

**BOARD MEETINGS:**  
1st Thursday, 7 PM

**GENERAL MEETINGS:**  
3rd Thursday, 7 PM  
Silver Spur Arena  
115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

### OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

### 2013 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

#### PRESIDENT

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#### SECRETARY

Marianne Meyer ... 388-2676

### DIRECTORS

#### ONE YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

Beth Merrick ... 388-4047

#### TWO YEAR TERM

Dan Porter ... 388-0290, 539-0879

Steve Thienes ... 578-2124

Jim Wing ... 587-8880

### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Marsh (1 year) ... 587-7578

Jim Allbright (2 years) ... 599-4620

Clark Kinney (Alternate) ... 599-4430

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : ~~CANCELLED~~

CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 6, 5:00 PM  
Lee Hart's Broken Hart Ranch

Directions  
HERE

STATE BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 7, 10:00 AM  
Guest House Inn, Missoula

GENERAL MEETING : DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church  
Director & Officer Elections

NOTE:  
MEETING SITE

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 9, 7:00 PM

Silver Spur Arena, 115 Dirt Road, Belgrade

NOTES  
DATE



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a good fall and to those who hunt, much success. The end of the year is fast approaching and that means the Christmas party and Club elections. The Christmas Party is back at Lee Hart's on Friday December the 6th. Our Elections for Club officers and directors is on Dec 19th at the Belgrade Alliance Church. Please plan on attending, it gives a boost to those who volunteer to serve.

Also this is when I will give the Member of the Year award to someone who has made a major contribution to the club. Thanks to each club member who has contributed to our having a successful year in 2013 and I hope for more in the coming year. Some of the projects we are working on are a Volunteer Coordinator with the Forest Service, a solution to the volunteer agreement and insurance as we work on trails for the Forest Service and adopting the cabin at Buffalo Horn for training. See you at the Christmas Party!

May we be thankful during this time of Thanksgiving.

Henry

Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn, President. Officers, directors, and state board members attending were Mike, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Larry, Beth, Marianne, Jim Allbright, and state alternate Clark. Also present were Molly Glenn and Sonya Berg. John moved to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter, Jim seconded, all voted aye and motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Treasurer had submitted account balances to Henry prior to the meeting; checking account has \$5,941 and savings has \$20,020. There were no new bills.

#### MEMBERSHIP

A couple of 2014 renewals have already come in. Reminder to the folks who will be on the elections ballot for director or officer positions to renew by January 1st.

#### ISSUES

Dan Marsh updated the board on the latest stand of the horse slaughter issue as well as H.R.1526 (Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act).

#### OLD BUSINESS

The nominating committee presented their preliminary ballot to the board. Clark Kinney, John Mutter, and Larry Thomas will run for directors. Sharon Frazier will run for secretary, Debbie Moran for treasurer. Rich Inman will run for both vice president and state board member. Henry Glenn will run for a third term as president. Janice Cartwright asked to be replaced as program co-coordinator. At the general meeting we will have calls for nominations from the floor.

At the time of this board meeting the **Christmas Party** was to be held at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center (secretary's note: this changed again by the general meeting – read entire newsletter) with **social hour from 5 – 6:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and live music starting at 7pm.** Dinner will be a roasted pig. The GVSH club asked that folks bringing potluck contributions follow this guideline: last names beginning with A – H bring a veggie; J – R bring a side dish; S – Z bring a dessert. This is just to prevent too much of one thing and not enough of another. If your best dish is a dessert but your last name starts with an A – no worries! No one's gonna check! Please RSVP to Jim Allbright by December 2nd so they have a head count. You can pay at the door.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Henry reported on his recent discussions with the Forest Service. There is a strong possibility that the FS will no longer sign volunteer agreements with worker's comp coverage included. Claims have to be funded from the LOCAL budget, not national so just a few claims to pay over a person's lifetime can wipe out the local trail budget. District rangers cannot continue to carry this burden. Lisa and Henry have been working towards a solution before this partnership comes to an end. Henry asked Dan Marsh to bring questions to the next state meeting and hear how other chapters are dealing with this dilemma. Some are on challenge cost share agreements.

Dan Marsh will need all volunteer hours turned in before he goes to the state meeting.

Dan Porter reported that he has been contacted for trail suggestions and maps and wondered if this project should be resurrected. Others on the board concurred that we get asked all the time for such information. Rich Inman cautioned the board that any information regarding trails should be strictly factual (as in length of trail, elevation gain) but never objective as in "the trail is moderate" or "in good shape".

Henry pointed out that the January board meeting falls on January 2nd and asked if we should move it to January 9th. Beth so moved, John seconded, all voted in favor and motion passed.

John reported that 20 new chairs have been purchased for a total of \$345 and are on the way.

Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Jim, seconded by Marianne, and passed.

