

BOARD MEETINGS:
1st Thursday, 7 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

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.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084
sedancowboy@outlook.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Rich Inman ... 388-1564

TREASURER

Debbie Moran ... 509-999-6561

SECRETARY

Sharon Fraser ... 539-2783

DIRECTORS

ONE YEAR TERM

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

Steve Thienes ... 578-2124

Jim Wing ... 587-8880

TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (2 years) ... 388-1564

Jim Allbright (1 year) ... 599-4620

John Mutter (Alternate) ... 285-0516

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BCH WEB MASTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

SHAFTHOUSE MINE PACK TRIP : SEPTEMBER 3 OR 4

contact [Henry Glenn](#) for more information

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock

BOHART TRAIL CHALLENGE : SEPTEMBER 14. 10:00 AM

Bohart Ranch, info: 388-5688 or gallepmt@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock

STATE BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 20, 10:00 - 4:00

Broken Arrow, Deer Lodge

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
VOLUNTEER HOURS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Everyone:

My, has Summer sure gone by fast; we had our first frost this morning, it might have been a freeze, I never looked until about 6:30 am and it was 32F then. The Farmers Almanac is predicting a long cold winter. Enough about the weather; I hope you have got in lots of riding and hope you plan to do a lot more before cold weather. The Trail crews have done well this summer, High Fives to Larry and co. for a great job and Steve Thienes' one man crew.

We do have a packing job for the Forest Service on Sept 3rd or 4th to pack in (8) 70 lb loads up Shafthouse to the old mine shaft. They are going to close it in with foam and then put dirt over it. Let me know if you are interested in helping. Thanks to Clark and co. for the successful year with the 4H. Contact Clark for details on planing for next year.

Thanks for all the notes from the BBQ picnic. We had 33 attend and a good time was had by all. I want everyone to be thinking about the elections of Officers for the Club this year. We will need a nominating committee so I would encourage each of you to consider where you can serve. This is my last year of eligibility and so you will need to select a new President and other officers.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride.

Henry



BOARD MEETING MINUTES — AUGUST 7

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm at new Springhill Church on Cottonwood Road in Bozeman. Board members present were Henry Glenn, Rich Inman, Steve Thienes, Larry Thomas, Jim Allbright, Dan Marsh, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, and John Mutter. Sonja berg was also present and Marianne Myers arrived soon after.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Henry reported that the balance in checking is approximately \$8,907.

Rich said this does not include donations received by Rob Arnout of Montana Outfitters in the amount of \$400. Outstanding bills to be paid are Lee & Dads, approx. \$963, TLC Septic Services, \$130 and reimbursement to Rich Inman for purchase of one Nipper /trimmer, \$49.99.

PROGRAM:

for August general Mtg. undecided

TRAIL CREWS:

Larry Thomas reported that they are “pluggin away”. Larry said the new F.S. trail coordinator, Jeremiah, has been doing a great job. More volunteers are always welcome. Call Larry in advance to get in on the fun. Trails in the wilderness have been getting attention from the forest service crew. Larry and his crew have worked on the Langohr and Elkhorn trails and just this week reinstalled a culvert on the Buffalo Horn trail to Ramshorn Lake. It recently injured one of Larry’s horses and has been a danger to equestrian users for many years. It is now a safe crossing for everyone.

Dan Marsh noted that trail reports for work completed are due to the State in October.

MEMBERSHIP:

It was noted that a number of new members signed up or renewed at the poker ride. The Poker Ride Wrap up will be done at the next General Meeting on August 21.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Henry mentioned that it is not too early to start forming a nominating committee for the election of new officers and directors for 2015. All members are asked to consider volunteering for this important function. Members are reminded that any member is welcome to attend board meetings and volunteer to serve on the board. New ideas and new energy are needed to keep our organization strong in protecting and preserving equestrian use of our public lands.

