

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:

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING : JANUARY 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Springhill Church

GVBCH HOLIDAY PARTY : JANUARY 14, 5:00 DINNER 6:00

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BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 20, 6:30 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Time for a new year and new visions for moving our chapter forward. For those you who attended December's meeting, you have already heard of a planned strategic vision meeting to be held from 9 to 12 am on Saturday, January 15th at the Springhill Church to have some in depth conversations as to future plans for our organization, including new projects, priorities and ways to raise our visibility in our local communities. All GVBCH members and people who take part in our activities are invited to participate and help shape our chapter's role in future projects. Please feel free to attend and I look forward to seeing as many people as possible on January 15th.

That will be the day after our Holiday party to be held at Eagle Mount on January 14th. Great barbeque, live entertainment and the opportunity to fellowship in the middle of winter will make it an evening for everyone to enjoy. Please RSVP to Henry and/or Molly by the Friday before (1/7) so we have a headcount for the food.

Finally, congratulations to Sid Boswell, Connie Lehocky and Tom Lamb who were elected as new Board members at last month's meeting. The officers remain the same and Dan Marsh is now the State Board member with Henry as the alternate. I also would like to thank Carmen Matzick, Corrinne Martin and Rod Wilson for their service on the Board for the last two years (if not longer). Volunteers are needed to make this organization run and continue to move forward in support of our mission. That mission is to perpetuate the common sense use of horses in the backcountry, assist government agencies in management of their resources and the general public for the continued use of horses and mules as part of our heritage in Montana's backcountry.

—Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16**

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Lew Goodpasture, John Mutter, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Rod Wilson, Marianne Meyer, Jim Wing, Kathy Van Dyke, Carmen Matzick, Corinne Martin and Laurie Connelly

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

Henry moved to approve the November meeting minutes as published; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim announced the checking and savings account balances.

Carmen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Dan (as proxy for Vern) seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

We have no program for tonight's meeting.

ELECTIONS

Dan Marsh will not be here but has the electronic votes. Rich will count the in-person votes tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris was contacted by the Ennis Forest Service Recreation Specialist inquiring if our chapter would be interested in connecting with volunteers from the Ennis area with four goals:

1. Establish a chapter relationship
2. Begin with one work day a year incorporating Ennis area volunteers.
3. Reach out to Madison Valley residents seeking trail work volunteers.
4. If momentum is achieved start larger or more frequent combined projects.

Please give this some thought and reach out to any horse people you may know in the Madison area. We will discuss this further at our strategic meeting which will be scheduled for some time in January, most likely the 15th (the day after our Holiday party). Chris will confirm the date and time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be Jan 14 at Eagle Mount. Please email Janice or Molly with your RSVP. Set up will be at 3pm. An email the first week of Jan will be sent out to confirm details regarding side dishes, etc. Admission is free with your membership, \$10 for non members.

CONVENTION

March 11. If anyone has a resolution for the convention please have it presented by Jan 14. Raffle tickets are now available. \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.

WINTER TRAIL WORK

Dan Porter will be leading one trail work walk-in hike each month for Jan, Feb, March and April. Watch for his invites in your email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

— Respectfully submitted by *Laurie Connelly*

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16**

Janice moved to approve the November minutes as published; Marianne seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim reported the checking and savings account balances. Henry will be making a donation to Springhill Church of \$360 for generously allowing us to use their space for our meetings.

Jim Martin moved to approve the report; Lew seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Janice announced the the Christmas Party will be Jan 14 at Eagle Mount. Please email Janice (montanahorsesense@mac.com) or Molly (sedancowboy@outlook.com) with your RSVP. Set up will be at 3pm. Free with your paid annual membership. \$10 for non-members. An email will be sent out the first week of Jan with the details regarding side dishes to bring and help needed.

CHAPTER STRATEGY MEETING

This will be a meeting for the entire membership that will be for forecasting plans and projects for our chapter. It will be Jan 15, most likely at Springhill Church. Chris will finalize date, time and location. Please be thinking about projects you think might be appropriate for the chapter.

HARDSHIP FUND

Dr. Stacie Boswell is creating a hardship fund at her veterinary clinic/hospital for the purpose of providing the funds need to euthanize a pet or provide a one-time major treatment for those unable to afford these services. Hardaway Veterinary Hospital. If you know someone who needs this time of assistance or if you would like to donate to the fund please let Stacie know.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is that time of year. Its time to renew your chapter membership. Membership is required for anyone serving as an officer, board member or anyone who wants to work on the trails with our crews. This can be done on-line at

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

CONVENTION

March 11-13. We will need at least 8 delegates. Raffle tickets are available, ask Henry. \$5/ticket. 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be March 11 at the convention. You do not need to be present to win.

ELECTION

The election was conducted. Rich counted and the results are as follows:

For 2022:

President: Chris Nygren

Vice President: Henry Glenn

Secretary: Laurie Connelly

Treasurer: Jim Wing

State Board: Dan Marsh and Henry Glenn (alternate)

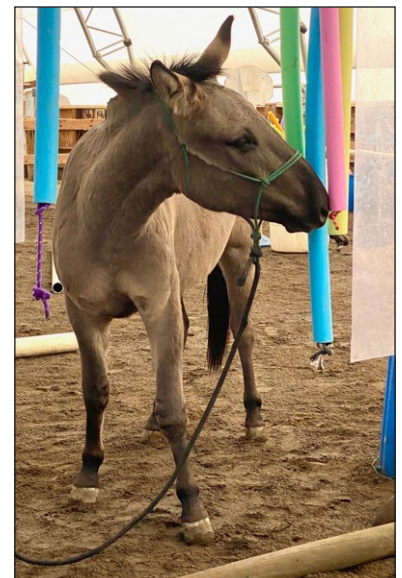
Board Members: Sid Boswell, Connie LeHocky,

Tom Lamb

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded; the motion passed

— Respectfully submitted by *Laurie Connelly*

Stacie brought Nacho over to get acquainted with all of the "toys" at Janice's place.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION 2022

My plan to prevent cabin fever onset,
One day each month, it is a sure bet.

A hike up some trail will be my plan,
If it's a sunny day might even catch a tan.

The month of January , on the eighth day,
Plan to walk 3 miles up Sypes Canyon Way.

It's a gentle and easy, very nice trail,
I plan to go unless there's a gale.

Bring coffee or chocolate plus your favorite tool,
Be prepared just because it might even be cool.

Let me know if your game, I have extra loppers,
It won't cost a dime, not even a copper.

The trail is not hard, certainly not tough,
Who knows it might make , this old body buff.

What a great way to start the new year,
And do it each month without any fear.

When the weather is nicer I'm not a fool,
We'll bring the horses and pack in the tools.

Commit to trail maintenance is what I will do,
And invite all of you , if you can, to do so too.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year,

Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

—Dan Porter



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