

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:

DEFENSIVE HORSE SAFETY : MARCH 5

Eagle Mount

BCHMT STATE CONVENTION : MARCH 11-13

Dillon

WILD GAME FEED POTLUCK : MARCH 17, 6:00 PM

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TRUMAN GULCH TRAIL HIKE : MARCH 26

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Spring is almost here and, along with daylight hours getting longer, the horses and mules are looking forward to getting out and exploring the hills with their owners. Time to get ready for doing so!

Saturday, March 5th is the Defensive Horse Safety class at Eagle Mount and March 17th is the annual wild game feed and the USFS presentation at the monthly meeting. After those events, there will be planned classes in CPR and Saw training on which more information will be forthcoming. In between the two events above will be the State BCH convention in Dillon on March 11th through 13th with an opportunity to see BCH friends from around Montana. Great time of the year to anticipate all the great times coming up later this year.

I also want to let everyone know we have a professional journalist who will be our public affairs coordinator to be our point of contact for the media as well as any emergency situations such as the Bridger Foothills fire a couple years ago. Connie LeHocky is the perfect person for this job, and we are fortunate she volunteered to do so.

Enjoy the warmer, yet fickle weather of Spring and I look forward to seeing everybody at Eagle Mount on March 5th.



—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Kathy VanDyke, Tom Lamb, Jim Wing, Connie LeHocky, Marianne Meyer, Vern Campbell, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Sid Boswell, John Mutter, Laurie Connelly, Henry Glenn

MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2022

Kathy moved to approve the meeting minutes as published in the January newsletter; Vern seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking and savings accounts. Jim announced that he has added the Defensive Horse Safety event to our Insurance Policy which cost the chapter \$20 to do. Henry motioned to approve the report; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

Defensive Horse Safety: This course will take place March 5 from 10a - 2pm at Eagle Mount. Janice has been working hard organizing the course. All members wishing to volunteer on the trail maintenance crews must take this course at least every three years. You are welcome to invite a friend. If you are unable to attend you can access the training at these links:

[Defensive Horsemanship Summary](#)

[Horse Safety Manual](#)

[Defensive Horse Safety Course](#)

[USDA/FS Defensive Horse Safety](#)

[Saddle Fitting](#)

[Horse High-line](#)

...and it will be your responsibility to obtain. It is permitted to read the information online instead of taking the course in person. The person does need to have a signed card acknowledging you read the material. It should be a great course. Hope to see you there.

Poker Ride: The ride will be July 9. We will need a volunteer to be the coordinator. Please be considering this opportunity to get involved.

Wild Game Feed: We will be having a Wild Game Feed at our next meeting, March 17. We will start at 6pm with dinner prior to the meeting. The Forest Service will be presenting the program at that meeting.

Public Affairs Liaison and Emergency Coordinator: Connie LeHocky has volunteered for this combined chapter position.

State Convention: The State Convention is in Dillon, March 11-13. If you have any photos you would like to add to the display board for our chapter please let anyone on the board know so we can include them.

Connie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17

PROGRAM

Sean Durkee from AlpenFuel provided the program. AlpenFuel is a Bozeman based new backpacker's food line. Sean shared his business story and also some samples of his tasty product.

The general meeting was called to order at 8:12pm.

MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2022

Connie motioned to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter; Larry seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking and savings accounts. Henry motioned to approve the report; Vern seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention is in Dillon, March 11-13. All are welcome. We now have the eight delegates we need but anyone else is welcome to attend. There is always a photo contest. If you are interested in submitting photos, please contact someone on the board (listed on the front page of the newsletter). Chris still has some raffle tickets available, \$5 for one, \$20 for five.

DEFENSIVE HORSE SAFETY

This is a course that anyone volunteering on the trail crews must take at least every three years. We will be holding a course on March 5 from 10am to 2pm at Eagle Mount. Janice has been working hard to organize this and it will no doubt be both fun and educational. Feel free to invite a friend. If you cannot make this date you can access the information and get credit on line at this link. Be sure to bring your own lunch and a bottle of water.

