

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 : MARCH 18, 6:30 PM

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BCHMT STATE CONVENTION ZOOM : MARCH 27

YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE AND CAN
BE RENEWED ONLINE:

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The weather is getting warmer, the days are longer and GVBCH has started having in-person meetings again! With the vaccine rollout and drop in new cases, live meetings following appropriate COVID protocols, are possible gain. On February 18, we had the first in-person meeting since September with a great presentation from Joe Peterson of Three Forks Saddlery about saddle pads and the shop's meeting spaces and other products. Thanks to Janice for setting that up and March will be another in-person meeting that Janice and Rich are finalizing now. The Chapter's business meeting was also held and we talked about the upcoming virtual state convention on March 27th, the planned July 8th Poker ride and all about trailers.

Speaking of raffle tickets, a bunch of State convention raffle tickets were sold, but there are some more still available. Please contact Jim Wing to buy them prior to the state convention and they are the sole fundraising event for the State BCH organization. Next month when we do our second live meeting we will talk about some ideas to raise the visibility of our chapter including parade appearances and other local events in which to be involved. Keep thinking of those ideas and soon we will reaching out to get things rolling again.

More on the Poker Ride to follow and start getting your tack and stock ready!

—Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18**

ROLL CALL:

Carmen Matzick (proxy for Kathy VanDyke), Chris Nygren, Jim Wing, Corinne Martin, Dan Porter (proxy for Henry Glenn), Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture, Rich Inman (proxy for Ron Wilson)

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2021 MEETING

Carmen moved to approve the minutes as published in the January newsletter; Chris Nygren seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Forest Service could not make it tonight. Hopefully, they will be at the April meeting. All certifications will be extended through September 2021. Raffle tickets for the State Convention are available tonight. The funds support the State Chapter. The drawing is March 27.

NEW BUSINESS

At the virtual State Convention we will be voting on resolutions. Our chapter needs to send eight delegates. Chris has emailed members he thought would be interested. If you didn't get an email and want to be a delegate please let him know.

Next month's meeting will be in-person. And, hopefully, all future meetings will be as well.



POKER RIDE

We are still hoping to hold this event. Once permits and insurance have been obtained it will take a lot of planning so we can accommodate all the COVID restrictions and still have fun. Rich has volunteered to contact Bridger Bowl and the Forest Service regarding the permits and Jim Wing will look into the insurance.

CHAPTER EXPOSURE/MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Mark DeOpsomer (not here tonight) has suggested we consider being in the Sweet Pea Parade this year. This chapter has participated in the past, however there appears to have been an issue with our placement in the parade line-up, horses and a hot air balloon...(sounds like and exciting mix). Please keep the ideas coming so we can grow as a chapter.

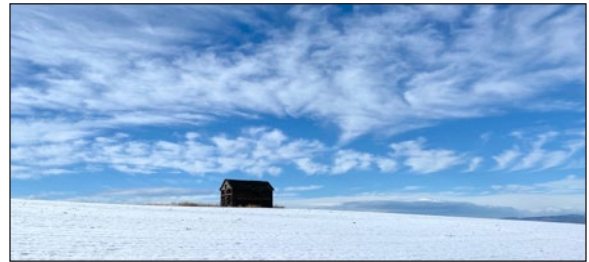
CHAPTER TRAILER REPLACEMENT

Jim Martin has agreed to look into this. John Mutter needs to be contacted regarding all the details he has already assembled in this regard and report back to the chapter. Chris would like us to move forward definitively with this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Porter moved to adjourn; Lew seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm

—submitted by Laurie Connelly



photos by janice cartwright



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18**

ROLL CALL

Chris Nygren, Laurie Connelly, Carmen Matzick, Sid and Stacie Boswell, Dan Marsh, Dan Porter, Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell, Janice Cartwright, Janice Bisso, Connie Lien, Esther Fishbaugh, Corinne and Jim Martin and Larry

PROGRAM

Joe Peterson from Three Forks Saddlery came to speak to us tonight. Three Forks Saddlery is a family-run business that has been in business since 1973 in Three Forks, MT. Joe gave an informative presentation about the saddles and pads they make. They have seven saddle makers and are very busy, especially this past year. Joe has designed and makes his own saddle pads for many different disciplines and types of horses and is always tweaking the design to keep improving them. He provides a saddle fitting service as well. Please call for an appointment. Thank you Joe for all the great information.

Chris Nygren called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2021 MEETING

Laurie moved to approve the minutes as published in the January meeting; Carmen seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts. There is one outstanding check for the PO Box Rental for \$204. We are working on replacing the chapter trailer. Once details are confirmed we will present to the members and vote on the purchase. Rich moved to approve the report; Larry seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Forest Service could not come tonight. They will, hopefully, be with us in April. In case they can't, they have extended all certifications through September 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Raffle tickets for the State Convention are here tonight. \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20, nice prizes. The funds go to support the state chapter this year. The drawing is March 27 at the Zoom Convention. Chris has emailed eight members he thought would be willing to be delegates this year. Please let him know if you would be willing to do this or not. If anyone is interested in being a delegate and was not contacted by Chris just let him know.

POKER RIDE

We want to have the ride this year. We will need to decide by April because it will take more planning than in years past due to the COVID restrictions.

ENDURANCE RIDE

Dan Marsh was contacted by Delmer Cox from the American Endurance riding Conference to inquire as to whether our chapter would be interested in helping to support an endurance ride in our area. That sounds interesting. We will need to find out what exactly they

would like us to do and discuss whether we would like to help out. More to come on that. Basic information about AERC can be found at www.aerc.org.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Janice listed the up-coming programs.

March: Medical Aid for the Human on the trail

April: Hopefully, the Forest Service, if not, then Julie Cunningham

May: North Bridger Bison Company

Any fresh ideas or suggestions for future programs, please let Janice or Rich know.

It was REALLY NICE to gather IN-PERSON tonight. Lets hope this continues. Stay safe out there everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

—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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