

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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Tom Lamb ... 908-670-1162

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Dan Marsh (2 year) ... 587-7578
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

GVBCH CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 2, 5:00 PM

Eagle Mount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane

SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : DECEMBER 6

Weather permitting. Contact Dan Porter: 406-539-0879

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM

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BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
ARE DUE

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The close of another year and a time to gather with family and friends. This time of year affords us time to reflect on accomplishments of the past year, think about what things we want to do better and how we want our BCH chapter to accomplish our mission and goal of encouraging and supporting the responsible use of stock in the wilderness backcountry. It is with those goals in mind that I plan to have a short discussion at the December 15th meeting about trail crew and ways to improve our major event of the summer.

Additionally, we will have a vision/goals meeting in either January or February similar to last year, on a Saturday morning; we need to have a serious discussion about just how much involvement the chapter wants to have in all the events we plan for the upcoming year. Our membership numbers have taken a hit lately and at some point hard choices will need to be made.

Finally, remember to vote for officers and directors either on-line or in person at the 12/15 meeting. Memberships also need to be renewed as they all expire on 12/31.

See you at the Christmas party on 12/2 at Eagle Mount!

-Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17**

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Kathy VanDyke, Vern Campbell, Rich Inman, Dan Marsh; Rich stood proxy for Tom Lamb, Dan stood proxy for Lew Goodpasture, Bob Criswell stood proxy for Connie LeHocky. Also present were Bob Criswell and Kelly Jacobs

Called to order by Chris Nygren.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

Henry moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter; Vern seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Jim Wing's absence, Chris reported on the club's savings and checking accounts. Janice moved to approve the report; Kathy seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Election: The nominating committee (via Kathy) provided the following proposed slate of officers and directors:

President: Chris Nygren
Vice President: Henry Glenn
Treasurer: Jim Wing
Secretary: Laurie Connelly
Directors (2)-year term): Kathy VanDyke, Bob Criswell, Kelly Jacobs

State director and Alternate: Will announce at general meeting and ask for volunteers. The vote will be held at the December general membership meeting. The Directors' terms are for two years.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party will be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at Eagle Mount.

DECEMBER MEETING:

Given that the December meeting consists solely of elections, Chris suggested that we use that meeting to discuss trail crew issues. He'll check with Lew to ensure his attendance.

PROXY REQUIREMENT

Given the very low turnout at this meeting, Rich reminded everyone of the proxy requirement found in the BCH bylaws. If a board member is not going to attend a meeting it is the member's responsibility to contact someone to serve as his/her proxy.

NEW BUSINESS

Josh Fairchild, Executive Director for SW Montana Mountain Bike Association, met with the board. He wanted to discuss continued collaboration with BCH and would like to have an "open channel of communication". Their group would like to see additional trails built in several areas, and perhaps work with BCH to work toward that goal.

The club has been contacted by MSU about working with their program to present some classes, for example a packing clinic. Henry suggested that we form a committee to determine if and how BCH would like to be involved.

Adjournment: Chris adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke, Acting Secretary

[VOTE ONLINE HERE](#)

[PAPER BALLOT HERE](#)

Note: You have one vote for a single membership and two votes for a family membership. If you vote absentee, please don't vote again at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominations & Voting

All Officers and Directors shall be elected by a majority vote (including absentee ballots) at the regularly scheduled December General Meeting following these steps:

October: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of nominating three (3) suitable candidates for each of the organization's Offices.

November: Election Slate shall be presented at the Board Meeting. Additional nominations shall be made from the floor at the General Meeting for Officers, Directors and State Board Directors.

December: The final Slate of Candidates and Absentee Ballots shall be distributed in the Newsletter three weeks before the General Meeting. Ballots and Hand Votes shall be counted at the General Meeting.

Section 2: Absentee Election Ballots

Posted Election Ballots sent to the Post Office Box Address must be received the day before the day of the December General Meeting and bear the name, signature and address of the voting member(s) in order to be included in the count.

Electronic Absentee Election Ballots must be received the day before the December General Meeting in order to be included in the count.

Election Ballots hand-delivered to the December Meeting must bear the name, signature and address of the voting member(s) in order to be included in the count.

Proxy votes shall not be counted for the General Election.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17**

Julie Cunningham, Bozeman area biologist with FWP, presented "Bridger, Madison, Gallatin wildlife updates 2022".

Call to Order by Chris Nygren.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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- President: Chris Nygren
- Vice President: Henry Glenn
- Treasurer: Jim Wing
- Secretary: Laurie Connelly
- State director: Chris Nygren (Kathy VanDyke, alternate)

Additional nominations can be made at the November meeting and Dan will send an email apprising members of this. The vote will be held at the December general membership meeting. The Directors' terms are for two years.

All officers and directors must be in good standing, so Chris reminded everyone to renew their memberships.

The December meeting will consist of voting and a discussion of trail crew issues.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party will be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at Eagle Mount. Appetizers will start at 5:00, dinner at 6:30'ish. Molly is planning the sides/desserts and she sent around a sign-up sheet. Please let her know whether/how many will attend and what you'll bring. Anyone interested in helping with set-up should arrive at about 4:30.

Mileage reimbursements: Dan Marsh noted that reimbursement requests are due to the Forest Service by Nov. 31. Please submit your mileage to Dan ASAP!

