

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:

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 4

Elks Lodge, Deer Lodge

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 16, 6:30 PM

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CHRISTMAS PARTY : JANUARY 14, 2022

Please RSVP by December 16

Venue & Entertainment TBD

YOUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

& CAN BE RENEWED ONLINE:

[HTTP://GVBCH.BCHMT.ORG/](http://gvbch.bchmt.org/)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy holidays everybody! While no firm date has been decided for a holiday party, we are still planning on getting together in the near future for a fun get together to eat barbeque brisket and try different desserts. Its hard to beat any time when you eat too much, talk with friends and even get to listen to some good music. Almost as good as Thanksgiving!

The December 16th meeting will be election night for next year's officers, three Board members and one State Board member representative. Right now, I know each of the present officers intend to run again and I also know of four members running for the GVBCH Board. Anyone else who would like to be more involved in the Chapter, please let me know by Friday 12/3.

Also, in January or early February, we intend to have a short workshop meeting on a Saturday morning to do some strategic planning for big things we want our group to accomplish. Things like long term activities and goals to improve riding and packing opportunities in the areas around Three Forks, Bozeman and Livingston. While we have a steady number of activities we always do, it would be good to stretch our capabilities and resources.

The whole next year is in front of us and I believe it will only get better for our members and the use of our stock. Remember we live in a beautiful place and we should take advantage of it.



—Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18**

Attendance: Henry Glenn, Lew Goodpasture, Chris Nygren, Kathy VanDyke, Vern Campbell, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Laurie Connelly, Rich Inman, Rod Wilson, Corrine Martin and Carmen Matzick

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Dan Porter brought to attention a need to amend the minutes that had stated the chapter had received the RAC Grant monies. We in fact have been awarded the grant but have not yet received that money. Also is was wrongly stated that Board members were stepping down. In fact their terms were completed but they are still eligible to run for any open board position in December, including the one they are leaving. Kathy VanDyke moved to approve the minutes as amended; Lew seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking and savings account balances. Dry Creek Church donated \$50 to our chapter in memory of Mike Haugan. Henry motioned to approve the treasurer's report; Dan seconded the motion; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The new trailer is being stored at Dan Porter's for the winter.

Purchase of a battery operated chain saw for the chapter: Further discussion about the decision was had and a motion was made by Vern to approve the purchase of a battery operated chain saw or to have the Forest Service purchase one for us with our grant funds; Carmen seconded the motion; the motion passed. FYI, if we use grant funds the process for that is for the Forest Service to do the actual purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Gathering

We still need a venue. Henry is going to be talking with the Springhill Church about availability of their building. Possible dates are Dec. 4 and Dec 17 although we might consider Dec. 16 (our general meeting night). Diane Howell (from Saddle and Harness Club) will be doing the decorations and Henry will be doing the cooking. We will need volunteers for helping to set up and take down tables, etc. Henry will let us know by Mon or Tues (Nov 21, 22).

New Board Member Elections

We will be voting at the December meeting on three open board positions. We need to have our slate of candidates by the end of November. We have three members who have expressed interest; Carl Blaskovich, Sid Boswell and Connie LeHocky. However, if anyone else is interested please let Chris Nygren know by the end of November so

that we can have our slate of candidates prepared for the December meeting vote. As a reminder, all individuals who wish to be selected must be members in good standing (have paid membership dues which are due by Jan 1 for 2022 dues)

Gallatin Forest Partnership

The Forest Service plan announcement, originally planned for the first week of December, has been postponed once again. It is now supposed to be announced Jan. 11.

STATE CONVENTION

Scheduled for March 11-14. Please be considering whether you would like to attend and/or be one of our 8 delegates. Henry will bring tickets to the next meeting.

Furture Board Meetings

Chris suggested that we need more time in board meetings to discuss long term goals and plans. We discussed the idea of having a meeting in January or February that was not on the same night as the general meeting and would be approximately three hours in length to facilitate greater discussion around long term planning.

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting; Henry seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

— Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18**



PROGRAM:

Barb Cestaro from the Gallatin Forest Partnership came to speak to us about the Partnership. It was a very interesting presentation about the work of the partnership and all the people and organizations that have come together over the past several years to come up with an agreement surrounding the Gallatin and Madison Ranges that supports existing recreational uses of

these cherished lands, ensures wildlife have plenty of room to roam, and safeguards Bozeman's drinking water supply. The agreement was presented to the Forest Service to aid in their plans for these ranges.

We highly recommend that you visit their website at www.gallatinpartners.org to see the entire agreement and learn more about the partnership.

Laurie Connelly and Chris Nygren will be representing our chapter at future meetings.

Editor's Note: Barb Cestero serves as the Regional Senior Manager in the Northern Rockies office based in Bozeman. She was just hired/volunteered to run the meetings for the Gallatin Forest Partnership.

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 8:10 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Janice motioned to approve the minutes; Carl seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported the checking and savings account balances. Dry Creek Church donated \$50 to the chapter in memory of Mike Haugan. Our chapter's national dues will be due in December. Janice motioned to accept the treasurer's report; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was passed.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our individual memberships need to be renewed by Jan. 1 for the 2022 year.

Officer and Board Members must have their dues paid in order to remain on the Board.

Also, we are going to be better this year at enforcing the rule that anyone working on the trail crews must be a paid member and have signed the Forest Service volunteer agreement, as well as have had the Safety and CPR course certifications.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Three members terms have ended. They can reapply but also other's may apply. We will have a slate of candidates for the board positions at the December meeting and we will vote at that time. Carl Blaskovich, Sid Boswell and Connie LeHocky have expressed their interest. If anyone else is interested please let Chris know by Nov 30 so we can have the official slate of candidates ready for the election at the December meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Janice reported that she has been talking with Eagle Mount and they have stated that they would be available as a venue. She is waiting on confirmation regarding this. Once we know if they are available we can move forward with a date. We will keep you posted.

STATE CONVENTION

March 11-14, 2022. Henry will bring the tickets to the next meeting. We will need 8 delegates, more are welcome.

SAFETY RELATED CERTIFICATIONS

The forest Service has extended the validity of the currently certified members for chain saw use. Trail safety and CPR courses are being arranged by Janice. All trail crew members will need to come to these classes.

Carmen motioned to adjourn; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:26.

— Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly

BUFFALO HORN CORRALS—IN NEED OF REPAIR



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With confidence and determination, like Alan Ladd in “Shane”,
We rode in to the mountains, tops of ridges sought to gain.

With silky saw and cross cut, we cleared so many trails,
And turned back lots of water, with shovel, pick, and rail.

Now the snow is here, it is the end of riding season,
hope to get back next year, if me and my horse aren't wheezin.

We might take a walk this winter, up one trail or another,
A mile or two for sure, but definitely no further.

With hot drinks and snacks we'll take the saw and clear the brush,
Have a great time together, there won't be a rush.

Now is the time to make a plan, our 2022 trail maintenance plan,
With a new board and new members, I know that together we can.

—Dan Porter



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