

The Picket Line

March 2010

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<u>1 year</u>	
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Rich Inman	2 years
Jim Allbright	1 year
Alt: Stacy Bragg	1 year

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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 roadless 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.

Board Meeting – Thursday, March 4 @ 7 pm

Dan Porter's Office, 1745 S. 19th

BCH of Montana Convention March 19-21

Wild West Winterfest February 12-14

General Meeting – Thursday, March 18 @ 7 pm

Belgrade Alliance Church

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President's Report

Annual Wild-Game Pot Luck: General Meeting February 20, Belgrade Alliance Church, 6:00 P.M.

The turnout for the annual wild-game pot luck was considered light compared to other years. About 17 people were counted. Many were missed and asked about! However, several guests were noted: Roger Nerlin, Ed Zurey and Linda Kelly. The food was fantastic and plentiful, with dishes such as Elk in gravy, antelope sausage, several chili dishes which included deer meat: Not too mention numerous salads and desserts (cherry, brownie cheesecake and of course, Bette's rhubarb crisp.



We want to thank Brian McNeil and Fred Haas for presenting and answering many questions. They covered thoroughly the **Agreement for Sponsored Voluntary Services (Public Law 92-300)**. Brian explained that people volunteering were similar to employee of the Forest Service in that the volunteers are covered for purposes of tort claims and compensation for work injuries. However, to become volunteers for the Forest Service this requires certain training. First, every year, these individuals must sign the agreement, and every 3rd year, attend the Defensive Horsemanship Clinic (Horse Safety). Brian reminded the club to keep a record of those attending the Clinic and to send a copy of this record to him. To handle crosscut and Chainsaws, it is necessary for the individual to be certified "B" sawyer, and have current CPR and first Aid Certifications. We presently have 10 people in our club certified as "B" sawyers. They are Richard Grover, Ron Rassley, Dan Porter, Larry Thomas, Walter Becker, Daniel Marsh, Ron White, Allen Hathaway, Don Drake and Jim Allbright.

Brian stated that he would again have CPR and First Aid training provided by the Forest Service and he would let the club know when this will be available. Many questions regarding the trails were posed and discussed. These included the Ophir & Yellow Mule, New World Gulch & Bear canyon, Bridger and several trails in the Hylite Canyon. Also the unauthorized new trail blazing was discussed with Brian. He remarked that whoever cut the trees had several "blow back" on them. In doing this, they were taking serious chances and if they continue, we may soon know who they are. Such ignorance is an excellent way to become hurt. It made us grateful for the training we receive from the Forest Service. Overall it was a very interesting and informal meeting. It was unfortunate that more people were not available.

Regardless, people who plan on working on trail maintenance need to sign the list (The Agreement for Sponsored Voluntary Services). As of the present, Jim Allbright has the list for signing. The Forest Service should have this list in their possession by work time. Otherwise you become a guest on the work ride. The Agreement will be available at the next meetings. Hope to see you there at future meetings Happy trails

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Gallatin Back Country Horsemen Board Meeting Minutes-Feb 4, 2010

President Jim Albright called the meeting to order.

Board members present were: Dan Porter, Bob Steinman, Sandy Kypfer, Alan Hathaway, Dan Marsh, Stacey Bragg, Brenda Kessler, and Marianne Meyer.

Officers and Committee Chairpersons were Jim Albright, Rich Inman, and Charley Smith.

The minutes of the January board meeting were read by Jim Albright. Stacey Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Dan Marsh. The motion was approved.

New Bills

A bill from Montana Equine Associates in the amount of \$20.00 for shots and worming medicine for the Mule that will be auctioned at the convention. A motion to approve payment of the bill was made by Dan Marsh and seconded by Marianne Meyer. The motion was approved.

Dan Porter presented a bill in the amount of \$22.47 for feed for the Mule. A motion to reimburse Mr. Porter was made by Stacey Bragg and seconded by Sandy Kypfer. The motion was approved.

Marianne Meyers presented a bill in the amount of \$40.76 for envelopes, photocopies and postage for mailing of membership applications to present and past members. A motion to approve reimbursement to Ms. Meyers was made by Alan Hathaway and seconded by Dan Porter. The motion was passed.

A motion to provide dinner to Jehnet Carlson at the convention was made by Sandy Kypfer and seconded by Stacey Bragg. The motion was approved.

Old Business:

Jim Albright received a check from Mr. Bill Sowa's personal account in the amount of \$440.00. The check was intended to reimburse the club for unexpected expenses incurred at the Christmas party. Mr. Albright said that he did not feel that it was appropriate to accept payment from Mr. Sowa's personal account. A motion to return the check to Mr. Sowa was made by Dan Porter and seconded by Stacey Bragg. The motion was approved with two opposing votes.

New Business:

A discussion was held on where the club should conduct the upcoming Horse Safety Clinic.

The Gallatin Fairgrounds would cost the club \$300.00 plus an extra charge for heat.

The Bob Miller pavilion at the Montana State University would cost \$30.00 per hour.

The Circle L Arena would cost \$175.00

Dan Porter made a motion to contract with the Circle L Arena. Alan Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Last item on the agenda was The February General Meeting will be held at the Alliance Church beginning at 6:00 PM on February 18th. The meeting will start with a potluck dinner. Members are encouraged to bring food and their own utensils. There will be a presentation by Forest Service officials.

