

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:

SLOUGH CREEK : AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3

FOREST SERVICE PACK-OUT : SEPTEMBER 1

S. Cottonwood/Blackmore

TUESDAY TRAIL CREW : SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27

Contact Lew Goodpasture, 575-639-9091

SATURDAY TRAIL CREW : SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30

Contact Dan Porter, 539-0879

GVBCH BBQ : SEPTEMBER 9

Henry & Molly Glenn, 800 Seitz Rd. West, Wilsall

WILD MONTANA PACK IN : SEPTEMBER 9

WILD MONTANA PACK OUT: SEPTEMBER 15

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As the hottest days of summer are here, it is hard to believe that our days of riding without snow or cold are numbered. As your chapter supporting BCH rides and activities, we encourage everyone to get out, stay cool and prepare the beautiful fall colors which are only 3 to 4 weeks away. Our trail crews are still going (primarily on Saturday). Our annual chapter BBQ will be on September 9 at Henry and Molly's home (Shafthouse trail). We also need someone to volunteer for a position on the Board for the next four months to complete the rest of Kelly Jacob's term for this year. We will be holding elections for new Board members in December but Kelly has to resign now so if someone wants to step up for 4 months with no obligation to continue (unless they want to do so), it would be greatly appreciated.

Take care and happy trails!

—Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 17**

Roll Call: Stacie Boswell, Sid Boswell, Kathy VanDyke, Chris Nygren, Bob Criswell, Devon Kerley, Larry Thomas, Dan Porter, Carl Blaskovich, Laurie Connelly, Laurie as proxy for Carmen Matzick

Meeting minutes: Kathy moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter; Carl seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Laurie, reporting for Carmen, reported on our checking account and savings accounts. She has received no new bills since the poker ride. She has still not received the second half of the Forest Service volunteer reimbursements.

**BUSINESS**

Chris reported that we have four members in the AB Wilderness at the Slough Creek Cabin supporting the Forest Service work crew in that area ; Henry, Lew, Molly and Dan Marsh. There will be a second trip August 28-Sept.5. That trip will be Henry, Lew, Steve and Deann Bailey and Tim.

Kelly Jacobs has resigned from the board. We will need a volunteer to assume her position. It would be for only four months until the elections at the end of the year. Please consider this opportunity. Also we will be having several positions that are timing out this year; President, vice president, secretary, and board members. Please be thinking of how you may serve the chapter in these positions. We will discuss elections as we get closer to the end of the year.

After a discussion it is decided that the season ending chapter BBQ will not be at Cache Creek but will instead be at Henry and Molly's house in Sedan. It will be Sept 9. We will have a fun ride during the day and BBQ in the evening. More details will be emailed out prior to the date.

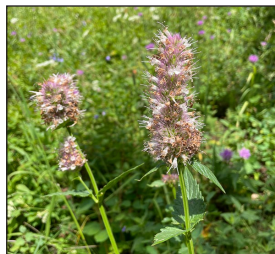
**RAMSHORN LAKE PROJECT:**

The project has been approved, funding for materials approved and FWP will coordinate the helicopter to deliver the materials to the site soon, weather dependent. We will arrange a work group for the corral repairs for this year if weather permits and before the hunting season begins. If that is not possible we will have the work project next year.

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

Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 17**

**PROGRAM**

We enjoyed a brief social gathering with ice cream and brownies provided by Janice.

A representative from Eagle Mount spoke briefly about the exciting changes coming to the facilities at Eagle Mount. They are fund raising for this needed expansion. All are encouraged to donate if possible and to get the word out for anyone who may be interested in donating as well. Eagle Mount has graciously allowed us to have our Christmas gathering at their facility for several years.

Janice gave a very informative talk and demonstration on saddle fit using her personal herd. She has a wealth of knowledge. Please reach out to her if you have fitting concerns.

Chris called the meeting to order at 8:20.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Bob moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter; Devon seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Laurie, reporting for Carmen, reported on our checking account and savings accounts. There have been no new bills since the Poker Ride. She has still not received the second half of the volunteer reimbursement funds from the Forest Service. Chris has a \$120 bill he will submit to Carmen.

