

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 : FEBRUARY 18, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

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**YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE AND CAN  
BE RENEWED ONLINE:**

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

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Just when we thought COVID was done disrupting our club and its activities, it reared its ugly head and pushed back the Forest Service presentation on upcoming activities for the year. Now, the plan is for the USFS people to be with us for April's meeting, but I would not hold your breath. We will see what happens as that date gets closer. We do have some ideas about summer projects they are interested in partnering with GVBCH such as working on Fox Creek cabin up South Cottonwood and they have agreed to extend our current expiring certifications to the Fall so we can still plan on our normal trail clearing crews. The Poker Ride is still a go at this time, but we may have to adapt a few things to keep it safe under the protocols which may be in place at that time. Flexibility will continue to be our mantra for a few more months.

February's meeting is still being planned to be at the church but we may be scrambling to get a program together and right now I would predict that it will be a masked affair. More news on that event will follow. In the words of those famous Hee Haw characters, "if it weren't bad news, we'd have no news at all...", but this too shall pass.

Take care and stay safe

—Chris

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21

Via Video Conference

Roll Call:

Dan Marsh, Carmen Maztick, Lew Goodpasture, Jim Wing, Corinne Martin, Kathy VanDyke, Chris Nygren, Dan Porter, Henry and Molly Glenn, Vernon Campbell, Carl Blaskovich, Curtis Settergren, Stacy and Sid Boswell, Kenji Aoki, member 595-4042 and Laurie Connelly

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order.

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2020 MEETING

Henry moved to approve the minutes as published in the December newsletter; Lew seconded; the motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the clubs checking and savings accounts. All RTP checks have been accounted for. Kathy moved to approve the report; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was had regarding whether or not we could hold the next meetings in person. All present approved doing so. Henry will confirm with the Church that they also approve. Unless otherwise announced, the February meeting WILL BE in person at the Springhill Church at 4769 West Babcock, Bozeman. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no food or drink and please bring a mask.

All members will need to sign the Forest Service Volunteer Agreement form. The Gun Carry Agreement will also be available. Henry will check with Wendy (Forest Service) regarding a presentation for the meeting in February. He will see if she can bring the information for First Aid and Chain Saw Education and Certification to that meeting.

We need presentation topics for the March and April meetings. Janice and Rich have volunteered to coordinate presentations. Please let them know any ideas you may have.

There will be no In-Person State Convention this year due to the on-going pandemic. A video conference will be organized. There will be an on-line option for the Raffle Tickets. They will also be available at the February and March meetings. The drawing happens March 27. The funds this year will go the State Chapter. Hamilton (Bitterroot) Chapter is hosting again this year.

We will not need to submit any grant applications this year as we still have remaining funds from last year.

July Poker Ride. YES! We do want to hold a Poker Ride this year. We need permits from both Bridger Bowl and the Forest Service and we need to renew our insurance to make that happen.

Trail Work: We will have our usual Wednesdays and Saturdays trail work. Weather permitting we will begin Mid-May and run through early September. Lew Goodpasture will be the lead on Wednesdays and Dan Porter will be the lead on Saturdays. The Forest Service will let us know if they have any special projects for us to work on.

Trailer Purchase: Lew Goodpasture, John Mutter and Jim Martin will continue to look into the purchase of a trailer for the club. They will report on this at the next meeting.

Club recruitment/community awareness: We discussed ideas for increasing membership. Chris presented two ideas: A public exposition of packing. This would be an educational, informative and fun presentation for the public demonstrating the art of packing for back country travel. This could raise awareness of the club and our mission. The second idea was an annual membership roundup. This could be done in the winter months, actively recruiting members to attend a dinner with a presentation about the club. Henry suggested that we designate a meeting that every club member would commit to attend and bring at least one guest. Corrine added that simply personally inviting someone often works.

Dan Marsh moved to adjourn; Carmen seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21

### PROGRAM

There was no program tonight.

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order.

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2020 MEETING

Kathy VanDyke moved to approve the minutes as published in the December newsletter; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the club's checking and savings accounts. Please remember to renew your membership. Twenty-three memberships are paid as of tonight. Laurie moved to approve the report; Lew seconded; the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

We are planning for the February meeting to be In-Person at the Springhill Church at 7pm. The Forest Service will be there for Volunteer Agreement signatures. They usually have a presentation regarding happenings in the forest. They will address First Aid and Chain Saw Certification.

Our usual Wild Game Feed will NOT be happening due to....you guessed it....COVID restrictions.

The State Convention will not be in-person. A video conference will be arranged. There will be Raffle Tickets available at the February and March meetings.

Grant applications will not be necessary this year as we still have funds left over from previous grants.

Trail Work will begin mid-May and run every Wednesday and Saturday until September. Lew Goodpasture will again be the Crew Leader for Wednesdays and Dan Porter will again be the Crew Leader for Saturdays.

### POKER RIDE

We do want to have a Poker Ride this year. We need permits from the Forest Service and Bridger Bowl. We also need to renew our Insurance. We are planning for July 10. Detailed planning for this will occur once the permits are secured.

### CHAPTER CALENDAR

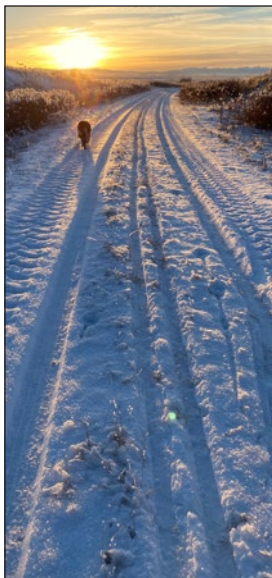
There is a link to the calendar on the website. Please check it out. Let Dan Marsh know of any events you would like to add.

### CLUB MEETING PROGRAMS

Janice Cartwright and Rich Inman have volunteered to be in charge of organizing programs for our meetings. Please let either of them know of any suggestions or ideas you have or would like to see presented.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly





**GVVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS  
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2019 POKER RIDE**

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