

The Picket Line

Back Country Horsemen of Gallatin Valley

DECEMBER 2010

Officers (1 year)

President

Jim Allbright 599.4620

Vice President

Rich Inman 388.1564

Secretary

Charley Smith 547.3459

Treasurer

Charley Smith 547.3459

Directors

1 year

Marianne Meyer 388.2676

Sandy Kypfer 600.4737

Allen Hathaway 282.6089

2 years

Stacy Bragg 222.0077

Dan Porter 388.0290

Brenda Kessler) 763.4241

State Board Directors

Rich Inman 2 years

Jim Allbright 1 year

Alt: Stacy Bragg 1 year

Membership

Marianne Meyer 388.2676

Newsletter Editor

Brenda Kessler (temp)

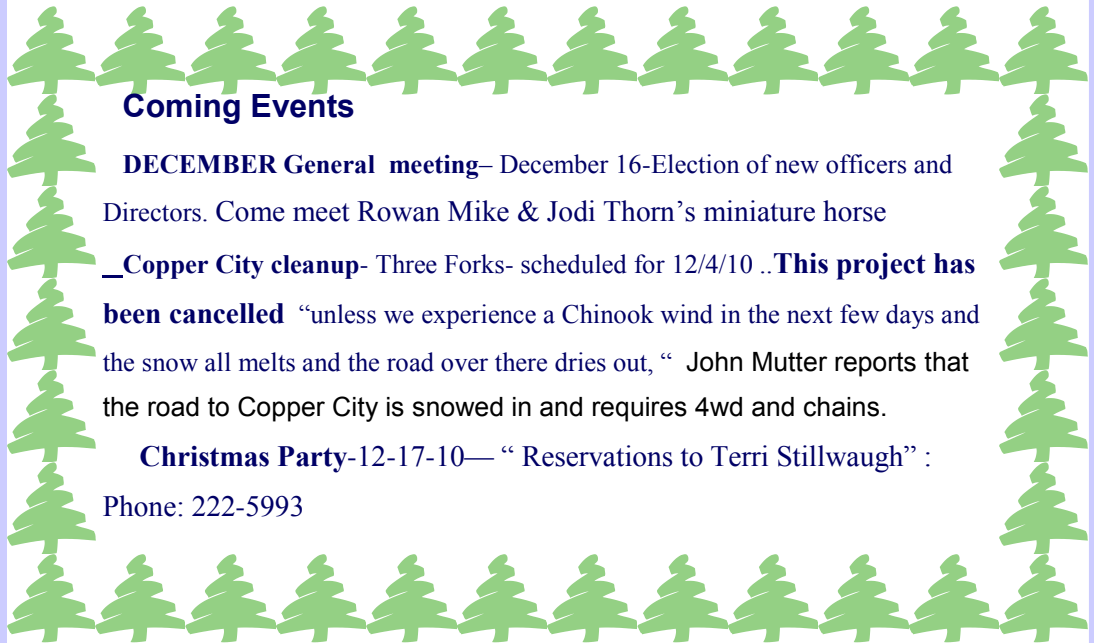
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Mission Statement

The Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen Club (GV BCH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to perpetuate enjoyable, common sense use of horses in the back country, assist government agencies in maintenance and management of the resource, ensure that the Public Lands Resource remains open to recreational stock use, and educate, encourage and solicit active public participation in wise and sustaining use of horses and use by people commensurate with our heritage and the back country resources.



Coming Events

DECEMBER General meeting— December 16-Election of new officers and Directors. Come meet Rowan Mike & Jodi Thorn’s miniature horse

Copper City cleanup- Three Forks- scheduled for 12/4/10 ..**This project has been cancelled** “unless we experience a Chinook wind in the next few days and the snow all melts and the road over there dries out, “ John Mutter reports that the road to Copper City is snowed in and requires 4wd and chains.

Christmas Party-12-17-10— “ Reservations to Terri Stillwaugh” :
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Report from your President

Hello Fellow GVBCH,

Well the year has finally come to an end. Hope everyone has their tickets to the Christmas party as I am looking forward to see all your smiling faces.

Remember! At our next general meeting there will be the election of next year's officers. As most of you know, I am running for president again and will be looking for your votes. Just to give everyone a recap of my qualifications, I have been in the GVBCH for a period of five years. During this time, I have calculated 125 board and general meetings and I have only missed two. Thus, I feel it should be recognized that I am very dedicated to the club. And as your president, in the coming year I will continue to serve you with this upmost responsibility. Also this year, I have been very active, working with the Wednesday crew, maintaining the trails, constructing the new corrals at Spanish Peaks, and working diligently with the volunteers at the Convention, the Poker Ride and the steak ride.

I am so looking forward to this coming year of maintaining trails, building new corrals (at a site that is still to be determined) and supervising or initiating the organization of another Poker ride and of course, our annual steak ride (hopefully without the rain). I, with my Vice President will continue to stay current with the many issues concerning our club. It should be noted that my position as State Board Director keeps me well informed on most of these issues.

Also, as your president, I will continue to encourage and support our "temporary" newsletter editor (this seems to be important, plus I am the transportation to the meetings). Hopefully, the newsletter endeavor will persevere. With this information I am looking forward to everyone voting at the general meeting on December the 16th.