TRAILER REPAIR:

John Mutter will take the lead in replacing the roof on the club trailer. Four to five handy volunteers can get the job done easily. It is hoped that we can get steel roofing from Bridger Steel. Call John if you can help: 285-0516

ISSUES:

Dan Marsh reported that the bill to increase volunteer assistance on public lands is still active and has a good chance of being passed.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS:

Buffalo Fork cabin needs to be rethought, talk to Henry if interested.

Fox Creek cabin: pack in mattresses and utencils, etc for the Forest Service, check with Larry.

New ranger: Rich Inman reported that there is a new ranger in the Gardner District, Walt Allen, who Rich had worked with for many years.

Motion made to adjourn by John Mutter, seconded by Rich Inman. Meeting adjourned.

—Dan Porter



GV BCH Board members at work

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES — AUGUST 21

The General Meeting was called to order by Henry Glenn at Springhill Church in Bozeman. Officers, directors and state board members present were Henry, Debbie, Sharon, Dan P, Jim Wing, Larry, Dan M.

MINUTES:

Beth motioned to accept the July minutes as printed in the newsletter, Janice seconded, none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking \$8,156.43 Saving \$20,025.48

Clark motioned to reimburse Henry \$200 for the cost of BBQ dinner. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

TRAIL CREWS:

Larry and crew were on the New World Gulch trail to Bear Canyon totaling 20+ miles last Wednesday. Next week on Tuesday they will be on Yellow Mule trail near Big Sky.

PROGRAMS:

Members present at the meeting were treated to a video made earlier this summer of the 9 Mile Pack String working at the Buffalo Fork Cabin.

Janice is looking into a trailer presentation for the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Poker Ride 2014, thank you to all who volunteered their time and effort to make the ride a success for the club. Ideas for next year: coordinate sponsor prizes, advertising and poster distribution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth packing clinic dates are being set for next year. There will be two classroom sessions at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and two packing sessions at an arena to be determined.

Henry is coordinating a pack trip with Forest Service personnel to pack in materials to seal the Shafthouse Mine in the Bridgers. Dates are September 3 or 4.

Henry called for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Janice seconded by Beth, none opposed.

—Sharon Fraser, GVBCH Secretary



Tacked Appy on Shafthouse Mountain

Sacajawea peak and Fairy Lake from Shaft house
photos by Dan Porter



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF AMERICA — NOTES

Crowdfunding income about \$100K, expenses about \$25K. Over \$50K split with BCH Education Foundation, Challenge grant from other foundation to fund Randy's position (\$25,000). Final \$25K towards funding an executive director.

Created committee for endowment process

DVD depicting BCHA

Wilderness 50th Anniversary September 17, Washington DC

PUBLIC LANDS RECREATION:

House Bill HR4886: Forest Trails

SEKI Park Management Plan: Draft wilderness stewardship plan

High Sierra Hikers v. Park Service

Pathogens and water quality in the backcountry

Jim McGarvey will act as free Executive Director for two more years after his term as Chair is up.

West Bridger Creek Forest Service Cabin & Derby Fire (2006)



BOHART TRAIL HORSE CHALLENGE: SEPTEMBER 14

Register at www.gallepmt.org

Bohart Trail Horse Challenge is Sunday, September 14

GalleP will hold its 5th annual Trail Horse Challenge on Sunday, September 14th at 10 am at Bohart Ranch.

The event features 8 miles on beautiful trails and up to 10 judged obstacles.

Prizes awarded for the top three competitors.

Cost is \$35 for GalleP members and \$50 non-member.

Riders who are accompanying competitors but not actually competing are \$15.

Minimum of 8 competitors is needed to hold the event, and it will be limited to 20 competitors.

This event will include a potluck after the competition, so bring some good food to share with others.

Proof of negative coggins and liability release is required, and no dogs allowed.

Contact Jennifer Mohler at (406) 388-5668, gallepmt@gmail.com with questions.

