

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 : APRIL 18, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

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TRAIL CREW MEETING : MAY 16, 7:00 PM

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POKER RIDE : JULY 6

Bridger Bowl

Please note the earlier start
time of the Board Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Hello Everyone,

I was hoping winter was over but alas it has snowed three times today so welcome Spring in Montana. We had a great time at the State Convention. It was great to see old friends and to celebrate Smoke Elser's 90th birthday by hearing him tell campfire stories. He has a new book out that is full of stories of his packing in the Bob. Pick it up and enjoy some fun reading as winter wanes.

We had our Poker Ride meeting in March and the stage is set for our only fundraiser on July 6th. Please consider helping the chapter wherever you can to make this a successful event. Thanks to Laurie and Devon for volunteering to co chair the event. You will be hearing from them in the near future.

Watch for First Aid and CPR training.

We will have our Trail Crew meeting at the May meeting so if you want to help on trail crews this year please attend this important meeting. We are going to schedule the trails in advance so everyone can plan their summer.

I do have some AB Wilderness trips planned so see me to get details.

Due to changes in the Forest Service's hiring practices there will be less FS trail crew personnel and so they are asking us to fill in the gaps so I hope everyone can help with trails this summer.

As Spring teases us with a few days of warm weather get that tack and your rigs ready for a busy 2024 season.

Happy Trails, Henry

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15**

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Jim Wing (proxy for Carmen Matzick), Kathy VanDyke, Devon Kerley, Bob Criswell, Dan Porter, Nanci Marx, Laurie Connelly, John Mutter

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

Devon moved to approve the minutes as written; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the chapter's savings and checking accounts. Laurie moved to approve the report; Kathy seconded; the motion passed.

Sid reported on research done by several board members regarding investment options for a portion of the savings account. We can get a 3-month CD at 4.8% with an automatic rollover at First Security Bank; conversely a money market would pay less than 1% interest. Sid made a motion to invest \$10,000 in a 3-month CD at First Security; Kathy seconded; the motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the chapter's savings, and it was agreed that some funds should be used for projects, possibly with other entities. Dan Porter will contact the Forest Service to determine their need for additional project funding. Other recipient suggestions would be appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

1st Aid: Dan Porter noted that almost everyone needs to obtain a first aid recertification this year. Henry noted that Josh with the Forest Service said the class would likely be in May.

TRAIL PRIORITIES

Dan Porter noted that the chapter will need to work at setting trail priorities this year given the increased requests for assistance (Hebgen, Madison, and other areas are short-handed). He also noted that we did not have a planning meeting this year and said we should have a meeting every year to discuss priorities for the upcoming season.

NEW BUSINESS

Board meeting time change: Dan Porter stated that he feels 30 minutes is insufficient for board meetings and proposed that they be 60 minutes (at least during the summer months). After discussion it was decided that the meetings would be from 6:00-7:00 pm, with the regular meetings starting at 7:00 as they do now.

Equipment: Henry got a cross-cut saw at the annual meeting and suggested that the chapter purchase it. Sid made a motion to purchase the saw for \$200 for chapter trail use; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

John suggested that someone should inventory the chapter's trail equipment. He and Dan will take on this task.

Adjournment: Sid moved to adjourn the meeting; Nanci seconded; the motion passed.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 15

Program: We did not have a program tonight.

Call to Order: Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

Janice moved to approve the minutes as written; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wing reported on the chapter's savings and checking accounts. John Mutter moved to approve the report; Laurie Connelly seconded; the motion passed. Henry noted that the chapter will reimburse the registration fee to state convention delegates.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Laurie Connolly and Devon Kerley have agreed to co-chair the committee.

Food: Henry agreed to cook chicken on-site; sides and beverages would be purchased.

Pop stops: We will provide watermelon and bottled water.

Trail: This year will follow the north (counterclockwise) route. There have been several requests for a shorter option. Ester made a motion to have two routes this year; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

Advertising/promotion: We need to put out more posters. Henry suggested providing the poster to every state chapter with a FB page.

Prep days: Trail clearing will be on Wed., July 3; flagging and set-up/potluck will be on Fri., July 5; the ride will be on Sat., July 6.

The trailer should be inventoried in advance of the ride.

Fee: John Mutter made a motion that the registration fee be raised to \$35; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

Prizes: We will continue to have several large prizes and will also have door prizes as was done in the past. The winners of the big prizes need not be present to win, however the door prizes winner will need to be present. We're aiming for a reasonable number of door prizes, perhaps 50 or so.

Big prizes: The following members will contact these business for big prizes: Madison River (John Mutter); Rocky Mountain Hat and Four Corners Saddlery (Dan Porter); Kenetrek boots (Dan Marsh); Montana Canvas (Rich Inman); Murdoch's (Marianne). The big prizes should be verified by the April 18 meeting so they can be included on the flyer.

50/50: We'll do a 50/50 pot again this year.

Henry suggested that the chapter obtain some banners and flags for use at the Poker Ride and other events.

Committee: Please contact Laurie or Devon if you're interested in being on the Poker Ride committee. They will have the occasional meeting as the day approaches.

NEXT MEETING

The April meeting will no longer be trail boss-related. It may be possible to have CPR training with Josh/FS if he's available. The May meeting will consist of trail boss/work crew discussion and planning.

STATE CONVENTION:

Molly gave us a thorough report on the state convention. She noted that the 2025 meeting will be in Helena; the Northwest chapter is in line for 2026, however it's possible they'll be unable in which case GVBCH will be next in line. Henry noted that the state has a good youth packing program and that scholarships are available.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring fun ride: John Mutter would like to hold a spring "warm-up ride" sometime within the next two weeks. Please contact him if you're interested.

Adjournment: Mark Deopsomer moved to adjourn the meeting; Corinne Martin seconded; the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

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

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