

BOARD MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 6 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.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26

CDT PACK OUT : AUGUST 8

BBQ RIDE : AUGUST 15

Henry Glenn Ranch, Wilsall

BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 20, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : AUGUST 20, 7:00 PM

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CACHE CREEK CORRAL : AUGUST 22-23

Dinner & Breakfast provided

BUFFALO FORK / SLOUGH CREEK : TBD

Gardiner

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Blame it on El Nino when June is the hottest month and fresh snow in the mountains at the end of July—it is certainly turning into a typical/unpredictable Montana summer. We had a very busy month in July and August is also packed with lots of excitement.

By the time you get the newsletter, the 4H clinics will have concluded with their pack trip at the OTO ranch for the year and it will be time to start planning next year's clinics. The times I have spent with the 4H group have been informative and it is inspiring to know that we will have those fine young people carry on the tradition of packing horses in the back country in the future. Clark Kinney, who was instrumental in getting the 4H packing clinics started using GVBCH members, has sent me a letter of resignation from the GVBCH. I want to thank him for his years of support and wish him the best of luck in the future. If you are interested in serving out his term as director please let me or one of the board members know.

The 4H group still has one more project in August to help pack in the CDT trail crew into Targhee Pass. We will follow that up by packing them out on the 8th. If you are interested in helping pack out the CDT crew on the 8th please contact me. Some of our projects for August are tentative so keep your eye on the online calendar for changes. So far, Henry is still planning on having the BBQ at his ranch on August 15th. Don't miss the premier of Unbranded at the Ellen on August 21st starring our club member, Ben Masters. Please contact Dan Porter if you are able to help on building the Cache Creek corrals on the 22nd and 23rd. We will be sending out an email with more details shortly. Henry is planning on cooking dinner for us on Saturday night. If you haven't been up Taylor Fork lately you should come out and see what they have done with the new road and Cache Creek reclamation. Larry is still working on what trails we will be working on in August for the Wednesday crew. I will post the locations on the calendar when they are firmed up. As always please call Larry at least the night before so he knows who will be there. The Slough Creek/ Buffalo Fork trail/cabin maintenance dates are still being worked out so be sure to check the calendar.

—See you on the trails, Dan Marsh



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16

Officers & Board Members present: Dan Marsh, Dan Porter, Sharon Fraser, Rich Inman , Chris Nygren , Mark Deopsomer, Larry Thomas , Clark Kinney , Carl Blaskovich proxy by DP . Other members present: Harry Huntsinger, Billie Thomas, Sonja Berg , Marianne Meyer

### JUNE MINUTES:

motion to approve by Clark Kinney , second by Larry, approved

Treasurer reported

Poker Ride bills and proceeds discussed

State newsletter available online

Current Membership: 56

Gift for Tamara Erickson for an excellent job as Chair woman for the 2015 Poker Ride- approved

Adjourned, Minutes by Dan Porter

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16

Tamara was unavailable to take notes so this will be an abbreviated version of the minutes.

### PROGRAM:

What's new with The Station Foundation given by Shannon Stacy. Shannon had given us a presentation a few years ago and gave us an update of what was happening with her program lately. The Station was formed to help Special Operations service members get back to civilian life after their tour ended by helping to restore family and community relationships. The Station has a workshop that has expanded from one day to three days that uses horses as a medium to help foster good communication techniques they can use between family members and the community. They have helped over 150 families since they began their program. Janice Cartwright would help pair a horse to a participant and let them build a relationship and confidence in one another. They would then discuss how the methods they used to communicate with the horse could be used in their personal lives and iterations with family members. The sessions were also used to have a fun and enjoyable time with their kids. They also had a legacy program that used survival techniques and an obstacle course to bond with their children. They stressed the legacy as a father not as a warrior but as dad. In all, they have created eight different workshops so they can customize what is presented to the participants based on their needs and goals.

The general meeting was convened at 8:00.

### MINUTES:

Dan Porter read the minutes from the last general meeting and they were approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon presented the treasurer's report and by all accounts the Poker Ride was a huge success. Sharon is still adding up the bills and receipts but we should make a tidy profit.

### NEW BILLS:

A number of people gave her bills from the Poker Ride and they were approved for payment.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a Bitterroot BCH Newsletter in the mail.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Marianne reported we had 56 memberships so far.

### ISSUES:

Dan reported the new Deer Creek Road which provides access to 16,000 acres of public land, that the contentious Cherry Lake Road used to provide now gives a permanent easement into the area. The LWCF has two bills to provide permanent funding S.338 and H.R.1814 but unfortunately they don't establish the nine hundred million that is supposed to annually go into the fund. The Wildfire Disaster Funding Act S.235 and H.R.167 is still in committee and well as the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act S.1110 and H.R.845.

### PUBLICITY:

Harry reported that he is working on an article to wrap up the 4H clinics.

### NEWSLETTER:

Dan asked people to continue to send in articles and pictures to Brant for the newsletter.

### TRAILS:

Larry Thomas reported on the trails and said he is glad to see the number of people that have been showing up for the projects. The August locations have not been decided yet but he will let everyone know after talks with Cody to find out which ones need work.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—CONTINUED

### PROGRAM:

The August program will be Julie Cunningham the Region 3 Biologist for Fish Wildlife and Parks.