Registration forms are online at www.gallepmt.org.

Moose's "swimming hole"



HORSING AROUND



Anna & Toby



Storm approaching - Anna Holstrom - Bridger Range

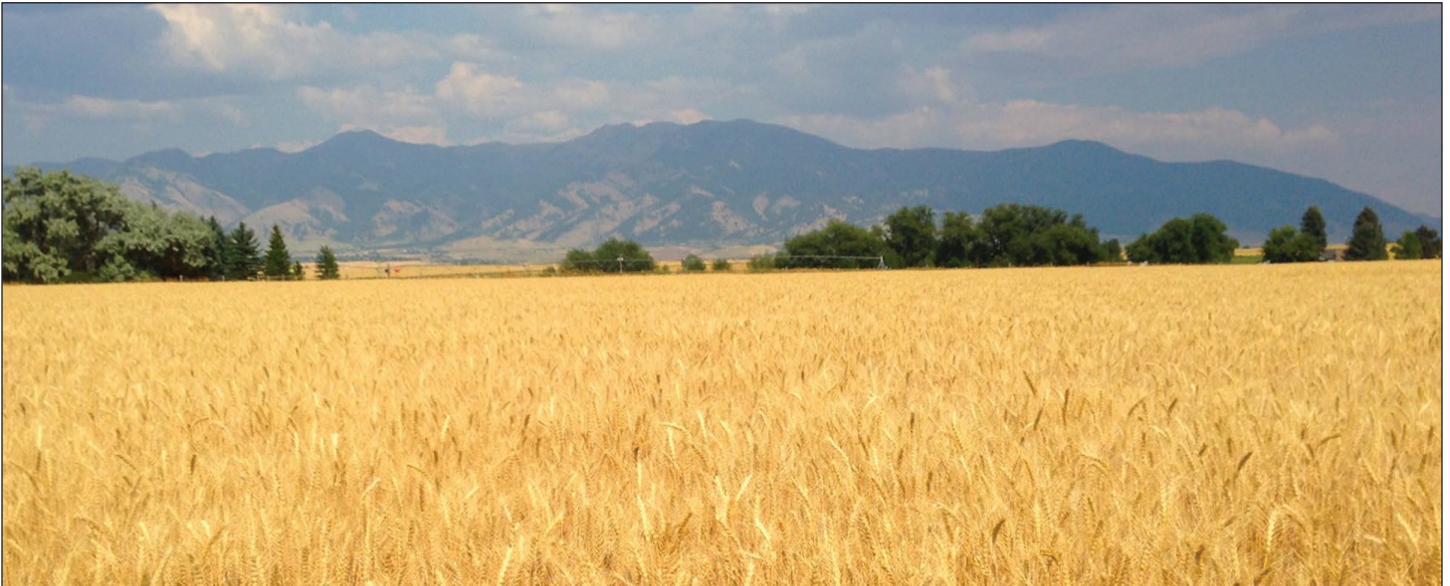
photos by Janice Cartwright



amber waves of grain - Bridger Range



field fire on Nelson Road with a worker's car with a catalytic converter being the igniter (by S. Fraser)



GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2013 POKER RIDE:

TOP POKER HAND PRIZES

Montana Canvas
Ardesson Boots and Shoes
Rocky Mountain Hat Company
Northern Energy-Amerigas

SILENT AUCTION PRIZES

DJ Bar Ranch
True Value Hardware Belgrade
Big Sky RV
Montana Equine
Steer In Trailer Sales
Dan Porter
Gallatin Saddle Outlet
Bozeman TV & Appliance

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Bob Hoverson
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Big Sky RV
Owenhouse Ace Hardware
Janice Cartwright
Wally Becker
Rich Inman
Chalet Market
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Three Forks Saddlery
DL Custom Leather
All West
Sorenson Veterinary Hospital
Chuteside Vet Clinic - Three Forks
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Spurline, Livingston
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