

THE PICKET LINE

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Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”

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Board Meeting - **Thursday, April 2 @ 7pm**

Dan Porter’s office 1745 So. 19th

General Meeting - **Thursday, April 16 @ 7pm**

Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman & Cameron Sts

Program

Dr. Al Flint, DVM will do a presentation on equine leg injuries and punctures.

State Board Directors

Rich Inman (388.1564) 2 yr

Jim Allbright 1yr

Alternate: Stacy Bragg 1yr

Membership

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Still Looking !

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Board Meeting - Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.

We will be discussing the Horse Safety Clinic, Poker Ride, chainsaw certification, Forest Service projects, and State Convention..

General Meeting - Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Dr. Flint will be presenting : Equine Wound Care and Management

He is a prospective member for BCH as I have been guilting him into it. His father has been with the USFS out of Kalispell and Al has extensive time working with the USFS clearing trails and packing!!!

Dr. Al Flint is a Montana native who was born and raised in northwest Montana. He graduated from **Colorado State University** in 2007 and has a Masters in Reproductive Physiology and a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology. Dr. Flint is formally certified in Veterinary Acupuncture; his other professional interests include equine podiatry, advanced reproductive care, lameness and preventative medicine. When not at work, Dr. Flint enjoys Montana's backcountry and woodworking. (E-mail - **aflint@montanaequine.com**)

Presidents Report April 2009

I want to thank Dr. Shannon Moreaux DVM of Alpine Equine Veterinary for the very interesting slide presentation on equine vaccinations and de-worming. I felt like I should have got a degree in veterinary medicine after the presentation until he told me I had to take the test afterwards. I will be posting a copy of the presentation on the web site as soon as I get it from him. The first vaccinations are due now.

Our April meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Al Flint on equine wound care and management. We will also go over the state convention that was hosted by the Last Chance chapter in Helena over March 27 through March 29th. The convention was a great success and we were handed over all of the gear since we are going to be the host of the state convention next year to be held at the Holiday Inn on March 19th through the 21st. Amy Hathaway has graciously volunteered to chair the convention and she is going to need a lot of your help to get through it.

We had a full delegation of eight that attended the convention. Sherrie White took home a prize for the picture she entered in the photo contest. We have had a club member win a prize in the photo contest from our club for at least the last four conventions. Rich and Jim will present the notes on the convention at our general meeting. The purchase of a personalized license plate for the state organization was dropped along with the proposal to pay for travel expenses for the state directors. The only topic left for discussion was the proposal to support adding additional wilderness to Montana in seven areas that have been targeted for inclusion in the Wilderness Protection Act for some time. It has been 25 years since Montana has had any areas added to wilderness in the state. There was a lot of discussion on whether to add wording into any new legislation adding wilderness that would include the historic use of saddle and pack stock in the wilderness. There was a lot of opposition to adding any wording to the original wilderness act which would allow folks to zero in on the addition and kill the legislation. A number of people opined that the wilderness act was carefully worded and should not be changed. The same people claimed that the congressional record included sufficient language that included historic use of saddle and pack stock in the wilderness so we did not have to add anything.

Janice has the Horse Safety Clinic lined out with speakers, vendors, and a tack sale. Please contact Janice if you can lend a hand at the clinic. We will need people to register the attendees and man the tack sale. We will also need some folks to help setup and take down before and after the event.

Amy Hathaway has offered to take over the duties of the newsletter editor if we can find someone to take over her position as secretary. If you feel you could attend both the board and general meetings and take notes then I would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Marsh
President GVBCH

FREE

(donations welcome to defray fair-ground expenses)

Horse Safety Clinic

at Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Presented by Gallatin Valley

Back Country Horsemen

Sat., May 2

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sign in at 8:30 a.m.

Registration required by Friday, May 1

Janice Cartwright, **579-3445** or
montanahorsesense@mac.com

Topics Include:

- First Aid for Horses: Lisa Jacobson, DVM
- Tack for the Trail: Terry and Larry Shore, WesTrends
- Safety from the Ground: Pete Melniker, owner Double Diamond Halter Co.
- Trail Riding Safety: Joe Turner, Turner Natural Horsemanship
- Packing & Ponying: Duane Wiltse, BCH member & author of "Gittin' Western"

Lunch Break (12 noon-1 p.m.); Pack a Lunch

- Brand inspector available for questions and inspecting horses

Informational Booths

NOTE:

Dress for weather! Indoor and outdoor arenas may be used.