Your Pres., Jim Allbright



The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 17th at the Lindley Center (directions..E. Main to south on Highland Blvd. to first right on Curtis,bear left to Golf Street to end.) Reservations and \$15. per person must be received no later than Dec. 10th. Social hour at 6pm,dinner at 7pm, entertainment at 8:30. Reservations must be sent to Teri Stillwaugh at 526 Cokedale Road, Livingston, Mt. 59047, or brought to the board meeting on December 2nd. (potluck for desserts, salads, ect.)



Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2010



The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

Directors present were: Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Marianne Meyer, Allen Hathaway and Henry Glenn as proxy for Sandy Kypfer.

Officers present were Jim Allbright, Rich Inman and Charley Smith.

Also present were Sonja Berg and Clark Kinney.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Marianne Meyer and seconded by Brenda Kessler. The motion was passed.

Bills

No new bills were presented.

Correspondence

A card was received from the Gallatin Equestrian Partnership thanking us for “all the great work GVBCCH does on behalf of our local equestrian community”. A donation in the amount of \$100.00 was included with the card. Charley Smith was asked to send the Equestrian Partnership a thank you note for the donation.

Membership

One new membership application was received bringing the total memberships to 84.

Old Business

The Board reviewed a letter sent to us by Mable Dean the accountant who has said that she would help us with our application for 501(c) 3 statuses. In the letter she stated that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen is a social club and should be a 501(c) 7 Corporation. Jim Allbright said that he would schedule a meeting with Ms. Dean to discuss this and other items in the letter. In addition the board discussed the possibility of getting help with the application from an accountant that had helped another chapter attain 501(c) 3 status.

A nomination committee was formed consisting of Marianne Meyer and Allen Hathaway to organize the election of club officers and directors for the coming year.

The Board continued their discussion of the differences between our mission statement and that of the State and National mission statements.

Trail Crews

The Trail Crews are finished for the year.

Publicity

The board discussed several ideas for increasing our service to the public and to encourage an increase in membership.

A motion was made by Rich Inman and seconded by Brenda Kessler to close the meeting. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Charles D. Smith, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Albright.

The officers present were: Jim Allbright, President, and Charley Smith, Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors present were Brenda Kessler, Marianne Meyer, and Sandy Kypfer.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Janice Cartwright and seconded by Dan Porter. The motion was passed.

New Bills

A bill was presented by Janice Cartwright in the amount of \$7.92 for flagging material for next year's poker ride.

A bill was presented by Marianne Meyer in the amount of \$62.16 for mailing expenses,

A motion to pay the bills was made by Henry Glenn and seconded by Larry Thomas. The motion was passed.

A check in the amount of \$1515.00 was made for the Back Country Horsemen for annual dues.

Old Business

Jim Allbright lead a discussion about the annual elections. Nominations and methods of voting were discussed.

Janice Cartwright asked for ideas for next year's presentations.

The Copper City Cleanup will be held on December 4th.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Henry Glenn and seconded by Janice Cartwright. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary.



Nostalgia: Summer memories Some Pictures



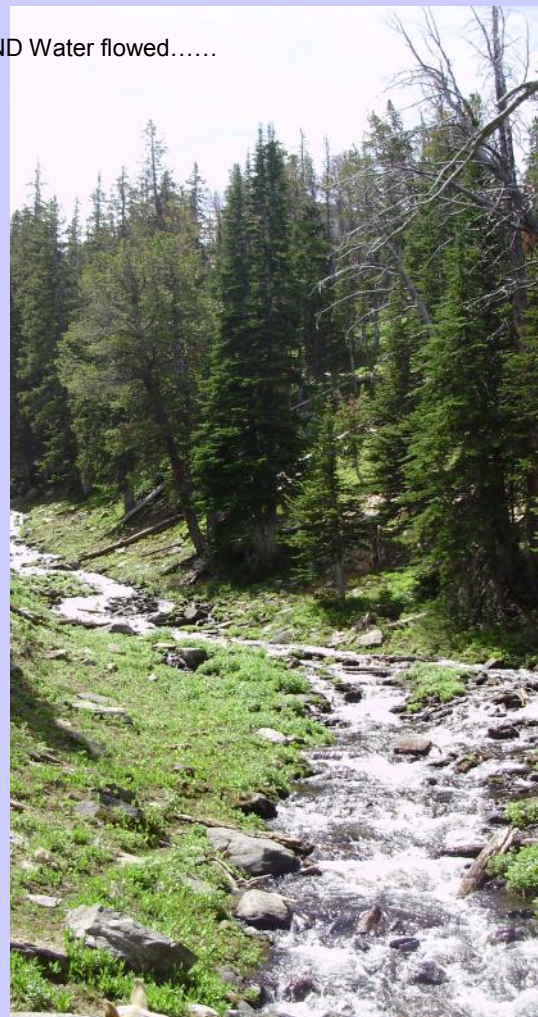
Yes, it was green, warm and the sun did shine



Horses were happy—

AND Water flowed.....

Sunny, Jim & Koda (the new horse) enjoy



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