

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:

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 5 Spanish Creek Trailhead

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Contact

Lew Goodpasture, 575-639-9091

MULE DAYS : JUNE 11-13

Whitehall

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: JUNE 17, 6:00 PM

BOARD MEETING : JUNE 17, 6:30 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road

GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 17, 7:00 PM

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SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE SHOW : JUNE 25-27

Deer Lodge



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The sound of chainsaws, panniers clanging and people swearing at crosscut saws are starting to fill the air. Trail work has officially begun with Lew Goodpasture heading up the Wednesday group and Dan Porter focusing on Saturdays. If any one is interested, please contact one of these gentlemen to see what is planned and the where, when and the "if" of each crew's work.

Poker Ride at Bridger Bowl is a go for July 10th and the southern route is planned. Kathy Van Dyke is the Point of Contact for that event and volunteers are always needed. Any riders for the Poker Ride need to preregister through our Facebook site or the website. NO registrations are allowed on the day of the ride.

June 5th is National Trails Day, and we will be at the Spanish Creek trailhead performing work at the trailhead as well as some trail work. Our new trailer should be there, and we will be showing our faces to the public (literally, masks not required) while we work, answer questions and show other wilderness users of the good work we do that benefits everyone.

Next month our meeting will be at Janice and Ron's place on Harper Puckett Road as we do our final planning for the Poker Ride, maybe have a little ice cream and hopefully, have a great sunny evening on June 17th, one of the longest days of the year.

Take advantage of the good weather as soon as it arrives as it always seems to go by too quickly!

—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20

ROLL CALL

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

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

Carmen moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter; Dan seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported the balances in our checking and savings accounts. He also reported that our previous insurance company has declined to insure our Poker Ride event. He will continue to seek an insurer. The new trailer will be arriving this weekend. Laurie moved to approve the report; Henry seconded; the motion passed.

POKER RIDE

Kathy reported on her progress with organizing the Ride. She needs to confirm, at the general meeting, who will be flagging the course and who will be helping set up on Friday evening. Dan has the registration up on the website. Sack lunches will be prepared by Town and Country for \$6 per lunch. Henry will be in charge of clearing the course on Wednesday, July 7. Rich has received verbal permission from both the Forest Service and Bridger Bowl.

NATIOINAL TRAILS DAY, JUNE 5

Dan Porter is leading this effort. We will be setting up tables at the Spanish Creek trailheads to meet and greet hikers with the purpose of raising community awareness of our club and hopefully recruiting new members.

Laurie moved to adjourn; Kathy seconded; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 7pm.

—submitted by Laurie Connelly

JUMBLE
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUEEL
WYNOS
GRIEHH
TARCOV

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: STASH HENCE PAGODA PONCHO
Answer: When she unknowingly took a pic of the flexing bodybuilder, it was — HAPPENSTANCE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order at 7:19pm

Janice moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter; Larry seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported the balances of our checking and savings accounts. The new trailer will be arriving this weekend. Jim is still seeking an insurance company that will insure our Poker Ride event.

Dan Porter moved to approve the report; Karl seconded; the motion passed.

POKER RIDE

Kathy reported on her progress in organizing the ride. Advertising flyers are now available. Registration is up and running on line. Please remember that members need to register (on line on our website) as well, unless you are volunteering with putting on the event. Janice will organize the flagging of the course on Friday, the 9th, and provide the advance riders. Henry will organize the clearing of the course on Wednesday, July 7. Vern and Mary will be the sweep riders. Carmen will lead the de-flagging on Sunday. The traditional set-up potluck will be in the ski area parking lot on Friday the 9th. Henry and Molly will provide the protein (always delicious!!), please bring a dish to share. If you would like to volunteer for any of the elements of the Ride please let the respective leader know by phone or email. (Janice (montanahorsesense@mac.com) Henry /Molly (sedancowboy@outlook.com), Carmen (cmatzick@msn.com) and Kathy (LVD@montanadsl.net)).

TRAIL CLEARING

Lew's Wednesday crew started yesterday, May 19, with plenty of down fall on two different trails at Spanish Creek. They will continue on the 26th, weather permitting. Lew will send out an email with details. If you did not receive an email from him this past week regarding the Wednesday ride and would like to be on his list please contact him at lewdgoodpasture@gmail or 575-639-9091.

Dan Porter is the Saturday crew lead and he will also be emailing details ahead of his rides to let us know time and place. His contact is dan@bozemanbrokers.com or 406-539-0879

NATIOINAL TRAILS DAY, JUNE 5

Dan Porter is leading this. We will meet at the Spanish Creek trailhead and work there to meet hikers to raise awareness of the club and hopefully recruit some new members.

