

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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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : OCTOBER 4, 7:00 PM

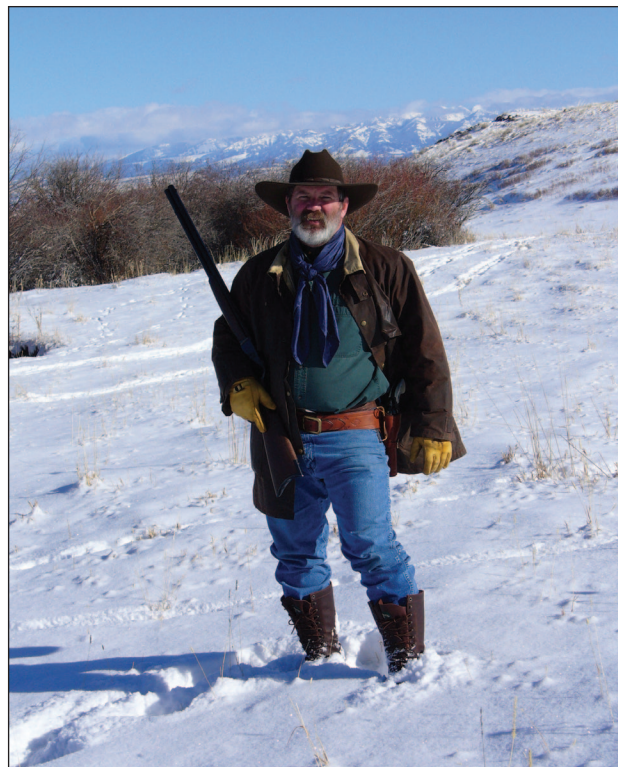
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GALLEP Fall Retreat: OCTOBER 5

GENERAL MEETING : OCTOBER 18, 7:00 PM

Bill Cohan, Wounded Warriors

Belgrade Alliance Church



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone,

What a busy summer we have had. I want to say thank you to the Trail Crews and their leaders for a job well done.

I also want to thank the folks who worked with the Bike clubs on clearing Blackmore and South Cottonwood. There was a lot of timber down and both clubs worked together to clear several miles of trail. The Slough Creek project went well and will continue next year so stay tuned for info on that next summer. Big thanks to Clark Kinney, Larry Thomas, Michael Haugan, Steve Theines and Molly Glenn for all their help. We packed in about 600 pounds of materials and chinked 3 sides of the cabin and then sprayed preservative on it.

The club has just received a new RAC grant worth over \$4800 for trail maintenance and supplies. We need people to run the new cross cut saws that we will get for clearing Wilderness trails. Be thinking about a nominating committee as we need volunteers by the October General meeting. Check out our [Facebook](#) page for the latest pics.

May God Bless the trails you ride.

Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members present were Michael, Brenda, Clark, Rich, Mike, John, Larry, Beth, Dan Marsh, Marianne Meyer, and ex-officio Jim Allbright. Also present were state alternate Stacy Bragg and member Sonya Berg.

Beth moved to approve the board meeting minutes for the August meeting. Michael seconded and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported the following bank account balances: \$6,105.41 in checking, \$15,013.96 in savings. She said that about \$750 of issued checks had not been posted yet. Poker Ride finances as of this date are as follows: Receivables of \$4,519, expenditures of \$2,641.95, for a net income of \$1,877.05. This is a better outcome than some had feared, but not a lot of income considering the many hours of work that went into the event. Discussion followed. Future Poker Rides should go back to the traditional date of 1st Saturday after 4th of July. Rich encouraged everyone to continue to make notes that will be helpful to next year's team. Steak Ride drew 27 folks, receivable were \$270, expenditures around \$150. Everyone who came had a good time.

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER

Membership seems to be stuck at 65. Discussion ensued again about the need to send out some sort of "bill" to members prior to March 1, and going back to mailing our newsletter to every member.

ISSUES

HR.1505 is on the Union Calendar in the House for "things to do".

TRAIL CREWS

Larry reported that things are winding down for the trail crew. They went to Yellow Mule on Sept 5th. He also reported that his crew co-ordinated with the bicycle group, led by Cory Biggers, and they got tons of work done on South Cottonwood. Larry would like some time at the general meeting to tell everyone about the experience. Cory received thank yous and the Forest Service put kudos and thank you on beta-scout, mentioning both the GVBCH and the bicycle team.

Henry reported that all projects from the 2011 RAC are finished and the full \$5,000 has been utilized. A new RAC grant for 2013 has been applied for. However, the purpose will be for every-day trail work, mileage, and other expenses that we are not normally getting back from the F.S. This new grant is for \$4,845.

PROGRAMS

Scheduled for September 20th general meeting is Jerry Walker, MT State Parks Regional Manager. Tentative for October is Bill Cohen, Wounded Warriors.

