

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:

TUESDAY TRAIL CREW: AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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SATURDAY TRAIL CREW: AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27

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BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 18, 6:30 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Rd.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to the "dog days of summer", or shall we say the "horse days of summer". While the hot weather is nice to see after the long Spring, Summer brings its own issues including taking care of and watering your stock and preparing for Winter by stocking up hay. There is also West Nile virus to consider and ensuring vaccinations are up to date.

Trail crews are still going on at least 2 to 3 times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. While the AB Wilderness trips are still on hold, GVBCH is trying to plan a trip into the Metcalf-Hilgard Wilderness coming in from the Madison side. John Mutter is working with the USFS to set that trip up.

We also have our annual barbeque and get together at the Spanish Creek cabin set for September 9 and 10th coming up. More information will be coming out about it soon and we will need to get a head count for the food planning.

Finally, our Poker Ride was successful although the number of riders were down to just 147. Consequently, GVBCH only made about \$2800 on the ride but we had great weather and comradery so it was still well worth it. High gas/diesel prices and Kenny Chesney may have had something to do with the lower rider numbers. We especially want to thank our prize sponsors of Madison Propane, Rocky Mountain Hat Company, Kennetrek, Four Corners Saddlery, Montana Canvas and Murdochs. Without great local businesses like these, horsemanship and equestrian use in our beautiful valley would not be as great as it is.

Happy trails,

—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21

Roll Call: Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, John Mutter, Jim Wing, Lew Goodpasture, Carl Blaskovich, Marianne Meyer, Laurie Connelly, Chris Nygren, John Mutter, proxy for Henry Glenn, Marianne, proxy for Kathy VanDyke, Carl, proxy for Connie LeHocky, Rich, proxy for Tom Lamb, and Dan Porter, proxy for Vern Campbell.

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Dan Porter called to attention three corrections to last months minutes. 1. National Trails Day was inadvertently referred to as merely Trails Day. 2. Our faithful supporter Rocky Mountain Hat Factory was inadvertently omitted from the list of Poker Ride prize providers. and 3. The Kenetrek company's name was misspelled. Kenetrek is also a faithful supporter of our Poker Ride and provided a wonderful prize.

After corrections, Henry, via his proxy John, moved to accepted the meeting minutes as corrected; Connie, via her proxy Carl, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wing reported on the checking and savings accounts. Janice will be turning in receipts for the ice cream social. Laurie moved to accept the report; Kathy, via her proxy Marianne, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Spanish Peaks Cabin has been reserved for our chapter BBQ Sept. 9 and 10.

The AB Wilderness trips remain canceled at this time due to the flood damage. We will keep you posted if that should change.

There is a potential August overnighter trip into the Madison range to work on trails in that area. The dates have not been determined but if you are interested please let John Mutter know. We will keep you posted on dates as that is decided.

PLEASE REMEMBER to get your odometer readings into Dan Marsh. There is a form for that in an attachment from Dan's last email to the chapter. The Forest Service would like an idea of what sort of numbers each chapter is reaching by July 30. Your miles compensation still won't be distributed until the end of the year but they are wanting a better idea of cost to facilitate financial planning.

Vern, via his proxy Dan Porter, moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy, via her proxy Marianne, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



Hello all,

I wanted to warn as many riders as I could that a large rock slid into the Elkhorn Creek Trail recently, effectively closing it to stock use for now. It's about .25 to .5 miles from the Red Cliff Campground trailhead, and there is no good way around it. That section of trail is on a steep sidehill and it would be difficult to turn around.

I doubt the ford across the Gallatin would be passable with the high water right now, otherwise that would be the next best alternative access to Elkhorn.

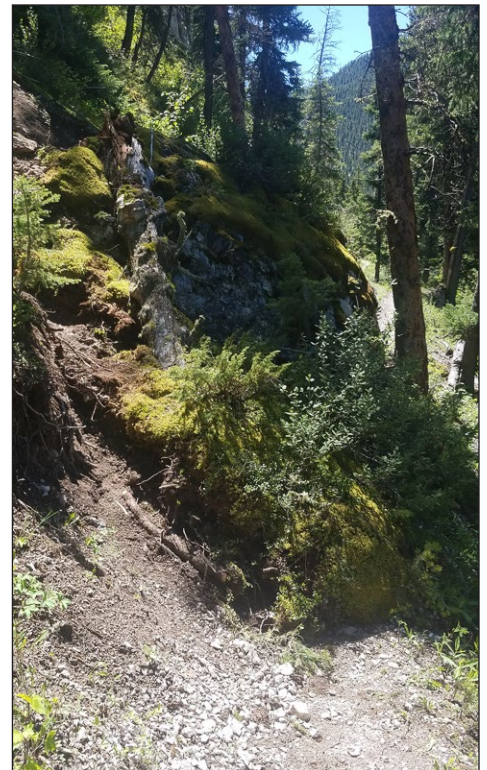
Sorry to hijack the mailing list here, but I'd hate for anyone to get jammed up if they wanted to ride that trail.

I'll let you know once we've resolved the problem.

I've attached before and after pictures so you can assess for yourself.

