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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

- To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
- To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
- To cooperate with other BCHA organizations.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2025 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

DALY- LEACH COMMUNITY ROOM

1010 Main Street, Hamilton

This is the pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinner and is served at 6:30 p.m. The general meeting starts at 7:00. Because we are holding the election of new officers and directors, there will be no guest speaker this month. For more information contact Brad Pollman: 406-546-6491. Check out our website at: www.bchmt.org/bitterroot or Facebook: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen**.

Note: At this November meeting BRBCH members will vote for their candidates for officers and directors. An Absentee Ballot was sent to all members via email on November 13th. Bonnie Morgan will accept absentee ballots, either by text, email or postal mail.

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Don't forget to bring your raffle items to this meeting!!

They will be collected and securely stored for our December 18th Christmas General meeting. At that time we will hold the annual raffle!! Also, you *must renew* your membership for next year in order to participate in the December Raffle. A few renewal forms will be available at the November meeting; or go to our BRBCH website and download a form under "Forms and Publications"

Pantry Partners Food Pack (New Location!)

Nov. 21st. at 8:30 a.m.

Stevensville Westside Rural Fire District Station

Located behind Subway on Hwy 93

Barb, Dennis and Diane will load a trailer at Pantry Partners and bring it to the fire station. We will then assemble pack the boxes with 14 food items. We will then load the boxes into the trailer and Barb and helpers will unload them at Pantry Partners. Barb will ask volunteers to bring tape dispensers and tables to put boxes of food on. The goal is to have 224 food boxes packed and back to Pantry Partners by 11:30.

DEADLINE FOR NAG NEWS

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A Message from the President

Dear Members,

I would like to use this letter to thank all of you for being members of the Bitter Root chapter of Back Country Horsemen. We are a great service organization and have a lot of work to do in these trying times to keep our public lands open to equine recreation as well as keeping the use of stock to manage our backcountry. We are going to have to work hard to increase our membership and their participation, so we can accomplish our mission as we have for the last 50 years. I would like to ask each of you to invite your friends that are not part of BCH and bring them to a meeting or event to encourage them to help us maintain and improve equine recreation on our forests.

We will be celebrating our 50th year in 2026. My hope is that our success will continue for the next 50 years!

Nancy and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Unfortunately, we will be missing this month's chapter meeting as we are in New Mexico visiting our son's family. The Thanksgiving potluck to be held at the meeting will no doubt be WONDERFUL, as it has been in the past.

Our elections will be held at this month's meeting, also. Thank you to all who have stepped up as candidates. Remember, there are many unofficial positions available assisting on committees, also; if interested, check in with me or the new president, once elected. If you are not able to attend the meeting to vote in person, don't forget to send in your vote. The Nominating Committee has worked with the candidates to obtain a bio from each, which is in this newsletter.

Respectfully,

Brad Pollman

President, Bitter Root BCH

Twogood Cabin closure project

On Saturday, October 18th, Five BRBCH members participated to close the Twogood Cabin for the season. ED Duggan packed in a chain saw and PPE.

In freezing cold, the group departed the trailhead at 9:00 am. and rode six miles to the cabin. Upon arrival at the cabin, a fire was built and everybody warmed up. They then cut and stacked firewood, and made sure the cabin was secured for the winter. Thank you to all that participated!



Candidates for BRBCH Officers and Board

Candidates for President 2026

Diane Duffie



Write In



Candidates for Vice President 2026

Barb Walker



Write In



I have been a member of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen for seven years and am currently serving on the Board. From 2020 to 2024, I served as Treasurer, and for the past year, I have been the Membership Chairman. I am committed to supporting our chapter's mission of preserving access to the backcountry and promoting responsible stock use on public lands

Candidate for State Director 2026-2027

Brad Pollman



I've been privileged to serve BCH in many positions. As a 20+ year member of the Bitter Root chapter, I'm currently serving my second go-around as chapter president. I have served our chapter in other positions, along with serving our State as Montana Vice Chair and Chair. I'm currently serving Montana as a National Director, and am the Public Lands Chair for BCHA and a director on the BCHA Executive Committee. This year I'm running for my final term as State Director for our chapter, which pulls these positions together at all BCH levels, and I'd like to ask for your vote to make that happen.... Respectfully, Brad Pollman

