

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:

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : MAY 14, 10 AM- 3:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY 18, 25, JUNE 1

Contact: Lew Goodpasture, 575-639-9091

BOARD MEETING : MAY 19, 6:30 PM

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SATURDAY TRAIL CREW: MAY 14, 21, 28, JUNE 4

Contact Dan Porter 406-539-0879

VIRGINIA CITY POKER RIDE : MAY 30

Virginia City

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 4

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

While it is snowing on the day I'm writing this column, I have faith that within a month the trails will be melted out enough to start clearing and riding can begin. Contact Lew and Dan Porter about participating on the trail crews.

The next big event for the chapter is National Trails Day on June 4th. We plan on fixing corrals at the Buffalo Horn Trailhead just south of Big Sky and we will be coordinating that event with the USFS in the next month for materials and supplies to do so.

After that, is the Poker Ride on July 9th at Bridger Bowl. More information will be coming out about that event which requires the participation of all chapter members to accomplish. Kathy Van Dyke is heading up the effort again this year so please say yes to her requests for your help and time.

Time to get busy and enjoy the summer in and around the Gallatin Valley!



—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21

ROLL CALL

Kathy VanDyke, Jim Wing, Henry Glenn, Rich Inman, Connie LaHockey, Dan Marsh, Vern Campbell, John Mutter and Laurie Connelly

The meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn at 6:30pm. Chris Nygren was unable to attend tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking account and savings accounts. No outstanding bills or checks. Henry motioned to accept the treasurer's report as stated; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

MEETING MINUTES

Kathy motioned to accept the meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter; Connie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

Poker Ride:

Kathy, our organizer, proposed we conduct the ride the same as we did last year, i.e. Registration to be online as well as in person. Food will be a sack lunch. Prizes will be five large prizes. Henry suggested we make a plan to have a Truck and Trailer available for potential injured equines. The Wednesday Trail crew will do the pre-ride trail clearing on the Wednesday preceding the ride. Nothing needs to be done this month. Kathy will make announcements at next month's meeting looking for volunteers for the various aspects of the ride.

Trails Day:

Trails Day is June 4. A day of service for our hometown trails. Our chapter will be doing corral repair/construction work at the Buffalo Horn trailhead. Tom Lamb is doing an inventory as to the materials we will need.

Chainsaw Certification:

If you currently have a certification, no matter the date of expiration, the Forest Service has extended the expiration date through the end of 2022. This would cover any certification that had an expiration date during the pandemic.

We will be having a class to renew sawyer status for crosscut work. Henry has been certified to be an instructor. He will let us know when a class can be organized. It is a four hour class room course with eight hours of on-trail training.

First Aid/CPR:

The Forest Service will be having another class. We will let you know when that will be as soon as they let us know.

Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02p; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly

Janice, fixing a split (finger) nail....



Christine Day came over for a tack finding/fitting session with her new Morgan (hopefully) trail horse. She found out what fit him and her, and what he liked best for his headgear. Christine got a few pointers to help with her own riding comeback debut. If anyone else wants this kind of help, give me a call.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21

The General Meeting was preceded by our Monthly Program. Laura from 'Outside Kind' presented a short program about her organization. Please see last email from GVBCH which had a brief description. The program was informative and they are looking for input from all stakeholders that use the forest and especially the trails. The goal of the organization is to encourage polite, respectful and kind interactions with all people we meet on the trails and to educate the public about safe ways to interact on the trail with various users. They would love GVBCH to send a representative to their monthly meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Henry called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the checking account and savings accounts. There are no outstanding bills or checks. Rich motioned to approve the report; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed

MEETING MINUTES

Molly motioned to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter; Carmen seconded the motion; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

Poker Ride:

The Poker Ride is July 9. There is nothing that Kathy, our organizer, needs for us to do at this time. Next month we will begin to seek volunteers for various aspects of the prep. We will have online and in person registration, food will be a sack lunch. We will again have five large prizes.

Trails Day:

Trails Day is June 4. Our chapter is planning on having a work day building and repairing the corrals at the trailhead of Buffalo Horn Trail (behind the 320 Ranch). You do not need a horse for this work day. It will be entirely at the trail head. Please come and join us. Bring shovels, gloves and energy. The chapter will be providing the materials for the work.

Saw Class:

The Forest Service will be putting on a Saw Class this spring. We will let you know when after they decide on the date. This is for Cross Cut certification.

First Aid / CPR Class:

The Forest Service will be holding another class. The first was very well attended. We will let you know the date as soon as we know.

Chris, from the Madison Ranger District will be at our May meeting. We will discuss with him what trails they are looking to get some of our help in clearing.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

First Aid class with Melissa Boersma, and Henry Glenn taking the test under supervision from Cody

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



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