### POKER RIDE:

We had 251 riders for the Poker Ride and we should make around \$6,000 after all the bills get paid. Nobody reported any injuries and evryone said they had a good time. We are going to try to have a meeting of the original Poker Ride Committee in the near future to wrap things up and see what can be improved for next year.

### OLD BUSINESS:

We are still waiting to hear from the RTP folks on the status of our grant. The 4H clinics will end for this year with the pack trip into the OTO ranch.

The Gallatin Community Collaborative met and discussed the qualities that make a great trail experience. They will have two meetings in August.

Dan Porter updated us on the Cache Creek Corrals. We won the RAC grant for the corrals of \$2,100 and will meet with Todd Stiles to finalize the location and other logistics. An email will be sent with the details in the near future.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The new state newsletter, Decker Dispatch, is available for download and paper copies have been sent to those that requested them. The 4H has about 29 riders for the pack trip into the OTO. Call Greg Benjamin if you want to help.

*Minutes submitted by Dan Marsh*

The July 2015 newsletter of the Back Country Horsemen of America is available for [DOWNLOAD](#).

Hardaway Veterinary Hospital, BBQ and talk on Nutrition - Dan Marsh in the audience



weight measurement





## PORCUPINE CREEK TO RAMSHORN



On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, Larry Thomas' trail crew gathered at Porcupine trail head to take on the maintenance of First Cr. trail #66. Those who came to help were Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Ron Rohletter, Bonnie Hammer, Dick Haines, Lawrence VanDyke, Kathy VanDyke and Rich Inman. We took trail #466 First Cr. cutoff coming out of Porcupine so it was nothing but ride and enjoy the scenery for the first couple miles. Once we hit the timber the work started. The first down tree to greet us was a limby spruce which took more time to trim the branches than saw the actual log. The next few miles we cut a few random trees but then we hit the lodgepole/whitebark pine zone. Mountain pine beetle has killed most of these trees over the past years and they are now starting to come down on the trail. Many of these down trees are 16+ inches in diameter requiring at least 2 cuts and many times 3 in order to safely move the pieces off the trail. Thankfully this is chainsaw country. We were cutting a couple of large trees near the top of the divide and it started to rain. Every one except Larry put on their rain coats and hat covers. As I looked around I noted that one member of our crew had no hat. Ask Dan Marsh about the original hat he came up with. Larry eventually

put on his rain coat when we stopped for lunch at the First Cr./ Hidden Lake divide. Lunch was great as usual and the weather was quite cool so we did not stay long. Arrived back at the trail head about 3pm. It was a short and easy day compared to last week. —*Rich Inman*





HIDDEN LAKE DIVIDE TRAIL #66





HELLROARING CREEK





# ELKHORN TRAIL



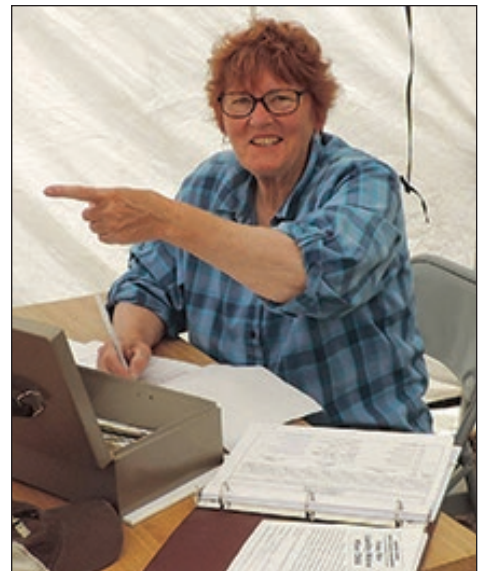
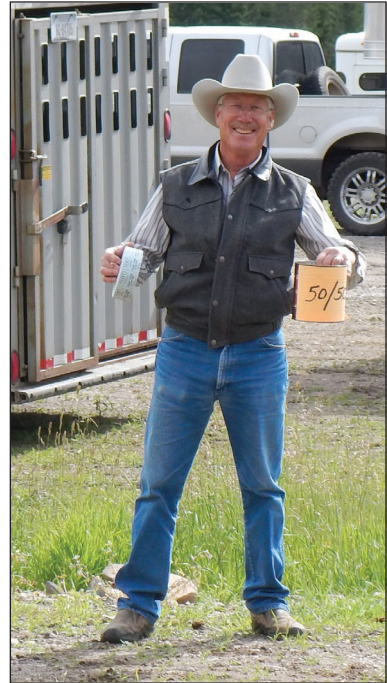


NEW WORLD GULCH TO BEAR LAKES





POKER RIDE





POKER RIDE—CONTINUED





POKER RIDE—CONTINUED





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## Montana Premiere!

Join us for the Montana Premiere of Unbranded in Bozeman Friday August 21st followed by an after party with the Unbranded horses, filmmakers, and crew. Showings will be at the historic Ellen Theater in downtown Bozeman at 5:15 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. The after party will be from 9:30 P.M. to midnight on the second story of the Eagles Club with a live band. Tickets include entrance to the after party and are \$20. Get tickets now as one showing is almost sold out and the other won't last long! We can't wait to celebrate with our hometown!

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