NEW BUSINESS

Chris would like to have a work session in January or February 2023 to discuss "goals and vision" for the 2023 work season.

Andi Shockley and Allison (MSU folks) addressed the group about their desire to have "community offerings" in the coming year. They'd like to know if we have suggestions about areas of interest, and whether members might be interested in doing presentations (for example, packing demo).

Adjournment: Chris adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke, Acting Secretary



Fun ride...Larry, Carmen, Kenji, and myself rode in on mostly dry dirt roads with blue sky and cool temps, stopping at 12:30 for lunch on a sunny grassy hillside. —DP

FEAR FREE HAPPY HOMES

Stacie Boswell's talk was supposed to start at 6pm. Upon our arrival at 5:55pm, we entered the Bob Miller Pavilion to find Stacie, Andie Shockley, and a few others trying to keep a mare up and going. She was found cast against a fence, outside, while in a colic situation. They were working hard to keep her up and moving. Since Stacie had come to give a talk on Fear Free, she and Sid had arrived in her car and she did not have her vast array of vet supplies and equipment at her disposal. In a bit, her truck arrived from Hardaway Veterinary Hospital, with an additional technician. Then, a truck and trailer were secured to take the mare to the hospital. After the mare was loaded and on her way, Stacie regrouped and gave a quick rundown of what we had all been watching, talked about what colic is, what can cause it, and how to handle this type of situation. Then, she moved right into her planned program for the night.

MSU had various horses tied up for hands on practice. Once Stacie demonstrated some of her techniques for approaching horses that need "doctoring", the audience could then venture into the arena and practice what they had just seen. Questions were entertained throughout the evening. Attendance was good, the information was very helpful, and the participants were happy to be there, even on such a cold night. —Janice Cartwright

Facebook announcement:

MSU Equine Science, October 19 at 4:48 PM ·

Our November nightly MSU MAES and Department of Animal and Range Sciences snippet at Miller Stock Pavilion will be held on November 8th from 6-8pm and presented by Dr. Stacie Boswell. All MSU students and the Greater Bozeman Community are invited to attend this free event! This hands on presentation will focus on prepping your horse for veterinarian care. Just bring yourself, shoes comfortable to wear around horses and an open mind! MSU will provide horses and equipment.

A board-certified large animal surgeon with a strong interest in behavior and welfare of the horse, Dr. Stacie Boswell's goal is to make horses' lives better through both physical and mental well-being. Training horses and other equines to accept handling for veterinary injections and procedures is important and is key for success in medical treatment. Dr. Boswell will talk about ways to reduce the fear, anxiety, and stress that equine patients feel about veterinary care and procedures.

Dr. Boswell serves on the AAEP Welfare and Public Policy Advisory Council, and is the author of *The Ultimate Guide for Horses in Need: Care, Training, and Rehabilitation for Rescues, Purchases, and Adoptions*. She is also a collaborative author for *Equine Fear Free®*. The Fear Free mission is to alleviate fear, anxiety, and stress in animals by inspiring and educating the people who care for them.

Dr. Boswell is a graduate of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, and completed an internship at North Carolina State University. From there, she was a post-doctoral research associate in the Comparative Orthopedic Laboratory at Cornell University, and then completed a large animal surgery residency at the University of Tennessee before moving into private practice. She currently practices at Hardaway Veterinary Hospital.

<https://www.fearfreehappyhomes.com/>



TRAIL BOSS LAMENT

Thank you to all GVBCH members who volunteered on the Saturday Trail Crew in 2022. We cleared and/or maintained over 80 miles of trail and put in over 350 manhours to keep our trails open and safe and help fulfill the mission statement of the Gallatin Valley Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Montana. —DP

A trail boss is responsible for quite a long list,
and there's always a lot more he got done..he wished.

A trail boss needs to know the trails, up canyons and thru timber,
over hill and dale , he needs to stay limber.

On uphill climbs and downhill pitch, thru deep muddy bogs,
he has to make sure, the horses can slog.

He has to know the trailheads, and how many trailers will fit,
and whether the trail crew needs to carpool a bit.

He has to watch the weather, the forecast could be right,
but keeping an eye on the blue sky is better foresight.

He has to keep records, the list is a hoot,
of horses and riders, hours and miles...and odometer readings to boot!

He has to know his crew members and how far they can ride,
when to stop working so they don't quit and say "Goodbye" !

He would like to do more in the Crazies, B. Toothes, and T Roots,
but then he would have to learn even more routes.

He has to bring tools, silky, combie, and chain,
keeping track of them all can drive him insane.

Don't forget the First Aid Kit for all the crew members,
here's hoping we don't need it May through November.

Some may criticize the job that he does,
But he keeps on doing it, just becuz.

The life he leads, it's lonely at the top,
In some ways its like being a traffic cop.

The pay ain't so great, so pass the plate,
better yet meet at the trailhead, never mind the donate.

The trails to be cleared, they seem never ending,
A little more help , the saws will be singing.

The trail boss needs a good crew to answer the call,
for without a good trail crew..... he wouldn't be a trail boss at all!



**GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2022 POKER RIDE**

Stacie Boswell, DVM
Bridger Bowl
Four Corners Saddlery

Kenetrek Boots
Madison River Propane

Montana Canvas
Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply
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