

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.

2021 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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Laurie Connelly ... 579-2859

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Corinne Martin ... 539-2856

TWO YEAR TERM

Vern Campbell ... 570-6117
Lew Goodpasture ... 575-639-9091
Kathy Van Dyke ... 586-2440

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (2 year) ... 388-1564
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Dan Marsh (Alternate) ... 587-7578

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 21, 6:30 PM

online, details will be available before the meeting

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Folks,

As 2020 draws to a close, I am sure most of us will be glad to see it go. We are all ready for a "normal" year. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to each one of you for your support during my term as President. Only because all of you supported me and helped me were, we able to function as a club during a pandemic.

Thanks to the Board of directors as well. Because of your leadership are we a strong chapter in the BCHMT.

I must thank Kathy VanDyke for always making me look good when she wrote the minutes. She always kept me honest and if I was not clear she would ask me to clarify.

Thanks to Chris Nygren for being flexible and conducting a meeting for me on short notice. I cannot close the year out without thanking Dan Marsh for his dedicated work on the RTP Grant.

I also want to thank Dan Porter and Lew Goodpasture for a record year working on the trails. It is hard to believe that we got as much done as we did in a pandemic.

I want to thank each person who will be stepping into a new role for GVBCH in 2021 you are helping the club move forward.

It is my sincere hope that 2021 is a better year. So with that said. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
May God Bless the Trails you Ride in 2021

—Henry



The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to reflect back, appreciate what we accomplished and the memories we made as well as look forward to our dreams and hopes for the upcoming year. Although 2020 had many things which could have dragged down our chapter, I would dare say it was one of the most successful years GVBCH has ever had. As Henry said, we had so many people step up and the communities and the wild areas surrounding us are better for it!

I look forward to serving you this upcoming year and am very grateful for Henry (and his trusty sidekick, Molly's) efforts and guidance in keeping our chapter focused on our common mission, preserving our equine tradition and the backcountry areas in which we recreate.

My email and phone are always available so feel free to drop me a line or give me a jingle.

—Chris

**BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17**

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Jim Wing, Kathy VanDyke, Carl Blaskovich, Corinne Martin, Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Dan Porter

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING

Carl moved to approve the minutes as published in the November newsletter; Corinne seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the club's savings and checking accounts. He also noted that he requires reimbursement for \$20 worth of postage stamps. Lew moved to approve the report; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

RTP: Dan Marsh reported on the recent payout of the \$17,000 RTP funds in their entirety.

Dues: Marianne reminded people to pay their annual dues, noting that all board members must renew their membership before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Adjournment: Vern moved to adjourn the meeting, Carl seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

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

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



7:00 PM, Via video conference

PROGRAM

There was no program tonight.

QUORUM

Tonight's meeting will include the election of officers and board members. In order to ensure compliance with the GVBCH constitution, Chris Nygren noted all meeting attendees and determined that a quorum was present.

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING

John Mutter moved to approve the minutes as published in the November newsletter; Sid Boswell seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

Board Election: John Mutter asked for nominations from the floor for officers, board members, state board member and alternate. No floor nominations were forthcoming and nominations were closed.

Lew then presented the following slate of officers and directors:

President: Chris Nygren
Vice President: Henry Glenn
Treasurer: Jim Wing
Secretary: Laurie Connelly
Directors: Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell,
Kathy VanDyke
State director: Rich Inman (Dan Marsh: Alternate)

Given that there was no opposition to the slate, Sid moved its approval by acclamation; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

Trailer: Henry asked John Mutter to present a trailer proposal at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Entertainment: Janice read a poem she wrote in honor of the the club. Henry asked that she provide it to Brant Robey for inclusion in the newsletter.

Adjournment: Henry adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

2020 GAVE US PLENTY

This year has sure been different.
We've had to stay apart.
It's weighed very heavily
on our minds and on our hearts.

We still managed to function
as a club throughout the year,
traipsing through the mountains
while hauling all our gear.

Masks were inconvenient,
social distancing was a pain,
still we cleared away debris
in sun and mud and rain.

Our meetings were done online.
We had some in the church.
A few were even held outside
so we weren't left in the lurch.

We can focus on the good we did
and the time we had together
as we enter into winter months
with cold and snow for weather.

Now it's time to come to realize that
some of us are at a ripe old age.
This turns out to be a bonus
in this COVID process stage.

Our status of compromised or senior
really does help us out
for we should have both of our shots
before we head back out...

...back out onto the trails that we love
to cut, saw, dig and lop.
We sure won't let some crazy virus
bring us to a STOP!



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

Ace Hardware West
Ace Hardware Belgrade
Ag Depot
B & B Plumbing
Bank of Bozeman
Beth Merrick
Big Sky RV
Carmen Matzick
Castle Custom Leather
Chalet Market
City Brew
Cuppa Jo on the Go

Dan Marsh/ Alice Pilgeram
Double Diamond Halter
Four Corner's Saddlery
Gene Houghtaling
Hardaway Veterinary Clinic
Harrington's Pepsi-Cola
Jan Elpel
Jehnet Carlson
Madison River Propane
Marianne Meyer
Mike Haugan
Montana Canvas

Montana Horse Sense
Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply
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