OLD BUSINESS

Clark gave a final report on the Wounded Warrior project of this summer. It is wrapped up now and Clark is very glad we got involved. We were a big help to Bill Cohan and this worthy cause. Thanks to this group's willingness to help, Bill will continue with it. He is getting help with marketing for next year.

We still don't have a donation receipt as a 501c3 non-profit. Dan Marsh was chosen to track down the proper letterhead and design a receipt.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth has been working on re-drafting parts of our constitution and provided a 1st draft to the board members. Henry asked everyone to please study the revisions, make notes, and bring thoughts to the discussion for the next board meeting.

State Board meeting is coming up in Deer Lodge; Rich and Dan Marsh plan to attend. The next one will be December 8th in Missoula.

Rich asked if we could jump back to financials and approve a couple of bills he had with him. Re-stocking the trailer (with garbage sacks that FIT the large garbage cans) \$13.98, and tent repair (completed at Montana Canvas) in the very modest amount of \$15.00. Michael moved to approve the bills, Mike Haugan seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Word has come in that the Saddle & Harness Club has booked their Christmas Party for December 8th at Lee Hart's ranch. Further details will follow.

Plans are in place to pack in to the Slough Creek Cabin on Monday and then work for several days. Participants need to be able to pack in their own supplies. Work on cabin includes re-chinking and oiling the outside. Meet at 9 am at the Gardiner Ranger Station.

As there was no further new business Henry asked for a motion to adjourn. Beth moved, Jim seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Henry welcomed members and guest, Chris Nygren, to the meeting and introduced Jerry Walker, MT State Parks Regional Manager. Jerry gave a presentation and PowerPoint on our state's many and varied state parks. He also explained how the fee from vehicle licensing works for the department, and how it is different from the State Lands Use Permit. A few questions were answered from members as well.

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members present were, Brenda, Clark, Rich, Mike, John, Larry, Marianne Meyer, and ex-officio Jim Allbright.

Janice moved to approve the minutes from our last general meeting. Marianne seconded and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brenda reported \$5,818.41 in checking, \$15,013.96 in savings. Correspondence included some newsletters from other chapters and one membership renewal.

MEMBERSHIP

With one renewal from the mail we now have 66 current memberships.

NEWSLETTER

Latest newsletter is on the website. Brant lives near Pine Creek and had to evacuate due to the fires. However, she still got the newsletter done for us.

TRAIL CREWS

Larry passed around pictures from the project on Cottonwood Trail that his crew and the men from the bicycle club with Corey Biggers worked on. He said those men are in great shape, worked hard all day, and got tons of work done in just one day. There was a snow slide on the back side of Blackmore that crossed the trail several times. You can imagine the work! The pictures Larry passed around really spoke volumes.

Rich added that he, too, had a great experience on Chestnut Mountain. This trail is supposedly hounded by the "fast and furious" bike riders. However, Rich only encountered very courteous bike riders who moved their bikes off the trail as soon as they saw horses. It was a very positive experience.

PROGRAMS

A presentation by Bill Cohen with Wounded Warriors is hopefully in place. Be sure to come and invite friends and other GVBCH members to come to this meeting. It will be worth your time to listen to Bill. Janice and Rich are working on a November program.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a Poker Ride at the Green Ranch in Clarkston and Marianne Amsden with GalleP erroneously publicized it as being a Back Country Horsemen Poker Ride. This is not true. The sponsor is the Pony Homecoming Association, who is trying to raise money for a kidney transplant patient.

Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club has made arrangements for a Christmas Party on December 8th at Lee Hart's ranch. Our portion of paying for the band is \$250. The band may be "Country Tradition" but that info needs to be verified.

Henry had sent in an application for 2013 RAC funds to use for maintenance of vehicles, saws, and other expenses we incur as volunteers. The regional forest supervisor approved full funding in the amount of \$4,845. There is no set start date, but the funds must be used up by September 30th, 2013.

Larry brought up the fact that we need to find someone qualified to sharpen and SET cross cut saws. Every time a cross cut gets sharpened it must be set, too. Rich said he has two contacts.

Rich and Dan went to the State Board meeting. Rich reported that the request for \$500 by the Scapegoat Wilderness was approved. Our chapter was the only vote against. Therefore, BCH State will be donating \$500 to help the Scapegoat Wilderness celebrate their anniversary. Another request for funds however, was voted down. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation of California asked for a donation of \$200 towards their booth – this was unanimously voted down.

Thanks go to Vi Huffman for getting about 10 newsletters mailed out each month to members who do not have internet or email service.

Constitution revisions are being drafted and will go through review process. They include:

- Having legitimate means to refuse membership to someone and/or removing a member from the club
- Making electronic notification of club news sufficient
- Election process, including absentee voting

If you would like to see a draft, please contact Henry Glenn or Beth Merrick.

Vi voiced concerns that we do not have enough PR for this club. She asked if we should think about having a public relations committee.

At this point there were no additional topics to discuss and Henry asked for a motion to adjourn. Vi moved, Janice seconded, all voted aye, and motion carried.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer

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