**Candidate for Secretary 2026
(Write In)**



**Candidate for Alternate State Director
2026**

Julie Schram



Candidate for Treasurer 2026

Elaine Driskell



Candidates for Board of Directors 2026—2027

Ed Duggan



Dennis Hardman



Travise Grinnell

Joan Scheffer



Pam Ristad



I have been a member of the BRBCH for the past seven years and have had the pleasure of contributing to a number of our trail and maintenance projects during that time. I am currently involved in organizing programs for our 2025 meetings, and for the past two years, I have also assisted my sister, Barbara Walker, with organizing the food boxes for Pantry Partners.

My interest in serving on the board stems from a deep belief in the importance of protecting access to our public lands, trails, and backcountry. I am passionate about preserving these areas so they remain open and enjoyable for current and future generations. I also greatly value the educational aspect of BCH — learning about the wide variety of issues we work on and the role they play in stewardship of our land.

What I enjoy most is the camaraderie and knowledge-sharing among fellow horsemen and women. The collective experience and dedication of this group has not only inspired me, but also motivated me to become more involved in leadership.

I would be honored to continue serving and contributing to the BRBCH in a greater capacity as a board member. Sincerely, Pam

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES,
OCTOBER 16th, 2025 PROGRAM**

The October 2025 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Brad Pollman at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the Daly-Leach Community Room. Approximately 26 members were present. There was a board quorum. All members led the Pledge to start the meeting. Guest: Shawna Daniels (was a member of Panhandle BCH, ID).

PROGRAM

2026 Project at Monture Guard Station, Mark Wright:

Mark talked about the pasture fencing project proposed to be done during the BCH MT rendezvous at Monture Guard Station, June 18-21, 2026. Many chapters have been represented at these rendezvous events. The guard station is located up a dirt road across from the turnoff to Ovando. It includes a two-story cabin and barn, with pens, corrals and a large dry lot. There are a variety of camping options, with a vault toilet and portable toilets available. The cabin is also available for sleeping, and there are lots of trails for riding. Mike and Trish Foster have traditionally handled the BBQ cooking, with attendees providing potluck dishes. Kent and Charlene Krone often attend and they write stories about events like these. In the past Wade Murphy has presented a horse training clinic. FS employee Keith Guschausk started the pasture project idea and he passed away last year. He took care of the stock at the guard station and he has not been replaced; other FS workers are stepping up to care for the stock in his absence. BCH members have developed a watering system there, utilizing PVC pipe. The pasture project area would be large and available for the stock to graze. Benefits of the project for members will be working with other chapters, providing people without stock a chance to help, and presenting opportunities to talk with FS staff about problems of illegal usage on the trails. There will be a multitude of tasks for people to take on. Others on Mark's committee are Jim Thamer (Flathead), Katy Donnely (Lewis & Clark) and Judy Allen (Missoula).

BUSINESS

Minutes: The September minutes were printed in the Nag News. There were no corrections. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to accept the September general meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Elaine presented the October treasurer's report. There were no questions. **Christy Shram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the October treasurer's report. Motion carried.** She will cancel the Garmin subscription on Monday, Oct. 20.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards for Chuck: Brad circulated two cards for members to sign to wish him well. Brad will deliver them, along with the latest Nag News issue.

November Meeting Thanksgiving Sign Up: Kathy passed around the signup sheet for folks to indicate what they are bringing to the November general meeting. She noted that

the turkey and ham signups are reimbursed.

Coffee/Hot Water Sign Up: Kathy passed around the signup sheet for folks to bring coffee or hot water to the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Directors: Brad said that BCHA officers are writing letters regarding executive orders and various policy changes coming from D.C.

