

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:**

Last Day for \$150 Convention Registration: March 1

BOARD MEETING: March 19, 6:30 PM First Security Bank 2046

Cattail St, Bozeman, MT

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2046 Cattail St, Bozeman, MT

**BCHMT STATE CONVENTION: MARCH 27-29, 2026 Bozeman**

**GALLATIN VALLEY TACK SWAP: APRIL 25**

Springhill Community Ranch

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

We are now just three weeks away from hosting the 2026 BCHMT State Convention in Bozeman. It is officially all hands on deck.

Our March 19 meeting will focus almost entirely on final convention preparation. We will complete and finalize volunteer sheets that evening. If you plan to help in any capacity, please attend. This is where we assign shifts, confirm responsibilities, and ensure every position is covered before March 27-29.

If you are attending the convention, please register now. Early registration is \$150 and will increase to \$165 on March 1. The \$150 fee reflects actual event costs:

- \$55 venue
- \$26 Saturday lunch
- \$52 Saturday banquet dinner
- \$17 Sunday breakfast

This amount is essentially bare-bones and does not include any donation to BCHMT or GVBCH. If you are a delegate, you must register. Historically, we have reimbursed delegates for their registration. In 2025, we reimbursed all attendees for registration, though not additional expenses. The Board will vote in March on whether to reimburse non-delegate attendees again this year.

I also want to recognize the tremendous amount of time and effort Molly has invested in this convention. She has spent countless hours coordinating vendors, schedules, venues, volunteers, and details large and small. The progress we have made is directly tied to her leadership and commitment. She deserves our appreciation and our full support as we bring this event across the finish line.

We are in the final stretch. Vendors are confirmed, breakout sessions are set, and the schedule is solid. We still need a final push on raffle ticket sales and additional silent auction items. If you can help in either area, now is the time.

Let's finish strong and put on a convention that reflects the strength and professionalism of our chapter. See you on March 19.

*Sid Boswell, PRESIDENT, GVBCH*

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

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SID BOSWELL.**

Minutes of January 2026 meeting – Chris N. moved to approve the minutes as written; Chris D. seconded; the motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Elizabeth reported the chapter’s savings and checking, two CDs accruing interest, and the receipt of convention registration fees. She noted that she purchased an insurance rider for the convention. Henry moved to approve the report; Dan P. seconded; the motion passed.

Sid noted that the annual audit was performed. All records were in order and no irregularities were found.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**State Convention 2026**

We discussed reimbursement of mileage and expenses for the committee members, and Elizabeth will draft a reimbursement form for that purpose.

Molly reported that the GranTree requires payment of 85% of the bill now, which is approximately \$17,000. Chris N. made a motion to make the payment; Lew seconded; the motion passed.

Molly proposed purchasing 30 insulated cups embossed with the GVBCHMT logo for an estimated cost of \$600. They would be used for prizes, and some would be sold on-site. Chris N. made a motion to budget \$600 for this cost; Chris D. seconded; the motion passed.

**RAC GRANT**

The chapter previously approved a \$2,000 budget using RAC money for a chainsaw and saddle panniers. Dan P. asked that additional money be approved for additional saws. Chris D. made a motion to add an additional \$1,000 to the budget; Lew seconded; the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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.

**HOLIDAY PARTIES**

Eagle Mount tends to get booked early so we’ve gone ahead and reserved Dec. 12, 2026, for the Christmas party, as well as a date for 2029. We hope to make reservations for the 3rd Saturdays in December in 2027 and 2028.

Lew made a motion to adjourn; Henry seconded; the meeting adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

**PROGRAM**

We had our annual Wild Game Feed tonight with two Forest Service people in attendance including John (district ranger) and Kat (recreational program manager). John noted that 2025 was a challenging year with staffing shortages and reorganization, and that this summer will continue to focus on organization and planning.

Kat extended a hearty thank-you to the chapter for the invaluable work we do.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sid Boswell called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 2026 MEETING**

Esther moved to approve the minutes as written; Carmen seconded; the motion passed.

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**STATE CONVENTION**

March 27-29, 2026. Molly noted that there are currently 17 vendors, four break-out sessions, and a silent auction (we have 26 items but would like to have 35). She passed out a schedule. Friday morning will consist of prep and vendor set-up, with registration beginning at noon. It will be a busy 2-1/2 days and will require “all hands on deck.”

The March 19 meeting will consist mostly of convention prep so please plan to attend.

Chris N. brought raffle tickets and asked for everyone’s help in getting them sold.

Gallatin Forest Partnership – Henry reported that there have been several meetings regarding the Greater Yellowstone Conservation & Recreation Act. There’s been no action yet but plenty of planning.

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Corinne made a motion to adjourn; Carmen 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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