Stacie moved to accept the report; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**BUSINESS**

The September Chapter BBQ location has changed. We will have a day fun ride near Henry and Molly's home (Shafthouse trail) and BBQ gathering at their home in the evening. Their home is in Sedan. This will be Sept 9. Details for this event will be emailed to members prior to the date.

Kelly Jacobs has resigned from the board. Devon Kerley has volunteered to fill that position for the remainder of the term, four months.

**RAMSHORN LAKE PROJECT**

This project is moving forward. The materials and helicopter rental have been approved by the FWP. They will get the materials to the site sometime in the next few weeks as weather permits. We will organize a work group if time before the hunting season permits. If not then we will work this project next season.

Q had sent out an email inviting members to submit any videos of the Poker Ride so she could put together an advertisement for next year. She did not receive any videos. Please keep this in mind moving forward and try to capture some videos of work rides and the poker ride for the future. This would be a great opportunity for getting the word out about our work.

Our next meeting will return to the Springhill church site. Thank you Janice for hosting us through the summer.

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

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*



## OLD KARST TRAIL

JULY 29

GVBCH members met at the Old Karst Trail for a great day of riding in the mts. and clearing deadfall along the way. Lunch time allowed us to take in the eastern views of the Gallatin Crest including the Sentinel, the Moose, Eaglehead, and Windy Pass. It was noted that the Wilderness sign that had been posted on the high side of the trail in a notoriously gnarly bend in the trail had given up to the elements and was floundering in the trail. It caused a bit of a tangle but together Marianne and I were able to drag it up away from the trail and everyone passed by safely. This was reported to the FS and hopefully they will repost it in a better location below rather than above the trail and not right at the bend...or maybe a couple BCH members can take that project on. Thank you Larry, Carmen, Marianne, and Tyler.—DP



SPANISH LAKES TRAIL 413—DUBOIS LAKE  
AUGUST 2

A group of five GVBCH members, Elizabeth, Laurie, Bruce, Carmen and Lew met at Spanish Crk trailhead on August 2nd and headed toward Spanish Lakes on Trail 413. We arrived at Dubois Lake at around lunch time having ridden approximately 7 miles. Other riders had previously cleared most of the deadfall from the entire route, leaving only a few recent blowdowns and small trees/branches near the trail. We decided to return to the trailhead and enjoy the scenery. It was a beautiful trail and fun people to ride with but I regret that we weren't able to accomplish more.

Thanks to all of you. —Lew



## RAMSHORN LAKE

AUGUST 7

On Monday August 7, three GVBCH members, Dan Marsh, Mark DeOpsomer and Lew Goodpasture met at Buffalo Horn trailhead, saddled up and, leading two pack mules and two horses, rode the 7 or so miles to Ramshorn Lake. The forest service crew that we had packed in a week prior were finished with their project and ready to come out and move on to another job. We arrived at the lake about 11:30 am and found them happy to finally have some sunshine as it had rained every day since Wednesday. Coming up the trail we saw the work they had been doing and we were all quite impressed. An entire new puncheon (low clearance bridge) at one water crossing, repair to several others at different water crossings, a trail reroute and other work to the existing trail. They really accomplished some significant and long needed improvements. After a quick lunch we loaded their tools and other gear and headed back down, arriving back to the trailhead at about 4:00. This crew really is good at what they do and what they endure to do it. We really appreciate and mostly take for granted all the work they do, and in sometimes very difficult and uncomfortable conditions.

