

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHAINSAW CLASS FOR NEW SAWYERS WITH THE FOREST SERVICE: APRIL 1, 9:00-2:00 PM
3710 Fallon St # C

GENERAL MEETING : April 16, 6:30 PM

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GALLATIN VALLEY TACK SWAP: APRIL 25

Springhill Community Ranch

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The 2026 BCHMT State Convention is in the books, and it was a great success. Thank you to every member, director, and officer who attended and made the weekend what it was. A convention of this size runs on volunteers, and ours did not disappoint. To everyone who gave their time and energy over those two and a half days, thank you!

A few people deserve special recognition. Molly Glenn has been the driving force behind this convention from the beginning. Her work in planning, organizing, communicating, and executing every detail over many months made the weekend possible. Please join me in thanking her for an outstanding job.

I also want to recognize Elizabeth and Aaron Heppler for their work at the registration counter throughout the weekend, and particularly Elizabeth for her diligence in sorting out payments across the various auctions and keeping the financial side of things running smoothly under real pressure.

The convention was not only well-run but genuinely enjoyable. The speakers were excellent, the auctioneer kept things moving and entertaining, and the food was fabulous. A special note on the vests, Rocky Mountain Embroidery came through for us with a rush job, completed on time, and would not accept a tip. That kind of professionalism and goodwill is worth acknowledging. We encourage GVBCH members to utilize their services and to leave them a positive review on Google (those reviews really do matter for small businesses).

We do not yet have a final tally of earnings and expenses, that will take a couple of weeks to reconcile, but we will have a full report at the April board meeting.

On the local front, the Gallatin Valley Tack Swap is coming up on April 25 at Springhill Community Ranch. GVBCH will have an information table, and Mark DeOpsomer will be leading a packing demonstration starting at 10:45am. Come out and represent the club.

See you April 16.

Sid Boswell, President, GVBCH

Roll Call: Sid Boswell, Henry Glenn, Elizabeth Heppler, Kathy VanDyke, Chris Day, Lew Goodpasture, Devon Kerley, Laurie Connelly, DC Stark, Dan Marsh, Chris Nygren

CALLED TO ORDER BY SID BOSWELL

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING

Devon 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, the receipt of convention registration fees and payment of several convention-related bills. Chris N. moved to approve the report; Devon seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Expense form: Sid presented a new expense reimbursement form. Devon moved to approve the form; Chris D. seconded; the motion passed.

RAC Grant: Two additional chainsaws have been purchased using RAC money.

Tack Swap: A Gallatin Valley Tack Swap is scheduled for April 25 at Springhill Community Ranch. We have been asked to do a demo; we'll also have an information table at the Swap.

NEW BUSINESS

Board vacancy – Dan Porter has resigned from the board. He will likely continue to his work as a trail boss and “fun ride planner.” There is now an open position on the board which can be filled by appointment or left vacant. Sid will raise the question at the general meeting to see if anyone is interested in filling the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

Devon made a motion to adjourn; Elizabeth seconded; the meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PROGRAM

Tonight's program consisted of putting together registration packets and other tasks related to the upcoming state convention.

CALL TO ORDER

Sid Boswell called the meeting to order.

Devon moved to approve the minutes as written; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, the receipt of convention registration fees and payment of several convention-related bills. Chris D. moved to approve the report; DC seconded; the motion passed.

Sid noted that we have a new expense reimbursement form that will be available on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Tack Swap: A Gallatin Valley Tack Swap is scheduled for April 25 at Springhill Community Ranch. Mark DeOpsomer agreed to do a demo. We'll also have an information table at the Swap.

State convention: March 27-29. Molly went through many details, sent around a sign-up sheet for registration and other tasks.

Upcoming events: Several clinics are planned in the area:
May 2-3: Technical Large Animal Rescue

May 29-31: Wade Murphy

June 19-21: Bill Oliver

April 1: Chainsaw class for new sawyers with the Forest Service.

Wilderness trips: The August 3 trip still has some openings; talk to Henry if you're interested. The August 17 trip is full and will include the forest supervisor as one of the participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Board vacancy: Sid reported that there is a vacancy on the board for one director. Please let Sid know if you would be interested in filling the seat.

ADJOURNMENT

Laurie made a motion to adjourn; Devon seconded; the meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

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

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