

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:

VALENTINE TRAIL HIKE : FEBRUARY 12, 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM

Saddle Mountain Road, Contact Dan Porter, 406-539-0879

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 17, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM

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YOUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE & CAN BE RENEWED ONLINE:

[ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I hope everyone is staying warm and getting those home projects done so they don't interfere with getting in the backcountry in the warmer weather. It is this time of the year that makes one either warm up by the fireplace or go south for a while. We'll have a few events to keep you entertained in the next couple months.

February's meeting will be a grizzly bear presentation by Jeremiah Smith of FWP. March will be the US Forest service presentation for signing of the volunteer work agreements as well as a wild game feed. In addition, March 11 through 13 is the State BCH Convention in Dillon. Buy your raffle tickets from Henry for some cool prizes and support the Three Rivers BCH Chapter.

Also, the Custer Gallatin National Forest has just released its new forest plan governing use of USFS land for probably the next twenty years. The final version of the plan closely resembles the recommendations submitted by the Gallatin Forest Partnership of which GVBCH is a member.

Soon, we will be able to firm up the dates and locations for required trail crew training. Stay tuned for more announcements regarding those events.

Everyone stay warm and I look forward to seeing everybody at the next couple meetings.

—Chris



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20

ROLL CALL

Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Lew Goodpasture, Lawrence VanDyke, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Rich Inman, Connie LeHocky

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021 MEETING

A correction of the minutes; Henry Glenn made a monetary donation to the Springhill Church for our chapter and taken from our checking account. It was not a personal donation. Dan Porter motioned to approve the meeting minutes as amended; Connie seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wing presented the balances in our checking and savings accounts. This is including a \$200 donation from BWAGS (Bozeman Women's Activities Groups). Henry motioned to approve the report; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

BUSINESS

The State Convention in Dillon is March 11,12,13. All are welcome. The following members have volunteered to be delegates: Molly, Henry, Dan, Alice, Laurie, Lew, Connie, Sid, Stacie and Chris.

Gallatin Forest Partnership: The Forest Service plan will be released Jan. 28. Chris will be submitting a letter to the editor to local papers regarding an assessment of the plan. The GFP will have a more expansive response and an ad campaign to get the information in the plan and the GFP's assessment of the plan out to the public.

GVBC Public Affairs Coordinator. We would like to pursue this addition to our chapter. If anyone has some experience in this area and would like to assist our chapter in coordinating our public outreach please get in touch with [Chris Nygren](#) our president.

Coordination with the Madison Ranger District. After a lengthy discussion with those present regarding starting a coordination of trail clearing efforts with the Madison Ranger District, Dan Porter motioned that we authorize our chapter ( through Henry and Lawrence) and the Madison Ranger District ranger to have a discussion about what they desire and how they would like us to get involved. Laurie seconded the motion; the motion was passed. Henry will arrange for a meeting with the ranger and will report back to the board.

Laurie motioned to adjourn: Carmen seconded; the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1904

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



1/1/22: Trail clearing at Sypes Canyon with Lew, Jenny, Mark, Kenji and Dan P.





**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20**

Chris called the meeting to order at 1910.

**MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 2021**

Dan Porter brought forward a correction. The minutes stated that Henry gave a donation to the Springhill Church for allowing us to use their building for meetings. The donation was from our chapter. Henry delivered the donation.

Laurie motioned to accept the minutes as amended; Carmen seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim reported our checking and savings accounts balances. This includes a \$200 donation from BWAGS (Bozeman Women's Activities Groups).

**BUSINESS**

The State Convention: All are welcome. It takes place in Dillon March 11,12,13. The last day of the cheapest price is Feb 11. Please go to the BCHMT website to register. Hotel/Motel rooms run out pretty quickly. There are some blocked rooms available. The registration form has a listing of hotels and camping sites in the area. Please be aware that there is still a possibility of COVID issues, even cancelation but as of today the convention IS going to happen.

Gallatin Forest Partnership: The Forest Service will be making their plan available to the public on January 28. Several of the GFP members will be writing Letters to the Editors of local papers to bring greater public awareness of the plan and GFP's assessment of the plan. Chris Nygren our president will be writing one of those letters.

Madison Valley Ranger District: The ranger from the Madison Ranger District has reached out to our chapter to see if we might have any interest in helping volunteers in the Ennis area to work on trails in their area. Henry and Lawrence will have a more lengthy discussion with the ranger to identify his specific request so we can consider how we may be able to facilitate trail work in that district. They will report back to us after that meeting.

Defensive Horse Safety: This is a certification that the Forest Service requires anyone volunteering on the trail work crews to have at least every three years. Our chapter will be conducting this educational event the first weekend of March thanks to Janice Cartwright who is organizing it. She will need volunteers so please consider being available to help or certainly to attend if you haven't done one within three years. Janice is not here tonight but she will be getting that information out to everyone by our Feb. meeting.

You can access videos and written materials for the Defensive Horse Safety course on the [BCHMT website](#).

FirstAid and Chainsaw certifications: we are still waiting for dates to be announced by the Forest Service.

John Mutter motioned to adjourn; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*

Photos by Janice Cartwright



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2021 POKER RIDE**

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