Tack Swap/Sale
Buy, sell, swap! If you have tack to sell, bring it by 8:15. Make sure it is clearly marked with your name, phone, and price. Consider donating unsold tack to Eagle Mount.

Board meeting minutes March 5th 2009

The meeting was moved at the last minute when Dan Porter came down ill and we were not able to hold the meeting at Bozeman Brokers. The meeting was moved to the MSU campus in the Strand Union Building.

Present: Dan , Jim, Brenda, Rich, Larry, Stacy, Bob, Susan, and Sandy.

The minutes from the last board meeting were read and accepted. Introductions were made to the new board member Susan .

New Bills: Reviewed and approved. \$500 deposit for fair grounds was made. It was questioned as to whether or not anyone from the club had worked at the gates for Winter Fest . It would have gone to offset monies due for the fairgrounds rental.

Correspondence: Marianne Mayer , the membership chair , reported 4 new members and 38 renewals.

It was discussed to begin invoicing renewal members. Via e-mail or snail mail. A motion was made to begin this year by membership committee chairperson and next year to be sent by Feb. 1st.

The motion was made by Bob and seconded by Sandy.

Issues: BCH of America is looking for input from members for horse trails needing maintenance that would then be provided by the National stimulus bill. Seems the FS has already ear-marked these for this area.

Voluntary chain saw training. FS not readily accepting this idea ; but apparently Forest Supervisor Jane Cottrell has already agreed to this.

Larry has excused himself from taking on this position as the chainsaw trainer due to his shoulder surgery.

A discussion about the proposed slaughter house bill in Montana occurred and it was questioned should Gallatin Valley BCH take a stand as a club. It was decided that it would be best if each member did this individually.

Publication: No report.

Newsletter: No volunteers; as of yet.

Trail Crews: 8 trails have been tentatively listed for clearing. If interested in helping call Larry or Rich the Wednesday night before.

June 6th is National Trails Day. It was thought that the Bridger one should be worked on during this time since it is the one used for the Poker ride.

It was discussed whether to use club money to create water bars in the area instead of using standing rotten wood.

Program: Corey Biggers and Clarke Kenny would like to talk about Lion Head, a National Protection area, at a future general meeting.

They will come to the next meeting this month to give us a brief demo on their new stainless steel pack boxes. At the same meeting we will have a Vet talk.

Poker Ride:

May 1st is the deadline for prize donations.

There was discussion about maintaining the same rider fee as last year.

Purchase of new tent was mentioned. Rich has one available for our use this year with the option for purchase if it works out.

Sign-up sheet for helpers was circulated.

Old Business:

Paperwork for application of 501C-3 is still being sorted out by Rich.

New Business:

Horse Safety Clinic

All clinicians are confirmed

2009 convention

Still space for one more delegate

Photos for license plates needed by March convention.

Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee is looking for a representative from BCH to join their committee. It would involve meetings 4 times / year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Kypfer

General Meeting Minutes March 19, 2009

Presentation was made by Clark Kinney showing his pack box design and a handful of mountain bike riders came to show their unified support for trail clearing. Dr. Shannon Moreaux D.V.M of Alpine Equine Veterinary and M.S.U. gave a timely and thorough presentation on Vaccinations and De-worming.

President, Dan Marsh, called the general meeting to order. Board members and committee chairs in attendance were Jim Allbright, Brenda Kessler, Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Stacy Bragg, Marianne Myer, Sandy Kypfer, Bob Furu, Sherrie White and Amy Hathaway.

Minutes of the previous meeting are in the Newsletter online. Jim made a motion to accept; Janice seconded; approved.

Treasures report showed \$2,656.00 in checking; \$6,044.85 in CD; and \$2,228.61 in the money market.

No new bills to report.

Issues: HB418, the Horse Slaughter plant for Montana has passed the Senate Ag Committee.

The Volunteer Chainsaw program will be further discussed at the State Convention. Jim Allbright will attend for certification if Larry is not able.

CPR and Chainsaw certification will be needed for any not currently certified. Will be starting a sign-up sheet. Chainsaw is good for three years, CPR only for one.

Membership has 46 renewals, and 4 new memberships.

