

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

First Security Bank
2046 Cattail St & 19th St

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.

2024 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR**PRESIDENT**

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084
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VICE PRESIDENT

Sid Boswell ... 595-7197
sid@sidboswell.com

TREASURER

Carmen Matzick ... 600-1379

SECRETARY

Kathy VanDyke ... 209-0613

DIRECTORS**ONE YEAR TERM**

Bob Criswell ... 595-8150

Dan Porter ... 539-0879

Devon Kerley ... 704-562-5021

TWO YEAR TERM

Laurie Connelly ... 579-2859

Nanci Marx ... 763-4172

Lew Goodpasture ... 575-639-9091

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Chris Nygren (1 year) ... 546-7550

Dan Marsh (2 year) ... 587-7578

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 7, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Eagle Mount

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM

Eagle Mount

GENERAL MEETING : DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM

Eagle Mount

DINNER : DECEMBER 7, 6:00 PM

Eagle Mount

BCH STATE BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 14, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Exploration Center & Rocky Mountain Gardens Building,
Missoula County Fairgrounds

Note: Board and General meetings have a change in date and meeting place for the December meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello, Back Country Horsemen,

What a great year we have had as a chapter. We were able to provide the most pack support ever to trail crews from 3 different Ranger Districts. Our trail crews did an outstanding job on the trails and we had the best Poker Ride ever. I am so honored to have served as your president. There are too many people to thank individually. If you helped in any way I want to say thank you for making Gallatin Valley BCH the best.

The annual Christmas party will be at Eagle Mount Dec 7th. We will have a short business meeting to elect officers and directors at 5:30 pm at that time and we voted to make that our December meeting so everyone can enjoy the Christmas season with their families.

Sid will be our next President and I hope everyone gives him the support you have given me over the past year.

As we move forward I want us to continue to grow and make our valley a great place to recreate.

I want to thank the officers and directors for your unwavering support and hard work over the last year. Each of you made my job look easy.

Happy Thanksgiving!

—Henry

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21**

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

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

Bob moved to approve the minutes as written; Carmen seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts and a CD that's accruing interest. Dan Marsh noted that BCHMT annual dues will be \$1,705, and Carmen will pay those dues soon. Chris moved to approve the report; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party and Dec. Meeting: The Christmas party will be on December 7 at Eagle Mount, and we'll be partaking of prime rib (and many other goodies). The December meetings (board and general) will be held on that date, too, as the only business that needs to be conducted is the board/director election.

Defensive Horse Safety: Janice will plan the event to be held at Eagle Mount.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee has prepared the slate of new board members. The slate will be presented at the general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Crew: Henry informed us that Cory Lewellyn, the district ranger for the Bozeman district, has taken a new position in a different district. There will likely be a replacement hired however funding issues may be problematic. He noted that the chapter will likely be bombarded with trail work requests due to FS staffing shortages.

Audit: The annual audit needs to be completed, and the results presented at the January 2025 meeting. Henry appointed Devon, Chris and Sid to the Audit Committee; Chris moved to approve the appointments; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21**

The program tonight featured Maddi Griffel with Cargill Feed & Nutrition. She spoke about hay testing and general winter-feeding considerations and provided free hay testing kits. It was an interesting and informative program.

Call to Order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts and a CD that's accruing interest. Christine moved to approve the report; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee has prepared the slate (see page 4): Sid called for nominations from the floor; none were presented. Sid moved to close nominations; Denise Stark seconded; the motion passed. In-person voting will occur at the December 7 meeting; however Dan Marsh will send out an electronic ballot for those members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Christmas Party and Meeting: The party will be held on December 7 at Eagle Mount. Set-up will start at 4:30, appetizers at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. RSVPs are due to Molly by Dec. 4, and she'll will send out an email with a "What to bring" list.

Sid moved that the December meeting be held on Dec. 7 rather than Dec. 19; Bob seconded; the motion passed. The only business to be conducted at the December meeting will be voting on the board/director slate. Short board and general meetings will be held immediately prior to dinner being served.

