

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM
Belgrade Alliance Church
205 West Cameron

OUR PURPOSE:

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. 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. 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.

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Marianne Meyer ... 388-2676

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Rich Inman... 388-1564
Mike Haugen ... 539-0538

TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516
Larry Thomas ... 586-6878
Beth Merrick ... 388-4047

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Dan Marsh (2 years) ... 587-7578
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: JUNE 2, 9 AM- 1 PM

Bridger Bowl, contact Rich Inman if attending: 388-1564

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREWS: JUNE 6, 13 20, 27

contact: Larry Thomas, 586-6878 for full day;
Beth Merrick, 388-4047 for short day.

BOARD MEETING : JUNE 7, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

CUT RAILS FOR BUFFALO HORN CORRAL, JUNE 14, 8-4

contact: Henry Glenn: 578-2084

POKER RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING : JUNE 21, 6:00-7:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road, Bozeman

GENERAL MEETING : June 21, 7:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road, Bozeman
Come dressed for the weather and
bring a chair to sit on.

NOTE
Location

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Back Country Horsemen,

It is my hope that you are enjoying the early spring. I want to personally congratulate Clark Kinney and Co. on a very successful Back Country Adventures packing clinic. The response and support was overwhelming. This was a clinic that was sorely needed in our community. I am very proud of our Club for a job well done. We had nine club members who got their chain saw training from the Forest Service on Sat the 19th. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations, everyone passed. We are working on a project for National Trails day, June 2, so stay tuned for an email about the location. Thanks to Larry and Rich for putting on a water bar demonstration at the May meeting. We all learned a lot about water eroding the trails. I also want to thank Janice for hosting the meeting at her place and letting us dig in her arena.

Be sure and check the calendar at the GVBCH web site for changes, additions, and dates. If you have a ride you want on the calendar please let a board member know. Every event on the calendar has to have a leader and contact person.

Remember the poker ride and all the planning and work involved—volunteer wherever you can. Trail crews are starting in June so check the calendar to see the details. We are going to be very busy this summer please attend the meeting and get involved.

May God Bless the trails you ride,
Henry Glenn, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Henry Glenn, President.

Officers, directors, and state board members present were: Henry Glenn, Michael Harney, Marianne Meyer, Clark Kinney, Rich Inman, Mike Haugan, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Beth Merrick, Dan Marsh. Stacy had asked Rich to be his proxy for this meeting. Also present was Sonya Berg.

John Mutter moved to approve the minutes from the April board meeting as published in the newsletter. Beth seconded, motion passed.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report not available as Brenda was out of town. Dan Marsh asked about paying three delegates who had traveled to the state convention. Clark Kinney moved to approve reimbursing all three, Michael seconded, all voted aye and motion passed. Payment of bills was postponed until Brenda returns.

Letter was received from the postmaster regarding the soon to be closed PO station at Van's IGA in Bozeman. Discussion follows later under business.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 59 new and renewed memberships as of the date of this board meeting.

ISSUES

The BCHA chairman (Mike McGlenn) will be at the state board meeting. The board felt that it was very important for us to have our state board members present even though it coincides with Backcountry Adventures. Both Rich and Dan will make every effort to go. Stacy Bragg had also called Rich and said he planned to go.

NEWSLETTER

Going very well.

TRAIL CREWS

We have our trail list from Brian, same as usual. Brian has not returned calls about saw training so far. Date not locked down yet and no further info available. CPR training planned for 1st week of June.

BUSINESS

The Forest Service has received our rider for insurance. Michael met informally with Ben Donatelle and a GYC representative to talk about the request received earlier for a form to get filled out every time we use or work on a trail.

B C Adventures - May 12th. Michael will get with Rich to take over Rich's chores (who will be going to the state board meeting). A small change was made to the schedule. The morning will start off with a talk by folks from the

MMBA. They will have about an hour to address the clinic participants, ask and answer questions to promote a better understanding of each parties' concerns.

Clark feels that the B C Adventures have been a success, teaching humane treatment of horses and mules and methods to keep people safe. Rich suggested and Henry already has in the works an evaluation that will be handed out at the beginning of the 5/12 clinic. The feedback will let us know what folks liked, what we can do better, what we did right.

CSR Derby Days – Clark has everything set up for that weekend.