Publicity chair, Stacy Bragg, will start rolling on publicity for the Horse Safety Clinic but needs information from Janice or Sherrie to complete.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED. Amy Hathaway as current secretary would be willing to take on the Newsletter, if somebody would fill her shoes as secretary.

The Sage Creek Trail will be discussed with the USFS to see what improvements we can assist with.

A resolution has been added to be addressed at the State Convention in support of seven new Wilderness area proposals. As a diverse group of members, discussion was made for and against this resolution.

The Horse Safety Clinic will be May 2nd at the Fairgrounds. Janice has gotten it organized and Sherrie will coordinate with Stacy for publicity.

The Poker Ride is coming up fast. Please contact donors by May 1st to insure only one printing of the poster. Contact Sherrie White if you wish to work any of the vacancies still remaining.

2009 Convention is in Helena in March. Current delegates are: Dan, Alice, Rich, Brenda, Jim, Allan, Amy and Susan. Photo contest entries will need to be turned into a board meeting before the convention. Entries must be 5X7 or 8X10 mounted. Raffle tickets are available from Dan.

2010 Convention will be in Bozeman next March. The Holiday Inn has been reserved. We will need to organize Vendors, Entertainment, Prizes, etc...Any ideas to pass along, please contact Amy.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec

Misc. Notes on Poker Ride:

* Still a few slots to fill for the Poker Ride. Take a look at the work roster below and let me know if you can plug any holes! **Slots yet to be filled are indicated in red:**

* Deadline of May 1 to get prize donors listed on the poster for this year. Poster will go to the printer May 4 or 5 so they can be picked up by May 7 in time for the board meeting. Please contact Sherrie (686-9169 or sherrie@mexico-villas.com) as you get commitments for prizes.

* Rich and Larry are working with the forest service to identify a project (or projects) that the Back Country Horsemen can tackle using some of the club's funds. We're hoping to announce that project or projects in press releases for the poker ride.

* National Trail day is Sat., June 6: BCH needs volunteers to help with some poker ride trail work. We can walk in, so horses are not necessary. Meet at Bridger Bowl; watch for details.

• Poker Ride Committee is encouraging Back Country Horsemen to dress in western garb for the poker ride. If you can, wear a cowboy hat, a western shirt or whatever you happen to have (chaps, vest . . .).

2009 Poker Ride Work Roster

Our membership is down over the same time last year. So, your help with the poker ride is more important than ever. If you haven't already, please sign up if you can fill any of the slots still available on the work roster below. **Slots yet to be filled are indicated in red:**

Food:

Food chair (will place the food order): Marianne Meyer

STILL NEEDED:

Someone to pick up the food order (about 10:30 in Belgrade): _____

Volunteers to help serve food:

1) Sherrie White

2) _____

3) _____

Inventory the trailer for supplies on hand and what is needed: _____

Pop master (keep soft drinks on ice for lunch): Jim Hamilton

PREPARATION AND SET UP

Prize collection: Kay Tate will tag and label prizes and store them in her garage. If you get prizes, you can bring them to the BCH meetings and we'll get them to Kay's. OR, you can call Kay and arrange to drop them off. Kay Tate: 587-2758, ktate@imt.net. Kay lives off Valley Center Road at 208 Lake Drive.

Posters and signage for prizes: Sherrie

Sign in sheets: Sherrie White

Letter to Bridger Bowl and Forest Service: Sherrie White

Insurance authorization: This is done, right?

Porta Potties (2): Ron White

Flagging crew (Friday, July 10, 10 a.m.; possibly Thurs., too)

Help mark the trail and enjoy a fun day of riding and good company

- 1) Headed by Janice Cartwright and crew
- 2) Sherrie and Ron White
- 3) Pat Fritsche
- 4) Kay Tate

Friday night, July 10, set up, 5 p.m. **Bring potluck for dinner: Everyone invited; the more, the merrier! Sign up if you can come.**

Come help set up signs, pitch the tent, organize for Saturday and socialize with members

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1) Sherrie and Ron | 6) Rich Inman |
| 2) Chick and Jiffie | 7) Dan Marsh |
| 3) Jim Albright | 8) _____ |
| 4) Brenda Kessler | 9) _____ |
| 5) Dan Porter | 10) _____ |

Road sign set-up (Fri., July 10): Rich Inman

Transport trailer to site: Dan Porter

Set up stoves and propane bottles (filled): Rich Inman

SAT., JULY 11 POKER RIDE

Larry will pick up watermelons, water, etc. for pop stops Sat. a.m.