WILD GAME FEED

This is a chapter tradition. At our next meeting, March 17, we will be starting earlier, at 6pm so we can share a Wild Game Feed potluck. Watch for more information on this coming soon regarding side dishes etc. The Forest Service will be presenting the program that night.

POKER RIDE

The Poker Ride this year is July 9. We need a volunteer for the coordinator position. Please be considering this opportunity to get involved.

NON-HORSE TRAIL CLEARING WINTER HIKE

Dan Porter leads a monthly trail clearing hike through the winter. No horses on these hikes, the trails are pretty icy. The next hike is March 26 on Truman Gulch trail. The February hike was up Middle Cottonwood. It was a beautiful day and we got a lot of trimming done all the way up to the intersection with the Bridger Foothills trail.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Connie LeHocky has graciously volunteered to hold both these positions. More on this in the President's report.

Laurie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; Chris seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

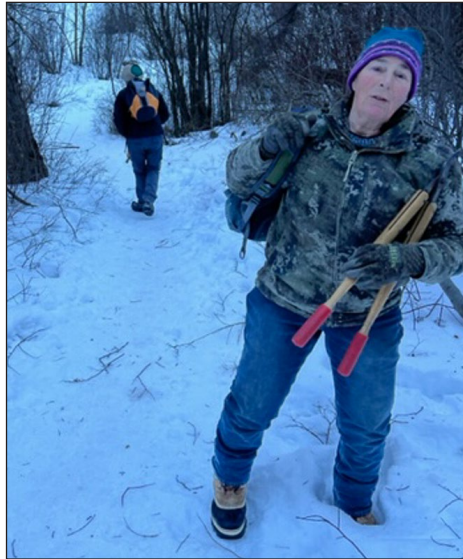
—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



MIDDLE COTTONWOOD TRAIL CLEARING

Six members of GVBCH met at the Middle Cottonwood Trailhead #586 at 9am on February 12th for a day of exercise and trail maintenance. After clearing the first stream crossing of overgrown shrubs and one large cottonwood log, we hiked in approximately 1 mile to the junction of Trail #534 only occasionally stopping to catch our breath and trim brush back a little. We reached the junction about 11 am, had a quick snack and refreshment complete with chocolate covered cherries, and then began the real work of trimming back shrubs encroaching on the trail while negotiating the steep ice covered stretches safely as we headed back to the trailhead. Along the way we received many "Thank yous" from hikers who appreciated our service.

We noted equisetum "Horsetail", a prehistoric plant once used by outdoorsmen to scour their pots clean and also called "scouring rush", growing along the trail, and spotted a hummingbird nest as well. It was a nice day to be afield with like minded friends, returning at 2pm, and we look forward to riding this trail one day, as well as getting together next month on the 26th of March to work on the Truman Gulch trail. —Dan Porter



HOLIDAY DINNER 1/14/22

It was great to see everyone who came out for the Holiday dinner on January 14th. This event was a rescheduled Christmas party that just didn't come together in December. Eagle Mount was very gracious to allow us to have our party at their facility. It is such a nice place with a full kitchen, and lots of tables and chairs. With Henry and Molly Glenn providing the main course, smoked Brisket, the rest of the gang brought lots of tasty sides and desserts. Janice was so helpful in securing the facility and being the contact person with Eagle Mount. In addition, she brought some fun gifts for a raffle that were wrapped and decorated our tables.

The best part was just being together, catching up and enjoying a great meal. As a special treat, Jessica Lechner (Jessica Lee on facebook) provided musical entertainment during the meal and for a short while after the meal. She has entertained us in the past, and has grown in understanding and appreciation for the work that we do. We need to plan another get together, as we missed some folks at this event! —Molly Glenn



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