

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.

2024 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

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Dan Porter ... 539-0879
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TWO YEAR TERM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 18, 6:30 PM Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 18, 7:00 PM Springhill Church

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

ARE DUE

[HTTP://GVBCH.BCHMT.ORG/](http://gvbch.bchmt.org/)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Another year is in the books and 2024 promises to be another year of promise, if not, a dry summer and low snowpack. Get your riding in early before the fire danger increases seems to be the best prediction.

Well, my tenure as President has come to a close and Henry Glenn takes over again as President. I started at the beginning of COVID and three years later we are still trying to get rid of it. GVBCH now has a new trailer, continues to lead the state BCH chapters in almost every category of work done and support of our USFS partnership. Membership higher than pre-COVID (but not as high as two years ago) and we have some newer members stepping up and becoming more involved. Rich Inman is the current Founders award recipient from the State BCH, Larry Thomas was recognized by the national draft horse association and other members are making their mark with supporting the USFS including Lew Goodpasture, Dan Porter, Mark DeOpsomer along with Henry and Dan Marsh. Much has been accomplished in the past three years we can be proud about.

This upcoming year we already have some work planned at Ramshorn Lake corrals and more USFS crew support along with AB Guard station cabins and trail crew support. We have heard this year there will be less fulltime USFS trail crew positions so we will see how it works for providing additional BCH support. We also plan to do the annual Poker Ride at Bridger Bowl, a BBQ later in the summer and other fun time opportunities for everyone. Very little grass grows under our feet it seems.

I wish everyone a happy holiday period and I feel honored to have been your president the past three years.

—Chris

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21

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

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Kathy moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on our checking and savings accounts. We received a \$100 donation from the BWAGS. We reimbursed Henry and Molly for the meat and cutlery for the Christmas party. We will be donating \$360 to the Springhill Church for use of their facility for our meetings. Laurie motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated; Carl seconded the motion; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

Chris and Dan reported on information obtained at the State Board Meeting. The 2024 Convention will be held March 8, 9, 10 at Fairmont Hot Springs. A block of discounted rooms is available by calling Fairmont Hot Springs. Please consider attending. It is always fun and educational. Registration for the Convention is on the BCHMt website.

The BCH youth program is working on setting up a regular tack exchange. More on that at the convention.

BCH has 955 members state-wide.

The State newsletter is going to go completely digital.

If you have resolutions you would like considered at the convention they must be submitted by Jan 12.

The Convention schedule this spring will be a little different. Live music and the cross-cut competition will be held Friday instead of Sunday, the last day of the convention.

The Defensive Horse Safety Committee at the State Board are working to create an updated version for the chapters to use.

'Light On The Land' is now the official terminology we will be using in our publications and educational materials instead of 'Leave No Trace'. *Light On the Land* is concerning only equine practices.

GVBCB elections are tonight.

Carl motioned to adjourn; Carmen seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm

— *Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21**

MEETING MINUTES

Kathy motioned to accept the meeting minutes as published in the newsletter; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on our checking and savings accounts. We are paying \$360 to the Springhill Church for use of their facility for our meetings. The BWAGS donated \$100 to our chapter. Henry and Molly were paid \$600 for the meat and cutlery they provided for the Christmas Party. We donated \$422 to Eagle Mount at the Christmas Party this year! Devon motioned to accept the Treasurers Report; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

It's the time of year to renew your memberships for 2024. Individual \$40 and Family \$50. You can write a check or renew on-line on our website.

A Marketing Plan has been produced by the MSU students for us. Dan has the detailed booklet with lots of interesting ideas. We need to read through and consider our options.

Dan and Chris reported on the State Board Meeting recently attended.

We have 955 members state-wide.

The State newsletter will be all electronic moving forward and may be monthly instead of quarterly.

The State Convention is March 8, 9, 10 in Fairmont Hot Springs. We will be sending 8 delegates but all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. A block of rooms at discount are available at the Hot Springs. Call for reservations. Registration for the convention is available on the BCHMT website.

We are selling raffle tickets for the raffle at the convention. We will have available tonight and at the next meeting.

Our January meeting is our calendar meeting.

GVBCH ELECTIONS

Carl opened the floor to any additional nominations. None were offered. Chris motioned to close the nominations; DC seconded the motion; the motion passed. The election slate was announced. Laurie motioned to accept acclamation; Jim seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The results of the in-person and on-line voting were announced by Carl.

THE 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

President: Henry Glenn

Vice President: Sid Boswell

Treasurer: Carmen Matzick

Secretary: Kathy VanDyke

Directors, One Year Term: Devon Kerley,
Dan Porter

Directors, Two Year Term: Nanci Marx,
Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture

State Director: Dan Marsh

Alternate State Director: Rich Inman

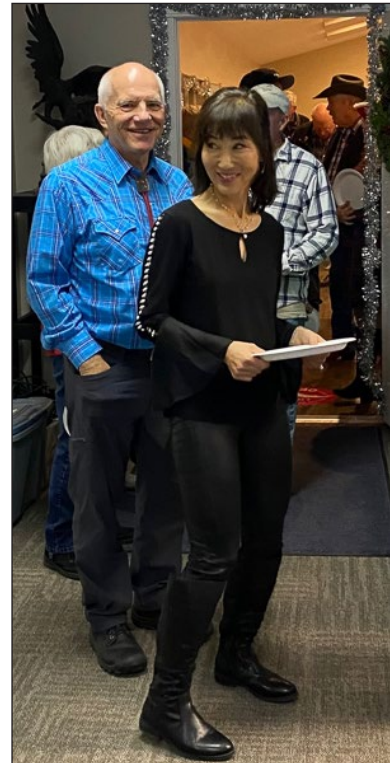
Thank you everyone for voting! And thank you to all the 'retiring' Board members for their service.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting; Carl seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:00 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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