We are happy to be able to help them whenever they need our support. —Lew

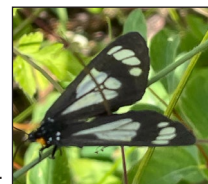


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## LANGOHR DIVIDE PACK-IN

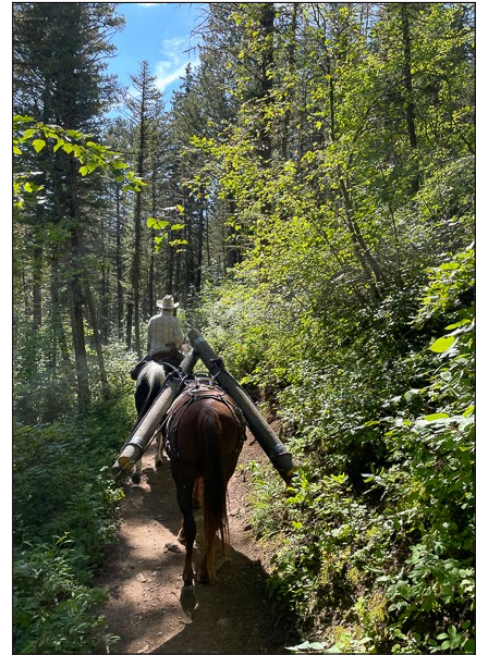
AUGUST 9

I met Lew and John at the South Cottonwood trailhead to help them pack in 12 post trail markers for the Langohr Divide trail. After some jockeying of the posts on the three pack animals we proceeded on up the trail passing multiple hikers and mountain bikers with little problem. We missed the crossing that leads to the very faint old trail but realized our mistake when we reached the Wheeler trail jct and backtracked, finding the crossing the second go round with no problem. Flagging by the FS was low to the ground causing us to not spot it at first pass. Following the old and faint red paint markers on several trees we wound our way up, dropping the posts at 3 locations.



At the top of the meadows we ate lunch just below where the trail turns south and leads to the divide. Lew and John made quite a contrast to the meadow of wildflowers at lunchtime. Moths like the one pictured were busy pollinating the flowers. I later identified them by posting the photo on my Naturalist account. They are commonly called "Police car" moths and are native to the Rocky Mtn west. The meadows that this trail crosses are heavily affected by invasive weeds sulphur cinquefoil and oxeye daisy. Thank you Lawrence and Kathy for the use of one of your mules for this project. Thank you Lew and John for getting this little project done. Glad I could help and spend the day in the mts with you and my horse.

—DP



## FIRST CREEK—HIDDEN LAKE DIVIDE AUGUST 9

The Wednesday Crew led by Dan Marsh along with Carmen, Kenji, Laurie, and Bruce headed up Porcupine Creek 43 to the First Creek Cutoff and up to the Hidden Lakes Divide. The round trip was a little over 12 miles. We cut out around nine trees including some blocking the trail, leaners, and some that were laying down the length of the trail. We cleared out one water diversion that had a small creek running down the trail. The trail was very muddy for most of the ride, but the weather was good for a ride. We got going right at 9:00AM and got back to the trailers at 3:30PM just in time to avoid the traffic jam on 191 around 5PM. In past years' experience we had gone out a different route but ended up having to cut out a bunch of downfall and not get back to the trailers until 7:00PM so we opted to go back the way we came this time. We gained over 3000 feet in elevation to get to the Hidden Lake Divide, so we had some tired horses and knees by the time we got back.



ONION BASIN  
AUGUST 12

Ten GV BCH members met at the Porcupine trailhead, departing promptly at 9:30 am up Trail #34 and bound for Onion Basin. Avoiding mudholes and dirt bikes they began clearing deadfall after taking the fork to Eaglehead Mt. and reached Onion Basin around 2:30 pm. Six riders at that point returned back down the trail while four others determined to ride up a bit further to take in the incredible views of not only Onion Basin but also the Gallatin Crest to the east and the Madison Range to the West including Sphinx, Lone Mtn., Cedar Mtn. the Hilgards and Shedhorn. Total ride mileage 18...highest elevation reached 9,000 ft abs. It was a great day to be in the mts. with a great group of BCHers to clear trail and enjoy the company of man and beast in the wild. Several infestations of invasive Yellow Toadflax were noted along Trail #34 and reported to the FS. This plant is in the snapdragon family and spreads by seed as well as rhizomes (roots). If it shows up in your pastures it is nearly impossible to get rid of.

Thank you Larry , Carmen, Laurie, DC, Larry Bill, Mark, Marianne, and new members Brenna Kelleher and Hunter Lacey.  
—DP





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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2023 POKER RIDE**

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