

BOARD MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

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#### 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 : February 20, 5:30 PM

Eagle Mount

GENERAL MEETING & WILD GAME FEED : February 20, 6:00 PM

Eagle Mount

BCHMT STATE CONVENTION : MARCH 27-29, 2026

Bozeman

**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:**  
2026 renewals are due and can  
be renewed [ONLINE](#)



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello GVBCH,

As we head into February, our focus is on the 2026 BCHMT State Convention, which is now just weeks away. The work over the next month will set the tone for the entire event, and this is where we rely on our members to help bring everything together.

Our biggest need right now is volunteers. Molly will have volunteer sign-up sheets available, and I encourage everyone to take on at least one role. From setup and registration to auctions and general help throughout the weekend, the convention only works if many hands are involved.

Raffle ticket sales continue and are one of the ways we support the convention. If you'd like to help with ticket sales, Chris Nygren will have tickets available at meetings and events.

A reminder that 2026 dues should be paid if you haven't already. Please watch for a follow-up email from Kathy if your membership is still outstanding. Board members and directors must be current on dues to serve.

Our February meeting will be the Wild Game Feed, held at Eagle Mount on Friday, February 20 (Board meeting @ 5:30, Dinner and meeting @ 6pm). This is always a great evening with our USFS partners and a good chance to check in before the final push toward the convention. Please bring a wild game dish or a side.

Thank you for your continued commitment to GVBCH and for stepping up when it matters most. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Game Feed.

*See you on the trail,  
Sid Boswell*

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES****JANUARY 15****GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****JANUARY 15**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SID BOSWELL.**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2025 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, and the receipt of mileage reimbursement fees and dues. Chris N. moved to approve the report; Lew seconded; the motion passed. Sid noted that the annual audit needs to be performed and formed a committee consisting of Sid, Elizabeth, Devon and Dan P. They will meet immediately prior to the February 20 meeting. Regarding dues renewal, Kathy reported that we currently have 9 family and 11 individual memberships. She will send out a reminder email to unpaid members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

State Convention: Sid proposed purchasing vests and having them embroidered with a GVBCH logo on the back and a name on the front. He proposed to purchase them for officers, directors and convention volunteers. The cost would be approximately \$100 each with a "bulk discount". Chris N. made a motion for a \$5,000 budget for this project; Laurie seconded. Following discussion the motion passed, with Sid agreeing that he would contact some other vendors for a cost comparison.

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

The February meeting will consist of the Wild Game Feed and a report from the forest service.

The meeting will be held at Eagle Mount on Friday, February 20 with the board meeting beginning at 5:30 and the dinner beginning at 6:00.

RAC Grant: The chapter still has RAC money available for use. Dan P. made a motion to set a \$2,000 budget for the purchase of one (or two) battery operated saws and two saw panniers with the grant money; Laurie seconded; the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Decker Dispatch: The chapter has been asked to contribute an article to the Decker Dispatch, and Stacie has agreed to author same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sid adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sid Boswell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of December 2025 meeting: Janice moved to approve the minutes as printed; Whitney seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, and the receipt of mileage reimbursement fees and dues. Chris N. moved to approve the report; Janice seconded; the motion passed. **Sid reminded everyone to pay their 2026 dues.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

2026 Calendar: The 2026 calendar was discussed, prepared, and can be found on the GVBCH website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

State Convention: Molly provided an update on the convention. Set-up and registration, and vendor set-up, will be on Friday, March 27. Friday evening from 7-10 p.m. will include a cash bar and music. The convention will start on Saturday, March 28, with a general meeting in the morning, a lunch speaker, and four afternoon breakout sessions. The crosscut saw competition will begin at 4:00, followed at 6:30 by a cash bar and banquet. Sunday will include Cowboy Church and a buffet breakfast. There will be both live and silent auctions. Molly again sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet and reminded us that everyone needs to step up and volunteer.

Chris again made raffle tickets available and asked all members to assist with sales.

Gallatin Forest Partnership: Henry reported that there has been some progress regarding the Greater Yellowstone Conservation & Recreation Act, and they've been looking at possible land swaps.

February Meeting: The February meeting will consist of the Wild Game Feed and a report from the forest service. The meeting will be held at Eagle Mount on Friday, February 20, with dinner beginning at 6:00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PHOTOS BY JANICE CARTWRIGHT



These easy winter days, with good footing, present an opportunity to do some groundwork with your horse(s)



Reminder to get those midwinter feet trimmings done.....



An easy winter break time at the ranch, so far.



Stubble fields are really good for some heavy duty scratching....

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

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