

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:

CHILI FEED GALLATIN SADDLE AND HARNESS CLUB: MAY 4, 10:00 AM
5485 Spaulding Bridge Road; Manhattan

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WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : MAY 15, 22, 29

VIRGINIA CITY POKER RIDE : MAY 25, ALL DAY

POKER RIDE : JULY 6, ALL DAY

Bridger Bowl

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone,

A special thank you to Curtis Settergren for the program on Mongolia, what a treat. Also, thank you to all who attended the first Poker Ride meeting at Laurie's, we are looking forward to a great Poker Ride on July 6th. Hope everyone will help where needed.

The May meeting will be all about trails and the details for our trail crews. This is a very important meeting as this is the main focus of our chapter. Please attend if you can and find out what our chapter works on every summer. There is trail work for every level of horse and rider. Also, a reminder that only the sawyer needs certification and you can help with only a horse safety course which is available both in person and online.

As we gear up for summer, get ready because it is setting up to be a very busy one.



—Henry

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Carmen Matzick, Kathy VanDyke, Bob Criswell, Dan Porter, Nanci Marx, Laurie Connelly, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Chris Nygren, Dave Marx

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF MARCH 2024 MEETING

Laurie moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts. The chapter has purchased a \$10,000 3-month CD. Dan Porter moved to approve the report; Sid seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Poster needs a few tweaks then will go to Brant for revision. Per Chris, no separate minor release form is required. Venmo is part of PayPal, so we'll find out how to use it for on-site payments. There was some discussion about getting an awning for the trailer; Sid will research cost and availability. Given that the big tents will be used for registration and prizes it would be advisable to use free-standing pop-ups to cover food and provide some shade for participants. Several members indicated that they have pop-ups that could be used. Rich noted that he has some flags; there are also some banners and Laurie will check them for condition and size.

Henry expressed his thanks to Dan Marsh for all the work he's done on the website and noted that it looks great now.

NEW BUSINESS

Gallatin Forest Partnership: The proposed Greater Yellowstone Recreation & Conservation Act will be presented to Steve Daines' office on April 30. It will be the first viewing of the document that will be put forward as legislation.

Mission Valley BCH Poker Ride: The ride is in Ronan. Carmen has the info if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18

Program: Curt Settergren presented an interesting program about his pack trip in Mongolia.

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

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Jim Martin moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter's checking and savings accounts. Chris moved to approve the report; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Laurie led the discussion. She is in the process of getting more donations for a silent auction and door prizes. There are also prizes for the top poker hands, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. She provided a list of potential donors and asked for volunteers to contact them. She asked that any prizes collected be given to her by June 20. There was some discussion about different "levels" of prizes (dollar value of poker hand and of silent auction prizes), and discussion about how to publicize the donors. She has scheduled a committee meeting for April 25 at 5:30 at her home.

For donations: The chapter's EIN is 26-2750464.

Website: Henry and others expressed their thanks to Dan Marsh for a great job on the website.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The May meeting will consist of trail boss/work crew discussion and planning.

1st Aid, CPR, saw training: We have not been informed of dates yet and Henry will check on it.

Parade: Janice sent info to everyone who expressed an interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Carmen moved to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded; the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

36th Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen

POKER RIDE



BRIDGER BOWL
JULY 6, 2024

Take your pick:
long route or short route

\$35 Adult
\$15 Children under 12
—includes lunch—
Limited to 250 riders
Check-in/depart 8:00 am-10:00 am
Return to BBQ social lunch 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Online registration is strongly recommended
so we can better plan for food
more information visit:

<https://bchmt.org/wp/gvbch/event/poker>

Laurie Connelly, lconnelly@yahoo.com or 406-579-2859

Registration is nonrefundable

Poker Hand Prizes donated by:
Montana Canvas
Madison River Propane
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
Four Corners Saddlery
Kenetrek Boots



Silent Auction:
Tactic Montana
Carter's Boots & Repair
Spur Cross Ranch-Ingram Quarterhorses
Door Prizes
50/50

NO DOGS, NO STALLIONS, NO DRONES

Gallatin Valley Back County Horsemen provide volunteer trail and trailhead
facility maintenance on public lands throughout Southwest Montana

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