A motion was made by Stacey Bragg to close the meeting. Sandy Kypfer seconded the motion.

The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary

Gallatin Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Minutes February 18, 2010

President Jim Allbright called the meeting to order.

Officers present were Jim Allbright and Charley Smith. Marianne Meyer chairman of the Membership Committee was present.

Two members of the National Forest Service made a presentation detailing the requirements that must be met by the members of our trail crews. They discussed classes on First Aid and CPR as well as classes on the use of Bear Spray and Chain saws and Cross Cut Saws.

A motion to approve the minutes if the last meeting was made by Beth Bereck and seconded by Marianne Meyer. The motion was approved.

New Bills

A bill from the post office in the amount of \$60.00 to renew the club's Post Office Box was presented to the club. A motion to approve the bill was made by Beth Mereck and seconded by Wally Becker. The motion was approved.

A bill to renew the club's Liability Insurance Policy was referred to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Committee Reports

Marianne Meyer reported that there were 23 membership renewals before the meeting with 13 more coming in at the meeting.

Jim Allbright announced that the Safety Clinic will be held at the Circle L Ranch on April 17.

Sherrie White discussed the plans for the Poker Ride that will take place on July 10th.

She asked for volunteers to help in the various aspects of the ride.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beth Bereck and seconded by Larry Thomas.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary

Gallatin Valley BCH 2010 Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 07, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Thursday, January 21, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Saturday, February 06, 2010 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Information Table Albertsons Belgrade

Friday, February 12-14, 2010
Wild West Winterfest Fairgrounds

Thursday, February 18, 2010 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church
Wild Game Potluck and Forest Service presentation

Saturday, February 27, 2010 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Information Table Albertsons Bozeman

Thursday, March 04, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Saturday, March 13, 2010
Horse Expo Circle L Arena
<http://www.circlearena.com>

Thursday, March 18, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Friday, March 19-22, 2010
Montana State BCH Convention

Thursday, April 01, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 07, 2010 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
GalleP's 1st Annual Meeting Emerson Cultural Center Ballroom

Thursday, April 15, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Saturday, April 17, 2010 All Day
Horse Safety Clinic Circle L Arena

Friday, April 23, 2010 All Day
Area Special Olympics

Saturday, May 01, 2010 All Day
MSU Equine Expo Copper Springs

Thursday, May 06, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Thursday, May 13-16, 2010
State Special Olympics

Thursday, May 20, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Saturday, May 22, 2010 All Day
Red Bluff Rich Inman Trail Boss

Saturday, May 29, 2010 Virginia City Poker Ride

Tuesday, June 01, 2010 All Day
Mt Ellis Conditioning Ride Janice Cartwright

Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Saturday, June 05, 2010 All Day
National Trail Day Spanish Peaks Larry Thomas Trail Boss
Pat Green's Poker Ride

Wednesday, June 09, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Saturday, June 12, 2010 All Day
Mt Ellis Sandy Kypfer Trail Boss

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Janice Cartwright's

Monday, June 21, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Saturday, June 26, 2010 All Day
Trail Work Spanish Creek

Monday, June 28, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, July 01, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Brokers Meeting Room

Monday, July 05, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Friday, July 09, 2010 All Day
Flag Ride Bridger Bowl

Saturday, July 10, 2010 All Day
Poker Ride Bridger Bowl

Sunday, July 11, 2010 All Day
De-Flag Ride Bridger Bowl

Monday, July 12, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, July 15, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Gallatin Valley BCH 2010 Calendar of Events continued

Saturday, July 17, 2010 All Day
Bridger Bowl Repair Ride Dan Porter 388-0290

Monday, July 19, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

July 21-26, 2010 Gallatin County Fair

Monday, July 26, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Saturday, July 31, 2010 All Day
Cache Creek Inspiration Trail

Monday, August 02, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, August 04, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, August 05, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Bro-
kers Meeting Room

Friday, August 06-09, 2010 Sweet Pea Festival

Monday, August 09, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Saturday, August 14, 2010 New World Gulch

Monday, August 16, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, August 19, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Saturday, August 21, 2010 Manhattan Potato Festival

Saturday, August 21, 2010 Steak Ride

Monday, August 23, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 Wednesday Trail Crew

Saturday, August 28, 2010
Fairy Lake Janice Cartwright 579-3445

Monday, August 30, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, September 01, 2010 Open Upland Game
Wednesday Trail Crew

Thursday, September 02, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Bro-
kers Meeting Room

Saturday, September 04, 2010 Opening Bow
Virginia City Poker Ride

Monday, September 06, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, September 08, 2010 Wednesday Trail
Crew

Saturday, September 11, 2010 Trail Ride TBA

Monday, September 13, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Wednesday Trail
Crew

Thursday, September 16, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Saturday, September 18, 2010 Belgrade Fall Festival

Monday, September 20, 2010 Monday Trail Crew

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 Wednesday Trail
Crew

Saturday, September 25, 2010 Sage Creek Elk Bugle
Ride

Thursday, October 07, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Bro-
kers Meeting Room

Thursday, October 21, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Thursday, November 04, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Bro-
kers Meeting Room

Thursday, November 18, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Thursday, December 02, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH Board of Directors Meeting Bozeman Bro-
kers Meeting Room

Thursday, December 16, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
GVBCH General Meeting Belgrade Alliance Church

Monday Trail crew contact
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