

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.

2014 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

PRESIDENT

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578
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Dan Porter ... 539-0879

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Sharon Fraser ... 539-2783

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Tamara Erickson ... 451-8186

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ONE YEAR TERM

John Mutter ... 285-0516

Larry Thomas ... 586-6878

Mark DeOpsomer ... 585-7835

TWO YEAR TERM

STEVE THIENES ... 578-2124

CHRIS NYGREN ... 546-7550

CARL BLASKOVICH ... 388-4640

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Rich Inman (1 year) ... 388-1564

Henry Glenn (2 years) ... 578-2084

John Mutter (Alternate) ... 285-0516

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MSU AG EXPO : NOVEMBER 12 - 13

MSU Campus

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 19, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 PM

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BCHMT STATE BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 5, 10:00 AM

Missoula, Guesthouse Inn

CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 5, 6:00 PM

Lee Hart's Ranch



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall weather. I have been out on hunting trips most of September and October so I haven't been doing a lot of BCH work. The new BCH national newsletter is now available and the new state newsletter was just sent to me today. I will get links out to everyone who has email and put the links on the web site.

We had a representative of Summit Air come to our board meeting in October and he will present an offer at our November general meeting for a discount on the annual fee to get air ambulance rides for free once you are signed up.

You should have been contacted by one of the nominating committee folks and asked to put your hat in the ring for the elections for 2016. Please consider running for an officer or director for next year. The state is working on modifying the rules for the state directors so they fall in line with the January elections instead of the new director taking over at the state convention. The state convention is going to be at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls next year so let one of the officers or directors know if you are planning on attending. The chapter will pay the registration fee for 8 delegates and the registration, hotel, and travel for the two directors.

I'm getting ready to go hunting some deer and pheasants so I will make this short and hope everyone has had a enjoyable riding season.

—Dan Marsh

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15

The October Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on October 15, 2015 by President Dan Marsh.

Roll Call: Mark DeOpsomer, Steve Thienes, Tamara Erickson and Sharon Fraser were absent and Henry Glenn had Rich Inman as a proxy vote.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as posted by motion made by Larry Thomas and Seconded by Dan Porter.

FINANCE:

Dan Porter received the checkbook and ledger from Sharon and presented the treasurer's report. Checks have been made out to cover travel expenses that will be reimbursed by the RTP grant in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received newsletters from the Flathead and Bitterroot chapters and a donation from the Bank of Bozeman for \$91 for their blue jean Friday charity event.

Membership: Marianne was not present and no new memberships had been received.

ISSUES:

The LWCF did not make it into the budget and has expired as of September 30. New bills to permanently fund the program are being introduced in the House and Senate as SB338, SB890, and HB1844.

PUBLICITY:

Harry was not present. An article Harry wrote on 4-H was included in the state newsletter.

NEWSLETTER:

Brant Robey has agreed to stay on as newsletter editor for another year.

TRAIL CREWS:

Larry wanted to thank everyone for their hard work this year. Call Larry if you want to clear trail but it will be winding down for the year.

PROGRAM:

Summit Air will present an insurance policy available at a club rate at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2015 volunteer hours are posted on the website under Trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marshall Swearingin of the High Country News is doing an article on the trail maintenance we do.

Jeremy Rose wants us to pack water up the Chestnut trail to do weed control.

The Christmas Party will be on December 5th at Lee Hart's ranch.

The nominating committee will be making calls in October.

Gary Robson of Summit Air Ambulance proposed a deal for our chapter to receive flight insurance at a discounted rate. He will present at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Marsh



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15**

At 7:15 pm, a very informative program on bear awareness and identification was presented by Bev Dickson of the Gallatin Ranger District. After the talk we practiced using the inert cans of bear spray donated to us by Counter Assault.

The October General meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm on October 15, 2015 by President Dan Marsh.

WELCOME AND GUESTS:

No guests were present at the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as posted by motion made by John Mutter.

Treasures Report: Dan Marsh reported the checking balance. We can expect money to come in from the RTP grant.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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MEMBERSHIP:

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PROGRAM:

Gary Robson of the AirMedCare Network will present an insurance policy available at a club rate for air ambulance service at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2015 volunteer hours are posted on the website under Trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Christmas Party will be on December 5th at Lee Hart's ranch. The nominating committee will be making calls in October.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dan Marsh*

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