Poker Ride – We should have the permit in hand shortly. Henry and Larry will try to ride the north route soon to determine work needed.

National Trails Day – June 2nd. Rich will get a hold of Randy to see what we can do at Bridger Bowl. Clark will contact Cory to see if his group wants to help. Larry is the contact for the day. As always, weather dependent.

Move of the P.O. Box – The station at Van's IGA in Bozeman will be closed. P.O. Boxes can keep their same number and zip code if moved to Baxter Lane. The small box size is not available at Baxter but for the remainder of the year we would get the next size up at the same price. After that, we have to pay for a size 2 box. Beth moved to accept the move to Baxter Lane and keep our mailing address unchanged, Michael seconded, all voted aye. The deadline to turn in the old keys comes up before Brenda gets back so John Mutter volunteered to turn in the old keys and pick up the new keys at the Baxter office.

The remainder of the board meeting was spent going over the time line for the Poker Ride, filling jobs with volunteer names, and going over the menu plan.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn; Clark made the motion, Larry seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

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2012 GVBCH CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2012

Program included a talk by local brand inspector Nye Howey and a presentation by Larry Thomas and Rich Inman on water bars. Tips from the brand inspector included making a photocopy of your animal's "life time registration" in case the original is left in a vehicle or trailer. Authorities can pull you over just for being out of county. You need B.I. if you cross county lines or state. Trail riding on state lands requires [State Lands Recreation Permit](#). Inspector can be found on facebook! Larry and Rich talked about the trails out in our woods, some being 100 yrs old. Goal of water bars is to retain sediment on the trail, not in ditch. Water running down the trail is damaging and causes erosion of the trail surface. Tools to build or improve a water bar can include rocks, logs, McCloud, Pulaski, and shovel-pik. Water bars divert water off the trail into a vegetation filter area. Steps in the trail are designed to retain sediment in the trail and are used where water cannot be diverted from the trail. Sediment stays on trail rather than getting washed away.

Henry called the meeting to order approx 8:10 pm with 21 members attending. General meeting minutes from April were approved.

BILLS, TREASURER'S REPORT, & CORRESPONDENCE

\$15,010 in savings. \$43 in checks were written. Rich made a motion to transfer \$3,000 from savings to checking to cover up-front poker ride expenses. Sonya seconded.

MEMBERSHIP

Three memberships came in. Marianne was not present to provide total numbers.

NEWSLETTER

Dates for trail work days/trail crews will be in newsletter.

PROGRAMS

June meeting will be at Janice's place on Harper Puckett! Program will be "safety program".

NEW BUSINESS

Club to remain member of Public Land/Water Access Association (PLWA). Dan moved to contribute \$50, Michael seconded, approved.

STATE BOARD REPORT.

1. State needs a new newsletter editor
2. State plans to improve problems with National making unfulfilled promises & communication.
3. BCH National is considering raising dues but it still needs to be voted on by all state organizations.

SnowTel "Weather Station": On September 7th volunteers are needed to haul weather station equipment approximately 3.5 miles up Hyalite. A group is thinking about this and Janice volunteered 4 pack animals.

BCMH Issues: Forecast: Northern Rockies could have mild wildfire season; a roadblock to inspecting horse slaughter facilities, effectively closing them, has been removed in the House and Senate; Al-Qaida promotes fires in the West including Montana; New Region 1 Forest Supervisor; HR 1505 National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act; HR 1581, Wilderness and Roadless Area Released Act of 2011; Judge may restrict horse, mule access to National Parks. (Editor's Note: Legislative action stopped this restriction because of all the emails and letters sent in.) Next year is 40th anniversary of BCH. Mac Long and others composed a letter to the BCHA Chairman stating our concerns over the way the organization is being run which led to the chairman coming to the May meeting.

Rich took volunteer names of members for the Poker Ride to contact donators.

Submitted by Madeline Lieb.
Transcribed by Marianne Meyer.



Water Bars: Rich Inman
May 17 Program



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Kountry Corner Cafe
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Mama Mac's
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Montana Equine Medical & Surgical Center
Montana Harvest
Montana Horse Sanctuary
Montana Horse Sense
Mountain Arts Pottery / Coffee Pot Bakery
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Northern Energy
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