Training: Bonnie spoke about saw recertification done on Oct. 4, with 3 members attending. Kevin Fox and Chris Roemer achieved B chain saw buckler level and Travise Grinnell moved up to C buckler. The certification cards may be delayed until after the federal shutdown is over. She is looking at February for first aid classes, a spring campout at Rock Creek Horse Camp, and defensive horsemanship training in the spring.

Membership: Barb reported that there are currently 68 memberships and 107 members. She is getting lots of new renewal applications. She has business cards available.

Outreach: Karen reported that in a Bitterroot Star article on the post-fair meeting, County Commissioner Jeff Burrows complimented our group for our decades of service, selling and taking tickets at the county fair.

Fair: Christy said not much is happening now, and she will attend a meeting on October 30 to discuss changes needed for next year's fair. We will have representatives at the October 27 fair board meeting to discuss gates that need to be reworked.

Projects: Ed and Christy are running the last project to close Twogood Cabin on Oct 18-19th. Ed encouraged members to join in and they will hit the trail at 9 am on Saturday. This project (and the Larry Creek bin cleanout) will be reported in 2026. They will cut firewood for the cabin also. Brad noted that a discrepancy in our project statistics report presented at the October 2 board meeting has been corrected.

Program: Pam reported the program for November is elections!

Public Lands: No report.

Nominating: Bonnie, Julie, and Diane will provide the names of the candidates for the Nov. 20 election to Dan for the newsletter. There is still a need for nominees for secretary and a director.

Sunshine: If a member needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Jenna Wright know. Members are encouraged to visit Chuck, but in small numbers.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Pantry Partners Food Pack: Barb met with employees at Pantry Partners, and we will pack 224 boxes on Nov. 21. Diane will meet Barb at 8:00 to load the food into a trailer. We will meet at the Stevensville Westside Fire Station at 8:30 to assemble boxes and then pack the boxes with 14 food items. We will then load the boxes into the trailer and Barb and helpers will unload them at Pantry Partners.

Meeting Room Location: Dennis reported that members found the Corvallis Middle School cafeteria tables and chairs uncomfortable and asked that an alternative meeting room be considered. Daly-Leach was contacted and said their Community Room could be used. **Christy Schram-Duggan moved and Kathy Stroppel-Holl seconded that we change our general meeting site to the Daly-Leach Community Room on the third Thursday of the month, potluck at 6:30 and meeting at 7 p.m. Motion carried.**

2026 Budget Info: Earl thanked Gene Merrell for the outstanding job he has done on the budget for many years. He said the other committee members are Barb Walker and Cherie Barton and he encouraged others to join the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: November 20, at the Daly-Leach Community Room, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee is Barb Walker and hot water is Karen Philips.

Gary Salisbury: Mark Wright reported that Gary passed away tonight at 7:00 p.m. Jenna will provide information on Gary's service arrangements. Gary has been a long-time and very involved BCH supporter and Missoula BCH member.

Joan Scheffer motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Karen Philips, Co-Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOV. 6th 2025

The November 2025 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by Brad Pollman at 7:02 pm at the Daly-Leach Community Room. Present were President Brad Pollman, Vice-President Dennis Hardman, Treasurer Elaine Driskell, and Co-Secretaries Karen Philips and Kathy Stroppel-Holl; Directors Chris Carrera, Diane Duffie, Lionel Lavallee, Mary Odell, Julie Schram, Christy Schram-Duggan, Barb Walker, and Mark Wright; and State Director Ed Duggan. Absent were Director Joan Scheffer and Alt. State Director Chuck Miller. There was a Board quorum. Committee chair present: Dan Maiyo. All led the Pledge. Brad will ask Daly-Leach whether a full-size American flag that is currently stored in the shed can be left at the Daly-Leach.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The October 2025 Board minutes were published in the Nag News. There were no changes. **Lionel Lavallee motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to accept the October minutes as published. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Driskell provided account balances for CDs, checking, and savings. The CDs mature 11/8 – they will roll over automatically 10 days after the maturation date. Our CDs mature every 6 months. The current rate is 3.75%. Discussion followed. **Mark Wright moved and Lionel Lavallee seconded to have the CDs renew automatically. Motion carried. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Mary Odell seconded to accept the November treasurer's report. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBFC: Kathy shared SBFC's newsletter and suggested that we communicate with them regarding projects next year. Ed Duggan was recognized in the publication for his packing contribution on the Hauf Lake project.

