you can help.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Porter brought forward the recently published list of forest projects that will be funded by The Great American Outdoors Act. There were disappointingly few equestrian focused projects. Although we will certainly benefit from the improved parking, campground and trailhead projects. Henry is our point of contact with the Forest Service. He will lead a committee to begin creating a list of projects we would like to see included the next time the Forest Service is seeking input. They do seek and respect our input. However they had very short notice in their efforts to create a list. There are also many projects that were put on hold in the last several years that need to be addressed first.

The Forest Service will be at our next meeting so we may be able to discuss that list.

Just a reminder: Along with all the wonderful day-rides

for trail work on Wednesdays and Saturdays, we have three week-long trips into the AB Wilderness for bigger projects. These are working trips but they are fun as well as challenging. They usually are in August. There will be more on this as we get closer.

Henry announced that the Spanish Creek Cabin is reserved for our end-of-season gathering. It will be Sept 10 and 11. Save the date. It is always a great time.

TRAILER DISCUSSION

Vern Campbell and John Mutter each presented. Jim Martin and Lew Goodpasture, both very involved in the search, were not present but Vern worked closely with Jim and Chris communicated with Lew by phone and email.

John related his experience with the current trailer. He built the interior support structures to fit our needs exactly. He expressed his primary concern is that if we are to replace our current trailer we need to be cognizant of what exactly we are putting inside it so we have the ability to customize it to our needs.

Vern related his and Jim's experience with searching for an appropriate trailer at the best price. They are very hard to find and usually need to be ordered. They did eventually find one through Larry Thomas's son. A photo and list of specs was passed around to the members.

Chris brought Lew's concern forward which was whether we needed a 20 foot length since we currently have a 16 ft. and is has been adequate.

The discussion was opened to the members. After 30 minutes of discussion including the weight and safety of the current trailer and the advantages of replacing and the cons of the expense involved, Kathy called for the question. Molly moved to replace the current trailer; Dan Porter seconded ; the motion passed.

Dan Porter moved to have our chapter buy a new trailer identified by the Trailer Committee (Jim Martin, Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell and John Mutter). If it is \$10,000 or less Jim Wing will have the authority to purchase it; Carmen seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Laurie motioned to adjourn; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly

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