

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.

#### 2023 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

##### PRESIDENT

Chris Nygren ... 546-7550  
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##### VICE PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084  
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##### TREASURER

Carmen Matzick ... 600-1379

##### SECRETARY

Laurie Connelly ... 579-2859

#### DIRECTORS

##### ONE YEAR TERM

Sid Boswell ... 595-7197  
Carl Blaskovitch ... 388-4640  
Rich Inman ... 388-1564

##### TWO YEAR TERM

BOB CRISWELL ... 595-8150  
KELLY JACOBS ... 589-3205  
KATHY VAN DYKE ... 586-2440

#### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Marsh (1 year) ... 587-7578  
Chris Nygren (2 year) ... 546-7550  
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 2

Eaglemount

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 16, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Missoula Fairgrounds

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : DECEMBER 21., 7:00 PM

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Time for most people to pack away their riding gear, get their horses and mules ready for the winter and celebrate the holidays with family and friends. The days are short, there are too many things to accomplish in dwindling hours of daylight and there are many social events to attend. December always seems to pass in a blur.

One important social event is GVBCH's annual Christmas Party, this year to be held on December 2nd starting with a social hour and followed by a Prime Rib dinner at Eagle Mount! Let me say that again, a PRIME RIB dinner! An invite will go out next week along with an ask for side dishes/ desserts Be sure to look for that in your email.

The other event starting soon is voting for your 2024 GVBCH officers and new board members. The ballot slate is now set with Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Kathy VanDyke and Carmen Orr running for the officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively and Laurie Connelly, Nanci Marx, Lew Goodpasture, Devin Kerley and Dan Porter running for the open board positions. Dan Marsh is also running for the open State Board representative position and Rich Inman is running for the alternate. Although this is what will be on the ballot, there are also spaces to write in any other candidate for any position and still encourage anyone to do so if they want. Voting will be available on line through our website starting on December 1st and paper ballots will be available at the December meeting.

Speaking of the December meeting, it is scheduled for December 21st, will be very short and will be the final meeting for the current officers, including myself. It has been a pleasure to serve as a board member, Vice President and President for the past 8 years, a time full of adventures, pandemics, events and trail rides. My best wishes to everyone going forward.

—Chris

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Kathy VanDyke, Carmen Matzick, John Mutter (proxy for Laurie Connelly), Carl Blaskovich, Sid Boswell, Devin Kerley, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Bob Criswell, Dan Marsh

Called to order by Chris Nygren.

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2023 MEETING

John moved to approve the minutes as written; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's savings and checking accounts. She stated that she paid the chapter's annual dues and also made a donation to BCHMT. Dan Marsh and Chris each turned in receipts for reimbursement. Henry moved to approve the report; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

It was noted that BCHA dues will increase by \$5/ membership in 2024. Following discussion, John made a motion to increase GVBCH dues by \$5 to \$50 for a family membership and \$40 for an individual membership. Devin seconded the motion, and it passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

Chris announced that he met with a member of the Wilderness Society regarding the GFP about some issues we need to approve or deny.

(1) The first issue relates to proposed legislation and changes to the Greater Yellowstone Conservation Recreation Act. The proposed changes were discussed and board members agreed that they are in support of the proposed changes.

(2) The second issue relates to the Windy Pass cabin with changes proposed to area boundaries that would maintain the cabin as a public use area. The board agreed with the proposed changes.

(3) Sun Mountain Lumber wants to become part of the GFP, mostly to put forth proposals as to three land parcels they'd like excepted from the current land use plan. All 3 parcels were discussed and board members indicated they are agreeable that Parcels A and B could be excepted but not Parcel C. Chris indicated he'll pass the information along and asked that anyone with further comments contact him directly.

### BCHMT ANNUAL MEETING

Chris announced that the annual meeting will be held in Butte on March 8-10, 2024.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ELECTIONS

Sid announced the results of the election committee's efforts with the following proposed ballot for 2024:

President: Henry Glenn

Vice President: Sid Boswell

Treasurer: Carmen Matzick

Secretary: Kathy VanDyke

Directors with 2-year terms: Nanci Marx, Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture

Directors with 1-year terms: Devin Kerley, Dan Porter

State director: Dan Marsh

Alternate state director: Rich Inman

### MARKETING EFFORTS

Dan Marsh noted that he and Sid will attend a meeting with the students in early December.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be held on December 2 at Eagle Mount. Molly will send out an email shortly after Thanksgiving.

### ADJOURNMENT

Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

*Submitted by Kathy VanDyke*

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
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**PROGRAM**

Jeff and Garrett Carter, owners of Carter's Boots, gave a presentation about the goods and services provided by their company.

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No nominations were made from the floor. John made a motion to close nominations for the ballot; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Dan Marsh reminded members to turn in their hours a.s.a.p. if they want reimbursement. Hours are due to the Forest Service by the end of November.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting; Larry Thomas seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

*—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke*

**GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS  
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2023 POKER RIDE**

Stacie Boswell  
Bridger Bowl  
Dreamers and Schemers  
Four Corners Saddlery  
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