Visit with Chuck: Brad reported on his recent visit with Chuck and said Chuck is improving and would appreciate visitors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Barb provided a list of new and renewing members, which will be an attachment to the minutes. The members on the list were discussed. **Julie Schram motioned and Kathy Stroppel-Holl seconded to accept the new and renewal members. Motion carried.** We have 69 memberships and 108 members. Update post-meeting: 72 memberships and 112 members. Barb suggested changing the protocol for the December meeting membership raffle to a white elephant style event. Board members agreed to give it a try.

State Directors: Brad reported the next state meeting is in Missoula on Dec 13. A tour of the Forest Service Museum will be provided to attendees. Brad attended Gary Salisbury's funeral service and met a lot of BCH members. He noted that there is quiet work being done by BCHA to offset anticipated negative actions coming from the federal government. Mark Wright will attend the next few state meetings to coordinate work on the Montour project to be held during the annual BCH MT rendezvous.

Training: Brad reported that the first aid class will be held in February at the Stevensville Fire Hall. The class will be monitored so Joan can update her FA credentials.

Projects: Ed said we finished out the year strong with a trip to Twogood Cabin, built a fire and got warm, cut and stacked firewood, and made sure the cabin was secured for the winter. Five members participated. Next spring we will pack out cabin materials no longer being used. The two small log bridges near the cabin need to be rebuilt, and this is being considered for a grant-financed project. Project committee meetings will start in January.

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Board Minutes Continued

Fair: Christy met Oct 30th with fair manager Melissa Saville and Cynthia, IT rep from Event Groove. Christy plans to troubleshoot software changes in February. Melissa stressed that we get more money to fund law enforcement at the north gate or that the fair provides this security. Brad met with the fair board at their annual grounds maintenance meeting. He was asked to submit drawings for south and north gates changes that could be considered by the fair board. One major gate change goal is to separate people who are entering from those who are exiting. A lot of changes are being looked at.

Public Lands: Carol spoke with Matt Long and Steve Brown on the Roadless Rule issue, and there is a big push to have public meetings. All decisions are being handled out of DC, nothing at the local level. The travel plan from the early 2000's is being pushed by the federal administration to be rescinded. Our new region (combined 1 and 2) HQ will be in Colorado. Matt and Steve are asking for new trail suggestions. The bicycle group is actively bringing up ideas and writing grants to finance them. Brad wants to bring several equine-oriented groups together to work on this, starting in December.

Nominating: There will be a ballot in the newsletter for members who can't attend the meeting. It can be mailed or given to someone to bring to the meeting. The nominees for officer, director and state director positions are:

Officers:

President: Diane Duffie; Vice President: Barb Walker; Secretary: open; Treasurer: Elaine Driskell

Directors 2026-2027 (voting on four positions): Travise Grinnell, Joan Scheffer, Dennis Hardman, Pam Ristad, Ed Duggan.

State Director 2026-2027: Brad Pollman; Alternate State Director 2026-2027: Julie Schram.

Budget: Earl Philips stated that he initiated the concept of a budget many years ago, and that is how we designed four areas for money: checking, savings, emergency fund, and capital outlay, with a goal of \$5,000 in each area. These amounts can be changed by the board. A budget helps us track our spending, helps us stay focused on our mission and empowers committee chairs. The budget committee includes Earl, Barb Walker, Cherie Barton, Julie Schram, and Diane Duffie. Earl will contact all committee chairs for their input.

Constitution: Dan noted the committee met Oct. 19 and is continuing to define the constitution and extract from it information needed to develop the bylaws. They are looking at our disciplinary action section to make sure it complies with Montana state law. Next meeting is Nov. 16, 2:30, at the Stevensville Fire Hall.

Grants: Kathy reported that Brandi has assembled a draft project report for Larry Creek where we used the \$750 grant, and it is very well written.