Thanks, Josh Kinsel

Trail Crew Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator/
Snow Ranger



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21

After a twenty minute social gathering, Chris called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Three corrections to last months meeting minutes are 1) The spelling of Kenetrek, one of our great Poker Ride prize providers, was misspelled and is now corrected. 2) The Rocky Mountain Hat Company was inadvertently omitted from the list of Poker Ride prize providers. My humble apologies. They have been long providers. and 3) The reference to Trails Day should be corrected to National Trails Day.

Marianne moved to accept the minutes as corrected; John seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking and savings. Janice has some receipts to submit for the ice cream social.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Our numbers for attendance were down this year. We had 147 riders, last year was 180. We raised \$4800. \$1600 was spent on the food and \$200 on Port-a-potties. We have a profit of \$2800. We had a lengthy discussion about why our numbers were so low and ways we might improve next year.

We still need to send thank you notes to our prize providers. Lawrence will ask Kathy to do this.

September Chapter BBQ/ camp out: The Spanish peaks cabin is reserved for us. Henry will be providing the protein. Please bring a side or dessert to share.



Overnighter camping/ trail work ride: John Mutter suggested that as an alternative to the AB Wilderness trips being canceled we may be able to do a pack-in to the McAtee Cabin in the Madison Ranger District. There isn't a lot of work at the cabin but it could be a great central place for working on surrounding trails. It would could be 1, 2, 3 days. Dates are open but sometime in August. If you are interested then let John Mutter know what dates would work for you so he can pick the best dates for the most people.

REMEMBER to get your odometer readings, miles traveled, into Dan Marsh. The attachment for documenting is in a previous email, dated 7/15/22. Sender is GVBCH Members so you can find it in your emails. He needs these numbers by JULY 30! The Forest Service is just trying to get a better idea about the financials for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

Calling all members...if you are able and willing...our trail crews are pretty slim in numbers. Please consider volunteering when/if you can. Lew usually sends out his plans on Tuesday morning (for the Wednesday Crew) and Dan Porter usually sends out his plans on Friday morning. John Mutter is organizing trail crew help in the Madison range for Tuesdays. He is having issues with group emails so if you'd be interested in any Tuesday rides please contact him. His contact is mutterranch@q.com.

Janice reported that she has been contacted by Tamara Knappenberger, a leader involved with MOSS (Montana Outdoor Science School) and the 4-H Saddle Stars. She is interested in someone from our chapter coming to speak to her groups and potentially connecting their volunteers and students with our trail work and learning opportunities. Janice has volunteered to be our representative. Laurie moved to have Janice speak with this group on our behalf; Chris seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Janice moved to adjourn the meeting; DC seconded the motion; the motion passed; Chris adjourned the meeting.

— Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



SATURDAY JULY 2: SPANISH CREEK TRAIL 401 & 409

Lew, Kenji, and Marianne rode ahead of the chainsaw crew and started at the wilderness boundary. I will estimate that we cleared about 2 miles of trail 409 within the wilderness with the last 3/4 mile being joined by the chainsaw group. In total, we cleared 24 medium sized trees in the 6"-12" range and 18 less than 6". About 10 or so, required two cuts to effectively clear it from the trail. Marianne cut small trees and brush along the way where we stopped to saw trees. I would say we lacked 1.5 miles of making it to Big Brother Lake. —Lew





SATURDAY JULY 9: POKER RIDE





SATURDAY JULY 16: NEW WORLD GULCH, BEAR CANYON



SATURDAY JULY 23: ASBESTOS CREEK CREEK TRAIL

“Loaded for bear” five GVBCH chapter members rode up the Asbestos Creek Trail. Curt’s packhorse carried silkys, loppers, schaps and combies. Kenji lead out in search of deadfall, I carried the Stihl on my saddle horse, while Carmen and Laurie kept up a lively conversation to make the day go fast. We encountered several large deadfall at lower elevation which the Stihl made short work of, and the combies were essential for building retread around a large gap in the trail created by a downed tree root ball exiting its perch. We cleared deadfall nearly to timberline by 2pm, then returned clearing encroaching brush on the high side of the trail.

Horse Mint has replaced the Balsam root as the dominant wildflower along this trail, with here and there Wild Hollyhock creating a pink explosion of color amid the sea of purple Mint flowers.

Great job Saturday Trail Crew!! —DP



SATURDAY JULY 30: SAGE CREEK FUN RIDE



GOOD HORSES & SAFETY

The importance of these photos, to club members, is that Dan and Christine both had accidents, with their new horses, Within a day of each other. They came to me for help to figure out if they should keep their horses (Kathy VanDyke got hurt later that same week.) The horses are good but there are some holes to work with and some tack issues that we were able to "fix" to make the horses more comfortable and agreeable to what was asked. I spoke for 10 minutes at the last meeting about our need to put safety first. We have a lot of members with new horses, new members with horses unknown to the other horses, and some slack trail riding manners. Hopefully, we'll finish out this season without any more wrecks! I think these photos will suggest good points and good progress for both of the pairs. —Janice Cartwright



Cecil and Dan on a "getting to know you" ride around the field.



Dan and Cecil doing ground work.



Cecil and Dan make a good lookin' pair!



Christine's surgeon gave her the okay to mount up...so she did. Blackjack has had some good time in the round pen with off lead and on lead lessons. He's proving that he's better trained than originally thought. He just needs a good leader to bring out his skills. These 2 look good together.

FRIDAY JULY 29: FOX CREEK ROOFING PROJECT



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2022 POKER RIDE**

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