

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:

CHILI FEED GSHC : MAY 8

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY 19, 26, JUNE 2

Contact Lew Goodpasture, 575-639-9091

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : MAY 15, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Elks Lodge, Deer Lodge

BOARD MEETING : MAY 20, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : MAY 20, 7:00 PM

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SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY 22, 29, JUNE 5

Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 5



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Your BCH chapter is getting ready for a busy summer of clearing trails, going on trail rides, pack trips, along with ice cream socials and barbecues. At April's meeting, we had a US Forest Service presentation and got our volunteer trail agreements executed. If you weren't there in April, you can still execute one but will need to either do it with our trail bosses or contact the Forest Service directly to get it done. These signed forms are required to participate in any trail work parties throughout the summer.

Poker ride is set for July 10th at Bridger Bowl. More information to come out on that event later. We will be needing volunteers to help out on everything from trail clearing, to camp setup and help on the trail during and after the ride. Kathy Van Dyke is heading up the effort and her phone number is listed on this newsletter. We should have the new trailer by then so come on out to at least see it!

May's meeting is scheduled to have Julie Cunningham, the FWP biologist out of Bozeman responsible for managing all big game wildlife among other species here in Region 3. Always a popular program and well worth attending. Start getting your stock ready to enjoy our fabulous summer and fall seasons and I look forward to seeing you on May 20th, if not sooner.

—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15

Roll Call: Kathy VanDyke, Corrine Martin, Jim Wing, Rich Inman, Ron Wilson, Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Dan Porter (proxy for Vern Campbell), Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh and Laurie Connelly

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

MINUTES

Chris moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as published in the newsletter; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts. The new trailer will arrive next week. \$1000 was placed as a deposit with the remainder to be paid on delivery. Dan Porter moved to approve the report; Corrine seconded; the motion passed.

Old Business

Poker Ride: Kathy reported on her progress in planning/organizing for the ride. Registration will be on-line only. We will have sack lunches and water at the 'pop stations'. The top five hands will win prizes. Businesses have been identified for requesting prize donations. We will need volunteers for setup, day of and take down but we will call for those volunteers when we get closer to the date.

BCHA article: Henry and Lew have agreed to submit an article to the national organization paper.

Signage for the trails: We can start identifying where signs on the trail need to be replaced or are needed for helping direct folks on the trails.

Kathy motioned to adjourn; Henry seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly



Anticipation



It's time to start tuning up those horses...
Catherine Nelson and Sancho.

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Roll Call: Kathy VanDyke, Corrine Martin, Jim Wing, Rich Inman, Ron Wilson, Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Dan Porter (proxy for Vern Campbell), Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, Laurie Connelly, Molly Glenn, Larry Thomas, Kenji Aoki, Janice Cartwright, Christine Day, Krista Strudel, Melissa Boersma, Carl Blaskovich

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jim reported on the balances of our checking and savings accounts. \$1000 was deposited for the new trailer with the remainder being placed upon delivery of our new trailer next week.

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

PROGRAM:

Corey, Wendi and Cody from the Forest Service provided the program. The volunteer liability form was passed around for trail work volunteers to sign. There will be a chain saw and first-aid certification class held later this spring. The date will be determined. Please let Chris know if you need recertification this year.

The Forest Service staff gave an overall update on projects planned in our area this year. COVID mitigation procedures remain in place.

There will be a timber sale project in the Bozeman Municipal Watershed. Road work and prep has begun.

Prescribed burning in the Hyalite will begin in the next 4-6 weeks, weather depending.

The Bozeman Creek trail will be closed for three weeks during this time for the safety of the public.

The Spanish Creek fish reintroduction project continues this year.

The five year temporary target shooting closure for the Hyalite expires this year. The Forest Service has requested a one year extension with hopes of making it permanent. Another site is being sought that would be further away from the high density use of the Hyalite area.

Weed spraying will be happening in the Bridgers and Bangtails.

The Bridger Foothills Fire rehab is a priority. All the salvage logging going on in there is on private property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Poker Ride: Kathy reported on the progress of plans. The ride will be July 10. Registration will be on-line only. Water will be available at the pop stops. Sack lunches will be provided. Volunteers for set up, day of and take down will be sought when we get closer in time.

AB Wilderness: Henry announced that the Slough Creek cabin fence mending project will be August 8-14. It's lots of work but lots of fun so let Henry know if you'd like to join the crew. We' have pack stock to haul belongings.

Next month's program will be provided by the Fish and Wildlife Biologist.

Carl motioned to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2019 POKER RIDE**

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