50th Anniversary committee: Mark Wright stated that we need to get rolling on this committee because the anniversary is this coming year. Diane Duffie said we will get started

in December. The state convention hosts in Bozeman should be contacted, asking them for time on their program to celebrate our 50th anniversary. This topic will be added to the agenda for the Nov. 20 general meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

January Board Meeting: Brad noted the meeting date is January 1st. **Christy Schram-Duggan moved and Julie Schram seconded that we changed our meeting to Jan. 2 at Daly Leach. Motion carried.** Diane will confirm that the Community Room is available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Potluck: We have a nice assortment of dishes coming, and board members added their names and dishes to the list.

Haven House Pass-the-Hat: We will continue that tradition by passing Dennis's hat at the Nov. 20 meeting.

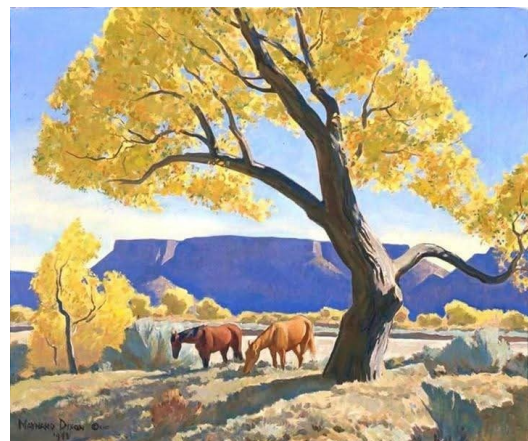
Officer/Director Pins: Nancy has ordered the pins for the outgoing officers and directors.

Calf Creek Porta Potty Removal: Barb reported that is happening Dec. 1. Dan reported that FWP employees removed the kiosk that we installed there five years ago. No reason was given for this action.

Minutes and Newsletter: Dan he is looking at alternative ways of getting minutes to the membership. He proposed posting the draft version of our minutes on the front page of our website and in the newsletter. Brad said that could be a lot of work for our website manager. It was suggested that we send an email to members asking for feedback on how they want the minutes made available.

Lionel Lavallee motioned and Mary Odell seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:47 pm.

Karen Philips, Co-Secretary BRBCH



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The Importance of a Safety Check

Now that the outdoor riding season is almost over, its important to look back and review things that could have been done better and could be improved on. This article is good to keep us thinking ahead.

Many common horseback riding accidents can be avoided by doing a simple four-part safety check. Completing a good safety check every time you mount only takes a few moments and will allow you to enjoy a lifetime of incident-free riding. Beginning while the horse is being tacked up, the rider focuses with an educated eye on these four crucial areas: Yourself, the horse, your tack, and the environment.

1. Start with yourself, making sure as a rider that you are dressed for success. That means long pants, good riding boots, with a smooth sole and heel, clothing that is neither too tight nor too loose, no hanging items that could get caught (especially around the neck), as well as proper, protective headgear. Wear either an ASTM-certified helmet or a western style hat. Also, check your attitude. This can oftentimes be one of the most important parts of the safety check. Be mentally ready, present, and an encouragement to yourself by using positive self-talk.

2. Your horse is your partner, and as the leader, you are expected to make sure he or she is able to perform. Check for any cuts, wounds, abrasions, swelling or hot spots. Pay attention to your horse's attitude, making sure that they are able and ready to be a willing partner. Do enough groundwork to establish a baseline for a quality relationship. Most of us ride because we love horses; a little extra time doing groundwork to make sure your horse is comfortable and willing will be well worth the effort.

