

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.

#### 2025 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

##### PRESIDENT

Sid Boswell ... 595-7197  
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##### VICE PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084  
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##### TREASURER

Elizabeth Heppler ... 209-2063

##### SECRETARY

Kathy VanDyke ... 209-0613

##### DIRECTORS

##### TWO YEAR TERM

Bob Criswell ... 595-8150  
Dan Porter ... 539-0879  
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##### ONE YEAR TERM

Laurie Connelly ... 579-2859  
Nanci Marx ... 763-4172  
Lew Goodpasture ... 575-639-9091

##### STATE BOARD DIRECTORS

Dan Marsh (1 year) ... 581-3160  
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 13, 5:30 PM

Eagle Mount

GENERAL MEETING : DECEMBER 13, 6:00 PM

Eagle Mount

CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 13

Eagle Mount

BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 13, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Missoula

BCHMT STATE CONVENTION : MARCH 27-29, 2026

Bozeman

Your 2026 membership is due &  
can be renewed [ONLINE](#)

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Happy Holidays, GVBCH,

As winter (finally) settles into the Gallatin Valley, it is a good time to clean and oil tack, sharpen tools, and watch the snow fall while we look forward to being on the trail with our equines again soon.

We had a great November program from Kady Murphy with Hemptana. Our nominating committee has prepared a full slate of candidates for the 2026 officer and director positions. Nominations from the floor were opened at the general meeting and no additional names were submitted. Elections will take place at the December meeting, and any board members or directors for 2026 will need to have their dues paid for the new year.

Planning for the 2026 BCHMT State Convention continues, and Molly and Stacie are moving forward with venue coordination, vendor outreach, raffle ticket distribution, and silent auction preparations.

Our December meeting will be combined with the Pot-Luck Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13 at Eagle Mount. Setup begins at 4 (come early and get into the festive spirit), social and appetizers begin at 5, the board meets at 5:30, and the general meeting begins at 6. Dinner will follow the short general meeting. We will be serving smoked prime rib (thanks to Henry Glenn for the preparation). You will receive an email with more details. **Please RSVP to Molly so she can track headcount and dishes.** We want to avoid ending up with prime rib and nothing but desserts, although that wouldn't be the worst outcome in my opinion.

I look forward to seeing everyone in December. Stay warm and safe, and thank you all for the hard work and commitment you have shown throughout 2025.

—See you at the party, Sid Boswell, President, GVBCH

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20**

Roll Call: Sid Boswell, Henry Glenn, Elizabeth Heppler, Kathy VanDyke, Nanci Marx, Dan Porter, DC Stark, Dan Marsh also proxy for Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SID BOSWELL.**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2025 MEETING**

Dan P. moved to approve the minutes as written; Henry seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, and the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from two members. Dan M. moved to approve the report; DC seconded; the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trail Crew: The trail crews are done for the 2025 season.

Nominating committee: The nominating committee has prepared the following slate: (1) President: Sid Boswell, (2) VP: Henry Glenn, (3) Treas: Elizabeth Heppler, (4) Sec. Kathy VanDyke, (5) Lew Goodpasture, Laurie Connelly and Devon Kerley [directors with 2-year terms], (6) Chris Day [director with 1-year term], (7) Dan Marsh – State director [2-year term], and (7) Sid Boswell – alternate state director. The slate will be presented at the general meeting tonight.

Christmas party and Dec. meeting: The Christmas party will be on December 13 at Eagle Mount. Per motion by Dan P. with Henry's second, we'll be partaking of prime rib. Per motion by Elisabeth with second by DC, the December meetings (board and general) will be held on that date, too. Set-up will begin at 4:00, "social" and appetizers at 5:00, board meeting at 5:30, general meeting at 6:00 followed by dinner. We are going to invite Forest Service personnel and the Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club.

Financial issues: The club has money in the bank that needs to be spent. Dan P. met a gentleman who suggested the Beaver Creek trail which is in very poor condition and would likely require hiring someone to do the "heavy lifting". Dan will do some research re. possible cost of such a contract. Henry mentioned that he would like the group to contribute to the Gallatin Forest Partnership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sid adjourned the meeting.

*—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke*

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20**

**PROGRAM**

Katie Murphy presented a program about Hemptana products (oil seeds and fiber animal products).

**SID BOSWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2025 MEETING**

Janice moved to approve the minutes as printed; Chris seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, and the receipt of a \$5,000 grant from two members. Dan moved to approve the report; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

BCHMT Annual meeting update: Molly has been working with the venue to determine costs and an appropriate registration fee. We will not use an app for registration. Raffle tickets have been printed and will be provided to the chapters at the December state board meeting. Molly continues to work on vendors and silent auction items. She will begin contacting people on the various committees within the next month.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following slate was presented: (1) Pres.: Sid Boswell, (2) VP: Henry Glenn, (3) Treas.: Elizabeth Heppler, (4) Sec.: Kathy VanDyke, (5) Lew Goodpasture, Laurie Connelly and Devon Kerley [directors with 2-year terms], (6) Chris Day [director with 1-year term], (7) Dan Marsh: State director [2-year term], and (7) Sid Boswell: alternate State director. Henry requested nominations from the floor for each position; no nominations were received. DC made a motion to close nominations; Janice seconded; the motion passed. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & DECEMBER MEETING**

The Christmas party will be on December 13 at Eagle Mount, and the December meetings (board and general) will also be held then. Set-up will begin at 4:00, "social" and appetizers at 5:00, board meeting at 5:30, general meeting at 6:00 followed by dinner. An email will go out to everyone regarding sides, dessert, etc., and Molly will keep track.

**DUES**

Please pay your GVBCH dues soon. All board members and directors must be in good standing in order to be part of the board beginning in January.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Janice made a motion to adjourn; Chris seconded; the meeting adjourned.

*—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke*

**GVBCB IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS  
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2025 POKER RIDE**

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Madison River Propane  
Montana Canvas  
Montana Horse Sense  
Montana Silversmiths

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