

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:

BOARD MEETING : January 15, 6:30 PM

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BCHMT STATE CONVENTION : MARCH 27-29, 2026

Bozeman

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Happy New Year GVBCH,

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy New Year. As we turn the page on 2025, it's a good time to reflect on what has been a very successful year for GVBCH.

We saw increased and more active membership in 2025, and that shows in everything we accomplished. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy both on and off the trail. In particular, I want to recognize our trail bosses, Poker Ride organizers, cooks, and the many volunteers who quietly step up whenever help is needed. These efforts are what keep our chapter strong.

A special thank you to Janice for another great year of meeting programs, and to Brant Robey for producing such nicely formatted and timely newsletters. I also want to thank everyone who organized, decorated, cooked, and helped make our Holiday Party such a success. In addition, thank you to our outgoing director Nancy Marx for her service, and welcome to Chris Day as she joins the Board of Directors. Finally, thank you to all of our repeat officers and directors who stepped up for another year or two. Your willingness to serve makes a real difference.

As we look ahead, it's time to start gearing up for the 2026 work season. Our January meeting will be held at First Security Bank on January 15, where we'll focus on building out the calendar for the year and continue planning for the 2026 BCHMT State Convention. Please note that our February meeting, the Game Feed, will be held at Eagle Mount on Friday, February 20, not the 19th. We will also have a regular meeting on March 19 at the bank, just one week before showtime for our BCHMT State Convention on March 27-29.

There is a lot ahead in 2026. Once the convention is behind us, it will be time to shift quickly into trail clearing season and begin planning for another Poker Ride. It will be a busy year, and one I'm confident we're ready for.

I wish everyone a happy New Year, and I hope your equines stay healthy, well fed, and sheltered through the winter months.

See you on the trail, Sid Boswell, PRESIDENT, GVBCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES**DECEMBER 13****GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****DECEMBER 13**

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

CALLED TO ORDER BY SID BOSWELL.

Minutes of November 2025 meeting

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

Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, and the receipt of some donations and dues. Dan P. moved to approve the report; DC seconded; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

BCHMT Meeting: Chris and Dan attended the meeting in Missoula and reported on numerous issues involving the forest service (low staffing, office closures). They reported that Chris was nominated for the state vice-chair, and that they still need nominees for several officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Mount Donation: Chris made a motion to make two \$250 donations to Eagle Mount (one in December for the X-mas party and one in February for the wild game feed); DC seconded; the motion passed.

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 and due to a scheduling issue will occur on Friday, February 20 (instead of Thurs., Feb. 19).

Planning Meetings: We discussed holding a planning meeting in January but will hold off until there's more certainty regarding what will happen at various forest service offices. We also discussed possibly holding a "State Meeting Planning session" in January but no final plan was made.

Adjournment: Henry moved to adjourn the meeting; DC seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PROGRAM: TONIGHT'S "PROGRAM" CONSISTED OF THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.

CALL TO ORDER: SID BOSWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

Minutes of November 2025 meeting: Janice moved to approve the minutes as printed; Dan P. seconded; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth reported the chapter's savings and checking accounts, and the receipt of donations and dues. She also reminded everyone to pay their 2026 dues. Dan P. moved to approve the report; Kay seconded; the motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

State Convention: Chris made raffle tickets available and asked all members to assist with sales.

Nominating Committee: Henry presented the following slate: (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. Dan P. made a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation; Jim Martyn seconded; the motion passed.

Adjournment: Sid adjourned the meeting and the feasting began.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke
Happy Holidays!

HOLIDAY PARTY — DECEMBER 13



The Wrapping Wonders finished creating our centerpiece masterpieces. Then we did a test run for the photo booth at the convention. Pretty hot chicks, don't you agree?



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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2025 POKER RIDE**

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