

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:

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 16, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As I write this column, we are expecting the first snow of the season, six to 8 inches is predicted.

Hunting season is in full swing and most stock is settled in for the winter except those packing out successful hunters and their game. Time to plan for next year and enjoy the company and camaraderie of fellow horse/mule owners.

With that in mind we have our Christmas Party scheduled for December 2nd at Eagle Mount. We also have elections for our new officers and board members coming up in December and nominations taken for the November meeting. The nomination committee of Sid Boswell, Rich Inman and Carl Blaskovitch will prepare the nominating slate so feel free to contact them if they don't contact you first! That November meeting is on Thursday November 16th.

Looking ahead, next year's State BCH convention is March 8, 9 and 10 in Butte so only 80 miles away and I hope a quite a few people can make it over from the Gallatin Valley. Stay warm and see you in a couple weeks.

—Chris

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19

Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn, Dan Marsh, Carmen Matzick, Stacie Boswell, Sid Boswell, Rich Inman, Bob Criswell, Laurie Connelly, Devon Kerley, John Mutter, Lew Goodpasture, Kathy VanDyke

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

### MEETING MINUTES

Henry moved to accepted the meeting minutes as published; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen gave the report on our checking savings accounts. The chapter received a generous donation of \$250 from Swep and Brenda Davis. Thank you so much!!

### BUSINESS

We discussed the need for volunteers to please report their mileage information at the end of the season, October. The trail boss does collect this information but if volunteers do not ALSO report their mileage then funds for the next year can be impacted. Trail boss reporting is for a different purpose. Individual mileage reporting helps to determine how much monies will be allotted to our area in the future. This is true even if you don't want the reimbursement yourself. All are of course able to donate those funds back to the chapter or to any other organization if they do not want the money themselves. But please cash the check because this is how the government sees that it was used for the designed purpose of Forest Service support. And of course thank you all for all the work out on the trails this year.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DUES INCREASE

The BackCountry Horseman of America will be increasing dues that we as a state/chapter pay to them. It will be \$5 per membership. That will begin next year. They are actually short this year as well due to a change in the way fundraising has been done and are requesting that we voluntarily pay an additional \$5 per membership this year. After a brief discussion, Laurie moved to approve this increase of \$5/ membership to be paid to the BCHA; Carl seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Sid moved to adjourn the meeting; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chris at 7:06 pm

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*



Photographs by Janice Cartwright of a time gone by ('til next year)





## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 19

#### PROGRAM

Sisters Dana and Tracy Eklund from Big Sky Mohair Cinches were with us tonight and gave an informative presentation of their business. Big Sky Mohair Cinches is a local business making hand-tied mohair cinches and breast collars and they are gorgeous! Please check out their website at [bigskymohaircinches.com](http://bigskymohaircinches.com)

Chris called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm

#### MEETING MINUTES

Kristin moved to approve the meeting minutes as published; DC seconded the motion; the motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen gave the report on our checking savings accounts. We received a generous donation of \$250 from Swepp and Brenda Davis. Sid moved to accept the report; Bob seconded the motion; the motion passed.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 2 at Eagle Mount. You can bring a guest if you desire. We voted on the menu. Prime Rib won the vote. Please RSVP Henry with your number for attending. Janice is coordinating all but the prime rib so if you can help please let her know.

Our chapter will be paying an additional \$5/ membership to the state BCH to be sent for National dues. Our chapter membership dues will probably go up as well but we have not decided on an exact amount.

#### ELECTIONS FOR OUR BOARD

We will have several open positions for next year. The nominating committee will be calling members to see if anyone is interested in various positions. This is a great way to volunteer and get involved and really is not a huge time commitment. Please be considering....President, Vice President, Secretary, board members all are open. We will have a slate of nominees in November and voting will be on-line and in person at the December meeting. You can also nominate yourself. But you can not nominate someone else unless you have their permission.

#### NEXT STATE CONVENTION

These are really fun and informative. Next year's Convention is in Butte on March 8, 9, 10.

All are welcome. Put it on your calendar.

Statewide we have 924 members! Let's keep growing.

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

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm

—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly



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

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