Respectfully submitted by *Marianne Meyer*

## GENERAL MEETING — NOVEMBER 21

The program of the evening was a picture presentation of the AB from the files of Stacy Bragg. Stacy had endless photos to share from different regions of the AB and told entertaining stories of rides in this beautiful part of Montana.

The business meeting was called to order by Rich Inman.

### TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

Debbie had a bill from John Mutter for \$19.98. Beth moved to pay the bill, Marianne seconded, all voted in favor.

### PROGRAMS

We do not have a program for December meeting — we will have elections.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dan Porter, Larry, and John presented their nominations for elections. The final slate is: Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Larry Thomas for director; state board member Rich Inman; secretary Sharon Frazier; treasurer Debbie Moran; vice president Rich Inman; and Henry Glenn for president. The committee then asked for nominations from the floor, followed by a second and third call. There were none. Ester moved to close nominations, Kay Tate seconded, all voted in favor and nominations are now closed.

The [Christmas Party is now back at Lee Hart's!](#) Please [RSVP by December 2nd to Jim Allbright](#). You may pay at the door or mail in your payment.

### NEW BUSINESS

Clark Kinney awarded a set of reins to the recipient of this year's Horsemanship Award. He started by saying this gentleman has the best mule (everyone should have one like that!) and that he has been starting a new horse. Congratulations to Rich Inman!

Debbie Moran presented a bouquet of flowers to Beth Merrick as a token of thanks for all that Beth did for the Poker Ride. Even the last night before leaving for an Alaskan cruise, Beth was still emailing documents to Debbie for the Poker Ride. Thanks to Beth for your dedication and help!

Jeremy Zimmer from the Livingston FS was present for our meeting and offered to answer any questions about the AB and said to call anytime if we would like info on some of the trails Stacy introduced us to.

Rich Inman and Clark spoke to Todd Kessner, MSU Extension, and asked him to determine the interest level for youth training. Rich and Clark were encouraged by the visit but they will need volunteers to participate.

Reminder that we will not have a December board meeting, and the January board meeting will be on January 9th.

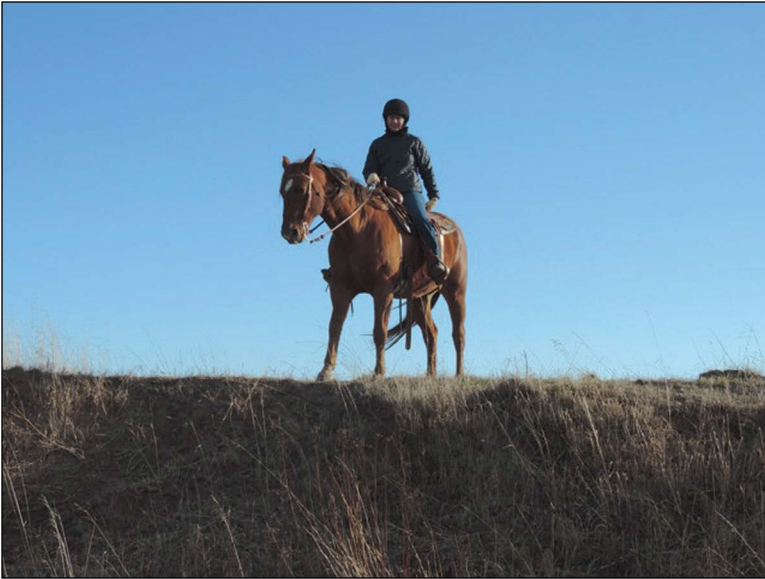
Everyone present had tossed their name in the hat for the Walter Becker hand-tied halter. Dan Porter was the lucky winner.

John Mutter moved to adjourn the meeting, Dan Marsh seconded, and all others approved.

Respectfully submitted by *Marianne Meyer*

Your Newsletter Editor will be out of town for the holidays. If you have submissions for the January issue, please send them to [Brant Robey](#) before December 18.

## HORSING AROUND



Sharon Fraser

SPURS by J. D. Seibert

These ol' spurs of mine  
Have lost their shine  
And the glory that they had  
I was 10 years old  
So, the story is told  
When I got them from my Dad

Now the truth be known  
I weren't full grown  
I was a youngin' shy and coy  
But when I heard those rowels ring  
I was sure of one thing  
I was destined to be a cowboy

I was taught to use care  
To mind hide and hair  
And to never poke or rake  
It didn't need much  
Just a slow gentle touch  
Was often all it would take

Whenever I'd ride  
I'd wear 'em with pride  
Just a hangin' from my heel  
I'd squeeze to collect  
To drive and direct  
And try to apply them with feel

They're sprinkled with dust  
And tarnished with rust  
And they may have lost their shine  
But every cowboy knows  
How the old saying goes  
"Good tack ages like wine."

Anna Holstrom & Sharon Fraser





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Big Sky RV  
Bozeman Saddle Outlet  
Bridger Glass & Windows  
Bunkhouse Originals  
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