3. Your tack. This can oftentimes be an area that some riders don't understand fully. We do what we always have done, but a little education and paying attention will really pay off. Saddle pads or blankets need to be cleaned and free of debris. Hay and pine needles can cause irritation and sores; pick or brush them away. Ensure there are no folds or wrinkles, and your saddle pad should be pulled up into the gullet of the saddle. Blanket and saddle pads should be straight and even with as much extra in front of your saddle as in the back. The saddle should be fit properly and match the horse's back. The underside should be routinely checked for lump, bump, and nails protruding through the fleece. The saddle should be

properly set in the saddle pockets on the horse's back, just on and behind the withers. As you go to the off side, make sure no straps or saddle strings are tucked under the saddle. Also carefully inspect all of the components that hold your saddle securely to your horse. This would include the rigging, D-rings, latigo, as well as the cinch or girth. They should be free of cracks and have appropriate but not excessive wear. It is also very important that you inspect all of the components that hold you in the saddle. This mostly means stirrups, stirrup leathers and fenders. All of these items should be crack and tear free as well as supple enough to move freely. It is a good idea to get your saddle safety inspected and repaired yearly by a professional. Also important but oftentimes neglected is the bridle. A bridle should not only be in good repair, adjusted properly and fit to the horse comfortably; it should also be appropriate for the level of knowledge and training of both horse and rider. If you are using the headgear commonly used for the horse, a quick check of wear areas, chicago screws, as well as proper adjustment will generally suffice.

4. The environment. This will include all of your surroundings. If you are in an arena, it may mean that you check that gates are shut, that all of the obstacles and equipment you will not use are picked up. Don't forget to do a once-over of the fencing. Also be observant of items such as coats, chip boards, banners, mounting blocks, trot poles, flags and all other spooky things that accumulate in a riding area. The environment also includes the weather: cold, hot, wet, windy, or icy. Are you prepared? Maybe it's not a big deal on a short trail ride, but if you are going to be out all day, what will you need? What if you or someone you are riding with has an emergency?

A good safety check only takes a few moments to do and should be a habit for every time you mount. Check both sides of your horse, look over the saddle, saddle pads, as well as the bridle. Check any gear you may have tied on your horse, check yourself, tighten your cinch and reach up and tap your head to make sure you have your protective headgear on. It is that simple and takes just a few moments.

What is easy to do is also easy not to do. Be safe. Do a safety check every time you mount; it could make a world of difference.

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Ingredients;

- 2 dozen shucked and cleaned oysters in water.
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1 quart whole milk or 1/2 & 1/2

Directions:

- In deep pan heat butter to just a sizzle, then add cold oysters with liquid and spices (except milk).
- Heat until edges of oysters curl slightly, then add milk.
- Heat quickly but do not boil (milk will curdle)

Serves 4

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2025 Chairs & Members

(Changes Annually) 2025: Barb Walker, Joe Kirkland, Elaine Driskell
 Dennis Hardman, Travise Grinnell
 (Changes Annually) 2025: Gene Merrell, Earl Phillips
 (Changes Annually)
 Ed Duggan, Chuck Miller
 Christy Schram-Duggan
 Brandi Ashford
 Tim Meyer
 Carol Johns, Kathy Stroppel-Holl
 (Volunteer Needed)
 Barb Walker
 Virginia DeLeo
 Dan Maiyo
 Travise Grinnell
 Joan Scheffer
 Pam Ristad, Candice Erickson
 Pam Ristad
 Ed Duggan
 (Volunteer Needed)
 Jenna Wright
 Bonnie Morgan
 Nancy Pollman

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen Officers and Board**Chapter officers**

Position	Name	Term	Contact
President	Brad Pollman	2025	406-546-6491
Vice President	Dennis Hardman	2025	307-699-1679
Secretary	Kathy Stroppol-Holl/Karen Phillips	2025	Kathy 720-244-2943, Karen 406-369-0725
Treasurer	Elaine Driskell	2025	916-698-8544

Board Members

Board Members	Term
Diane Duffie	2024-25
Mark Wright	2024-25
Lionel Lavallee	2024-25
Joan Scheffer	2024-25
Chris Carrera	2025-26
Mary Odell	2025-26
Julie Schram	2025-26
Christy Schram –Duggan	2025-26
Barb Walker	2025-26

State Directors

State Directors	Term
Ed Duggan	2025-26
Brad Pollman	2024-25
Alt. State Director	
Chuck Miller	2025

BCHMT National Directors

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Thursday, November 20th, 2025

Daly Leech Community Room

Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm

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