

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Location: TBD

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 : NOVEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

TBD

GENERAL MEETING : NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 PM

TBD

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

Eagle Mount

If you have an idea of where we can have our meetings, please let Sid know before the 14th and send an email to sid@sidboswell.com. We will send an email to the group when a location has been finalized.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Back Country Horsemen,

We have had a beautiful Fall. The cows are in and accounted for. Hunting season is in full swing and riding season is almost over. I hope everyone got out and enjoyed the nice weather this Fall.

We are in the middle of our annual election for officers and directors. Sid is chair of the nominating committee. Please answer the call to serve our chapter.

Christmas party is set for December 7th at Eagle Mount. Make plans to attend! Good food and good fellowship will be had.

We are currently looking for a new place to have our monthly meetings so if you know of a place that can accommodate our group please let Sid or Dan Porter know.

Looks like the weather is about to change to more Winter conditions so prepare your vehicles and animals for Winter.

See you at the next meeting,

—Henry

Looks like the weather is about to change.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17**

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

CALLED TO ORDER BY HENRY GLENN

Minutes of September 2024 meeting – Dan Porter moved to approve the minutes as written; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter’s savings and checking accounts and a CD. Nanci moved to approve the report; Dan P. seconded; the motion passed.

Chris made a motion to pay the customary \$360 to Springhill Church for use of the building in 2024; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Space: As discussed previously we will no longer hold meetings at Springhill Church. Sid noted that he has a warehouse near the airport with a large meeting area and a smaller “office” for the board meeting. The Forest Service and FWP offices were suggested. Henry has had some discussions with those entities, but no final decision has been made. Sid and Dan P. agreed to be a committee to find a new spot, and it was agreed to meet at Sid’s warehouse in November and possibly until something more permanent has been found.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A committee will be appointed in the general meeting tonight. We’ll be looking for four officers, three 2-year directors, one state director (2-year term) and one alternate director (1-year term).

WILDERNESS CABINS

The wilderness trips went well. Next year’s emphasis will be on Hellroaring.

CORRAL REPAIR

It was suggested that trailhead corrals be repaired with pipe rather than wood to avoid cribbing. Recon should be done early next summer to decide which cabins need work and to schedule the necessary work crews.

NEW BUSINESS

Defensive Horse Safety: The class will need to be planned for 2025.

Adjournment

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

The program tonight featured Julie Cunningham with FWP. She presented her annual wildlife report, and it was informative and enjoyable.

CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

Minutes of September 2024 meeting: Chris moved to approve the minutes as written; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Carmen reported on the chapter’s savings and checking accounts and a CD. Stacey moved to approve the report; Molly seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Sid will chair the committee along with Molly and Dan Porter. They’ll be looking for four officers, three 2-year directors, one state director (2-year term) and one alternate director (1-year term). Sid asked all members to consider serving on the board.

BCHMT Annual Meeting: The 2026 annual meeting will be held in Bozeman on March 27-28, 2026. The Grantree has been reserved for the event. The “promo video” for the 2026 convention is due by March 25, 2025.

Volunteer Hours: Dan reported on volunteer hours. He noted that while trail hours are good, we’re lacking in education and public meeting hours.

Trail Crew: The forest Service budget will be significantly cut in 2025 so our services will be even more vital for keeping the trails in good shape.

Christmas Party: The party will be held on December 7 at Eagle Mount.

Meeting space: Tonight’s meeting is the last one to be held at Springhill Church. A committee is looking into options and the new location will be announced in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation: We discussed making a donation to North Carolina BCH or to a local BCH chapter in NC as those folks are assisting with hurricane disaster relief. Sid moved that the chapter donate \$500; Chris seconded; the motion passed.

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Backcountry Horsemen of America

Volunteer Hours Report

May 15, 2024 to September 21, 2024

	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	1037	\$33.49	\$34,729.13	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	1003	\$50.23	\$50,355.58	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	12	\$33.49	\$401.88	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	12	\$33.49	\$401.88	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	0	\$33.49	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	230	\$33.49	\$7,702.70	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	576	\$33.49	\$19,298.61	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	2870			
Wilderness Trail Miles	223			
Other Trail Miles	243			
Total Trail Miles	466			
Personal Vehicle	5596	\$0.67	\$3,749.19	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	12006	\$1.35	\$16,207.56	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	17601			
Power Equipment	23	\$35.00	\$813.75	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	0	\$140.00	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	23			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	271			
Total Stock Days	402	\$125.00	\$50,250.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00	
		Total	\$183,910.27	



Larry Thomas at the North Fork

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