PROGRAM

Julie Cunningham, Region 3 biologist for the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks came and gave a very interesting slide-show and talk about wildlife populations in our area. If you have any questions or concerns about the wildlife please call or email her. Email is the best: juliecunningham@mt.gov 406-577-7865

Janice moved to adjourn the meeting; Karl seconded; the motion passed and the4 meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

—submitted by Laurie Connelly



photo by Dan Porter

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING

May 19: 7 members of GVBCH met at Spanish Crk TH and split into two groups. Rich, Connie, Mark and Tom worked their way up Trail 410 toward Pioneer Falls. The trail there was mostly clear but above the Falls there was quite a mess. Trees down, brush, etc. They worked through that, cutting 13 or so trees and back to the trailhead around 4 pm.

Wayne, Dan M. and Lew worked their way up Trail 407 toward Mirror Lake and encountered quite a few trees down across the trail. We cut 48 trees and made it to the 2nd crossing bridge by about 2:30 and turned back, arriving at the trailhead just behind Rich and his crew. It was a beautiful day to be out on the trails. —Lew Goodpasture



May 26: Rich, Lew, and I worked at Spanish Creek. There was light rain most of the day but we managed to “git er done” and also work several hours on the 401 clearing water bars and trimming. Note the new “trailer parking” signs installed by the Forest Service yesterday. Hopefully these more visible signs will help to reserve parking for our “big rigs” at Spanish Creek. Thank you Forest Service ! —Dan Porter



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JANICE CARTWRIGHT



SATURDAY TRAIL CLEARING

May 22: Tom and I put in a great 3 ½ hours on the Asbestos Creek trail today. The snow had stopped and the temperature was perfect for getting out in the woods. We trimmed shrubs, pruned overhanging limbs, and removed a few dead trees impacting the trail for approximately 1 mile. The trail is an easy hike to that point and we hope to get back up there next week to trim the next mile (or two) before riding in to tackle the upper more challenging stretch later this summer.

Lew, Tom, Marianne and myself met at Spanish Creek Campground for a day of trail work. The campground was deserted except for a group of 4 hunters planning a Spring bear hunt from the parking lot, of unfamiliar territory. I advised them to go up the 407 towards Falls Creek and we decided to take on Little Hell Roaring trail since the snow would hamper work on water bars on the 407. It was noted that the post holding the sign to Little Hellroaring was broken and leaning up against the FS Poster board...a project we might take on during National Trails Day on 6/5.

Leaving the trailhead at 9:30 am with a crosscut, 2 silkys, and 4 loppers we worked up the trail until noon, ate a peaceful lunch on the trail, then continued on, leaving several snags deemed too dangerous to deal with, but clearing most along the way and removing limbs and brush encroaching on the trail as well. We worked until 3:00 pm before returning to the trailhead, meeting only one couple on the trail the entire day that was looking for Pioneer Falls. I gave them directions to the foot bridge and up the 407 to the falls.

The "official" count made by Marianne, with assistance from Lew, was 35 saw cuts. Back at the trailhead we also took a close look at the damage to the corrals. It appears that the damage can easily be repaired on National Trails Day as well. The only "wildlife" we encountered were several deer and scattered bull bison feeding on the Turner Ranch.

All in all it was a great day with perfect weather for trail work, plenty of fresh air, and a rewarding time with friends in the mountains. —Dan Porter



Tom Lamb at the trailhead starts in on the west side of the trail after we had just trimmed out brush on the east side.



SATURDAY TRAIL CLEARING

May 29: Lew, Mark, and I met at Spanish Creek with plans to walk in the 401 with combies "at ready". I gave out several first pages of the May newsletter to horse owners camped at the trailhead and received good response. I also deployed the "Trail maintenance today" sign next to my truck and several people stopped by to thank us before and after the day. Several are good prospects to be new members.

We hiked in approximately 3 miles up the 401, clearing and repairing water bars as needed, doing some light trimming, and clearing a few deadfall as well. We stopped at 1pm in a small meadow for lunch and were greeted by a "Hummingbird moth" feeding on the nectar of "Spring Beauties". Lew and Mark had never seen one. Google "Hummingbird moth" if you haven't either.

Mark headed back at 3pm. Lew and I worked for another hour, returning to the trailhead around 5pm. Everyone we met was very appreciative of our efforts. One talked with me for an hour about trail work, and the advantages of using an "electric" chainsaw versus gas powered.

It was a great day to be in the mountains, with very light user traffic and perfect weather.

Stay tuned for updates from Lew on the plan for this coming Wednesday and be ready to ride next Saturday, National Trails Day, when Curt is bringing a pack horse and the plan is to ride in the 410 past the falls to snowline if possible. Trail work will only include clearing any deadfall that block the trail. If we reach the switchbacks overgrown with alders we will clear them out and ride on as well, or return as time allows.

Well maintained trails equal safe trails equal "Happy Trails". See you on the trail. —DP



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