## GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN THE PICKET LINE

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 sid@sidboswell.com

## VICE PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084 sedancowboy@outlook.com

#### Treasurer

Elizabeth Heppler ... 209-2063 Secretary

Kathy VanDyke ... 209-0613

## **DIRECTORS**

Two Year Term
Bob Criswell ... 595-8150
Dan Porter ... 539-0879
DC Stark ... 307-690-9905

ONE YEAR TERM

Laurie Connelly ... 579-2859 Nanci Marx ... 763-4172

Lew Goodpasture  $\dots$  575-639-9091

## STATE BOARD DIRECTORS

Dan Marsh (1 year) ... 581-3160 Chris Nygren (2 year) ... 546-7550 Sid Boswell, alternate (1 year) ... 595-7197

#### Newsletter Editor

Brant Robey... 223-3077 pbrantr@gmail.com

## BCH WEB MASTER

Dan Marsh ... 581-3160 webmaster@bchmt.org https://gvbch.bchmt.org

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 16, 6:30 PM

First Security Bank

General Meeting: January 16, 7:00 pm

First Security Bank

BCHMT STATE CONVENTION: MARCH 14-16, 2025

Helena Civic Center, Helena

Defensive Horse Safety: April 5, 2025, 9:00 am-Noon

Eagle Mount

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



As we begin a new year, I want to thank everyone for their support as I step into the role of President. It's an honor, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you to continue the incredible work our chapter does for our public lands and our community.

First, I want to recognize and thank our outgoing officers and directors for their dedication and service:

Henry Glenn, outgoing President (and now serving as Vice President), Carmen Matzick, outgoing Treasurer, and

Devon Kerley, outgoing Director (2023-2024 term).

Additionally, I'm pleased to welcome our new officer and director:

Elizabeth Heppler, incoming Treasurer,

DC Stark, incoming Director (two year term).

Thank you both for volunteering your time and effort to serve our chapter this year. I also want to acknowledge Bob Criswell and Dan Porter for re-upping for another two-year term as directors.

A special thank you to Janice Cartwright for her outstanding work organizing, decorating, wrapping presents, and cleaning up after the Christmas party. It was a wonderful event. And a big thanks to Henry Glenn for preparing the delicious prime rib, which was the highlight of the evening.

Looking ahead, we'll kick off the year with our January General Meeting on January 16, at First Security Bank. The focus of the meeting will be planning our 2025 calendar.

This year will also be busy as we prepare for the 2026 BCHMT State Convention, which we'll host right here in Bozeman. It's a great opportunity to showcase our chapter and community, but will be a lot of work. I look forward to your ideas and participation in the planning process.

Let's make 2025 a productive and exciting year for GVBCH. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our mission, and I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

Thanks, Sid

## BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 7

We held our annual Christmas party at Eagle Mount. Prior to the party we held a combination board/general meeting, 10 days early by vote of the Board at its November meeting.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Henry Glenn, Sid Boswell, Carmen Matzick, Kathy VanDyke, Devon Kerley, Bob Criswell, Dan Porter, Laurie Connelly, Lew Goodpasture, Dan Marsh, Chris Nygren

## CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING

Bob 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 that's accruing interest. She paid several bills and is starting to receive annual renewals. Jim moved to approve the report; Carl seconded; the motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## Nominating Committee

Sid presented the slate: (1) Pres: Sid Boswell, (2) VP: Henry Glenn, (3) Treas.: Elizabeth Heppler, (4) Sec.: Kathy VanDyke, (5) DC Stark, Dan Porter, and Bob Criswell [directors with 2-year terms], (6) Chris Nygren: State Director [2-year term], and (7) Sid Boswell: Alternate State Director. Carmen moved to approve the slate by acclimation; Janice seconded; the motion passed.

## **New Business**

BCHA Dan Marsh noted that BCHA is struggling financially and suggested a donation from the chapter. Chris moved to send \$200 to BCHA; Bob seconded; the motion passed.

Adjournment: Henry adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

# GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2024 POKER RIDE

**Backcountry Medical Supplies LLC** 

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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

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Stacie Boswell

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Janice Cartwright Esther Fishbaugh Elizabeth Heppler

Rich Inman Dan Marsh John Mutter DC Stark





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