Meeting Location: Meetings will now be held at the First Security Bank community room, 2046 Cattail Street, Bozeman.

Note: The February 20, 2025, meeting will be held at Eagle Mount and will include the Wild Game Feed.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit: The annual audit needs to be completed, and the results presented at the January 2025 meeting. Henry appointed Devon, Chris and Sid to the Audit Committee.

Membership dues: Dan Marsh reminded everyone to pay their 2025 dues. He noted that in 2024 the chapter had 23 family and 36 single memberships, and those numbers were up 5% from 2023. He also noted that national BCH membership is way down.

Defensive Horse Safety: Janice will plan the event to be held at Eagle Mount in late March or early April.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

GVBCH Christmas Party

December 7, 2024

Appetizers @ 5 pm, Dinner @ 6:15 pm

(anyone wishing to help Janice set-up, contact her and be there @4:30)

Eagle Mount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane

Menu: PRIME RIB!!

What to bring: It would be great to have 5 - 6 potato dishes (cheesy potatoes, mashed potatoes, twice baked, etc), then 5-6 veggie sides, 4-5 salads, then about 5 appetizers and 5-7 desserts. When you RSVP, include how many are coming and what you are bringing.

Deadline for RSVP:

Thursday, December 5th

This is pretty firm because it is an expensive meal to prepare.

Contact Molly Glenn: sedancowgirl@gmail.com or 406-599-0255

Please vote for new GVBCH officers
at the Dec. meeting or online:

<https://bchmt.org/wp/gvbch/vote/>

voting

GVBCH 2025 Official Election Ballot

Your Name

Email

Used for membership verification.

President

Sid Boswell

Vice President

Henry Glenn

Treasurer

Elizabeth Heppler

Secretary

Kathy Van Dyke

Directors

Bob Criswell (2 Year)

Dan Porter (2 Year)

DC Stark (2 Year)

Choose 3 names for
2 year and 2 names
for 1 year director.
For all other positions
choose 1 name.

State Board Director

Chris Nygren

Alternate State Board Director

Sid Boswell

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP HERE:
[HTTPS://BCHMT.ORG/WP/GVBCH/VOTE/](https://bchmt.org/wp/gvbch/vote/)



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Back Country Horsemen
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Name _____ **Spouse's Name** _____

Mailing Address

- \$50 Family Membership**
 \$40 Individual Membership
 \$40 Associate Membership

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

(Please print clearly)

Assumption of Risk

I understand and agree that I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the clubs events.

I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen functions. **By signing this document you may be waiving the legal right to a jury trial to hold the provider legally responsible for any injuries or damages resulting from risks inherent in the sport or recreational opportunity or for any injuries or damages you may suffer due to the provider's ordinary negligence that are the result of the provider's failure to exercise reasonable care.** Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, horses, other tack or equipment.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please check any committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

- Social Activities Trail Rides Issues Fund Raising Newsletter Projects
 Planning Clinics Audit Trail Maintenance Serve on Board Refreshments

What skill, talent or resource are you willing to share with the club?

Name of the advertisement or person that introduced you to the Back Country Horsemen?

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

Backcountry Medical Supplies LLC
Bar 3 BBQ
Bridger Bowl
Cafe M
Big Sky Mohair Cinches
Carter's Boot & Repairs
Dreamers & Schemers
Four Corners Saddlery
Ingram Quarter Horses/Spur Cross Ranch
Kennetrek Boots
Madison River Propane
Montana Canvas
Murdochs Ranch & Home
Northwest Energy
Olivelle
Pony-On-The Creek Luxury Glamping
Rikki's Furniture
Rocky Mountain Hat Company

Rocky Mountain Supply
Rowan Coffee
Sawdust and Steel
Steer-In trailer Sales and Service
Spur Cross Ranch/Ingram Quarterhorses
Tactic Montana
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Elizabeth Heppler
Rich Inman
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