Stacy Bragg will arrive early to help where needed

Set up prizes under tent: Alice Pilgeram/Dan Marsh

Pop Stands (Sat., July 11)

Need 2-3 people for each of the 3 stands to dispense drinks and watermelon.

1) Larry Thomas/Ken Yankelwitz

2) Dan Porter

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

Registration (Sat., July 11)

Need 2-3 stations (2 people each) who sign in riders, collect money, etc. Plus, we'd like to have one person to man a BCH informational booth to answer questions about what we do, how to join (we will provide extra newsletters, membership forms, photos for display and our model horse).

1) Sandy McManus

2) Bob Furu

3) Karen Furu

4) Marianne Meyer

5) Bob Steinman

6) _____

7) _____

*Jim Hamilton and Alice (Poker Hand)

Advance riders (Sat., July 11)

This group beats the crowd, leaving before the first riders depart. They check that the trail is clear, safe and well marked.

1) Janice Cartwright & "crew"

Male escort rider (Sat., July 11): Leads riders from registration to the start of the trail

1) Chick and Pete

Sweep riders (Sat., July 11)

These riders follow the last poker ride participant to make sure everyone is off the trail safely:

1) Stacy Bragg

2) Amy Hathaway (if she is in town) ?????

3) _____

Master of Ceremonies: Dan Marsh

Sanitary Engineers: Jim Hamilton, Jim Albright, _____

The day after: Sunday, July 12

Deflagging (Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m.)

What goes up, must come down. This group takes down trail signs and flagging material. We have lunch on the trail and enjoy good company.

1) Sherrie and Ron White

2) Dan Porter

3) Pat Fritsche

4) Kay Tate

5) _____

6) _____

Stuff we need

Ice Chests: Need 10 large chests, clearly marked with owner's name, delivered to Big Sky RV before Saturday morning. Lee and Dad's usually donates ice.

Dan Marsh (# of chests you are providing): 6 (if needed)

_____ (# of chests you are providing): _____ size _____

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***** _____ will pick up and deliver, along with ICE, to Bridger by 8:30 Sat.

Tables (need 10; 4 are in trailer):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

Easels (need 4-8)

1) Sherrie White: 1 large; plus 1 tabletop easel

2) Jiffie (# _____)

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

If you have 'em bring 'em:

1) Lawn chairs

2) Picnic tables or benches

3) Bales of hay (must be weed seed free) for people to sit on.

If you have any questions or comments or you'd like to volunteer,
please contact Sherrie (686-9169 or sherrie@mexico-villas.com)

GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ARE INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2008 POKER RIDE - THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Ag Depot
 All West Veterinary
 Ardesson Boots and Shoes
 Biggerstaff Construction
 Big Sky RV
 Bozeman Fence
 Bozeman Saddle Outlet
 Bridger Feeds
 Bumblebean Coffee Shop
 Bunkhouse Originals
 CBU
 C'est la Vie Salon
 Chalet Market
 Chalet Sports
 Concrete Construction
 DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service
 Dr. Phil Aumann
 Don Funke Divine Equine
 Double Diamond Halters
 Equine Solutions
 Four Corners Saddlery
 Freeway Enterprises
 Gallatin Valley Horse Resource

Gourmet Gas Station
 Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher
 Hardaway Vet Clinic
 Harrington's Pepsi Cola
 Insty Prints
 Kountry Korner Café
 Lee & Dad's
 Madison House
 Mail 'n More
 Mountain Magic Ranch
 Momma Mac's
 Montana Canvas
 MT Equine Medical and Surgical Center
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 Montana Horse Sense
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 Owenhouse Ace Hardware
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 Rapid Tech
 Rocky Mountain Hat Compcny
 Rocky Mountain Supply
 R O Brooks Custom Leather

Root 66 Salon
 Sandy McManus Jewelry Designs
 Second Self
 Steer In Trailer Sales
 This and That
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 Jan Elpel
 Bob Furu
 Laura Hanks
 Bonnie Hammer
 Rich Inman
 Marianne Meyer
 Brown & SammyLu Parsons
 Alice Pilgeram
 Dan Porter
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