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To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands and. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage. Foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

Up coming Events

General Meeting November 17, 2011: 7:00 PM

**Belgrade Alliance Church
205 West Cameron, Belgrade Mt 59714**

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Dec 17, 2011 (details to follow at general meeting)

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President's Report

Hello GVBCB,

It's Nov and winter is starting to set in. I am not ready for the cold and hate to see our nice Fall days disappear. At this time, I would like to thank all the people who helped out this year with countless hours of volunteer hours.

A couple of things that need to be mentioned are: as the 1st of Dec. comes near, we will again be having our election of officers. We must remember that if we don't have officers, we have **no** club. This is the rules, so lets get out there and run for office which includes myself. Rich has volunteered to be the chair person for the elections.

Second, also with December coming, is our Christmas party. It will be Dec. the 17th which is a Saturday night. We will have all the information for the party at the general meeting. Again as last year we have been invited by the Saddle and Harness Club to join them for the party so lets all go and have a great time. Well this is going to be short so I will close for now and hope to see every one at the next general meeting. Jim



Jim with Jack and Molly, the new mules and Koda (jealous horse) Nov 5, 2011

Board Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jim Allbright, President.

Officers and directors present were: Jim, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Marianne Meyer, Mike Haugan, Stacy Bragg, and Brenda Kessler. Sonya Berg was proxy for Clark Kinney.

Jim Allbright asked for motion to approve minutes for September board meeting. Marianne made the motion, Stacy seconded, motion was passed.

Bills/Correspondence

Mt Canvas bill for \$930 and Insty-Prints bill for newsletter printing, \$22.70, were received but did not require approvals as they have been voted on and approved before.

USFS checks were received in the amounts of \$484.50 and \$792. Rich handed the breakdown for one of the checks to Charley. It was for expenses on 6/22 and 8/31 on the Windy Pass project. Henry Glenn has the breakdown for the second check received.

Membership

Marianne received 2 memberships that will be considered 2012 paid dues.

Issues

Dan Marsh received a copy of a letter written by several U of M students on the topic of roadless public lands and HR 1581. In their letter they ask Denny Rehberg to pull his support for the legislation.

Trail Crews

Both crews have wrapped up work for the summer. Larry's crew finished the summer off with First Creek, Yellow Mule and Elkhorn.

Dan Marsh reminds everyone who works on behalf of the

BCH on their own time to be sure to report the hours to him. This could be meetings with the public, education, pre-riding or inspecting trails, meetings regarding trails, and so on. **Don't be shy reporting your time! Have the information turned into Dan by the General Meeting in November.**

Programs

Jim Allbright will present a program on Leave No Trace in November.

Old Business

Back Country Adventures, the seminars put together by Clark Kinney et al, are fully sponsored. Rich has sponsorship monies, and also 6 registrations from within the club already. Reminder that this is an outstanding opportunity to learn from very qualified instructors in a wonderful facility. Copper Spring Ranch is providing a lot of marketing support. First session is December 3rd.

New Business

December Christmas Party: Jim will check with Connie Lien about having our party with the Gallatin Valley Saddle & Harness Club again.

Stacy Bragg had a couple of FYI announcements. First, the Battle Ridge parking lot has been expanded to twice the size it was. Good to know in case we need a large parking area for an event. Second, Fairy Lake road will have a parking lot at the Y, about 2 miles from the highway.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Stacy made the motion, Mike Haugan seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

General Meeting Minutes.— October 20, 2011:

Jim Allbright, President, called the meeting to order

The program consisted of two teams with all members involved in an horse-related exercise provided by Janice Cartwright,

After the exercise with laughter and much discussion, Jim asked for a motion to approve minutes from the September General meeting as reported in the newsletter. John Mutter made the motion and Madeline Lieb seconded. The motion was passed.

New Business

Nothing to report: Bills, Correspondence, Issues, Publicity, Newsletter, Trails,

Membership - 1 new member, 100 +/- now

Program for November - Possibly Jim with: "Leave No Trace".

Old Business

Packing Clinic - Clark Kinney reported that registration is proceeding very well. Members are encouraged to sign up now because the expectations are that the clinic will be full. As of now, there are 38 participants out of 50. 6 of the 7 donors have paid. Of the 19 instructors,

10 are BCH members. This clinic has had a great response and other clubs are interested in offering a similar one in their area.

Sonja mentioned that the Saddle and Harness Club is hosting a Play Day at the Fairgrounds on October 29th, Saturday.

Kay and Ron went to the State Finals for Ranch Rodeo Competition in Billings. They really liked the Wild Cow Milking event.

Sonja suggests that everyone read the article in the Rocky Mountain Rider on digestion and stomach issues.

Bettye White has alfalfa/grass hay for sale at \$115/ton - 75# small squares.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clark Kinney made the motion, it was seconded by Larry Thomas and the motion was passed.

Submitted by, Janice Cartwright, Acting Secretary

FIRST CLINIC : (FILLED)

*December 3, 2011 hosted by
Copper Spring Ranch*



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