

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:

BUCK BRANNAMAN CLINIC : FEB 17, 2018

BOARD MEETING : FEBRUARY 15, 5:30 PM

Springhill Church

WILD GAME FEED & FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM : FEBRUARY 15, 6:00 PM

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HORSE EXPO MEETING: FEBRUARY 17, 1PM – 2PM

Bozeman Public Library

MSU RODEO GALA : MAR 3

Please post any 2017 chapter photos for the State Convention by February 15.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello All

Our Winter party was a great success and everyone had a great time. The highlight was getting to celebrate with Wally Becker for his 88th birthday.

Wally has been such a inspiration to all of us over the years and has taught me so much about horsemanship. He is the epitome of the western cowboy. Wally is still very much the gentleman and was on the dance floor dancing with the ladies. Congratulations to Wally on living life to the fullest.

We want to thank the Saddle and Harness Club for making the Hall beautiful and the band was great. It was good to see a large crowd having fun.

The February meeting will be our annual Wild Game potluck and so we want everyone to bring your best wild game recipes. We have a full kitchen at the church and so you can plug in your crockpot or heat up a dish in the ovens if you need to.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Nanci Marx for volunteering to run the poker ride for 2018. This is the biggest event that the GVBCH puts on each year and is good to see this position filled.

I hope everyone stays warm and safe as Winter drags by. Spring is a coming.

May God Bless the trails you ride.

Henry Glenn, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18

ROLE CALL

Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Tamara Erickson, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Kathy Van Dyke, Rod Wilson, Sharon Fraser, John Mutter and Jim Albright were present. Carmen Matzick is standing proxy for Carl Blaskovich; Rich Inman is standing proxy for Marianne Meyer; Jim Albright is standing proxy for David Crisp.

INTRODUCTION

Henry extended a thank you to the prior board and welcomed the new board members and directors.

OLD BUSINESS

4-H

A discussion was held regarding whether the BCH should continue with this program given the low level of interest from the 4-H leaders and kids. Carmen indicated that the prior 4-H leader, Greg, had suggested that the club hold a 1-day clinic in the spring and continue with the OTO weekend. There is concern about insufficient funding (e.g., arena expenses, food). Of further concern is the fact that now that Greg is gone there is no 4-H contact person who's staying in touch with BCH or being involved in the program. Dan Marsh stated that he talked with Sue Geske who said she would approach 4-H to see if there is interest, but at the time of the meeting he had not heard from her. In short, BCH is the support group, not the primary group, and 4-H isn't doing their part. Carmen will contact Keltin Jenson, 4-H contact, to find out what's going on from their end, and will report at the next meeting.

POKER RIDE

We need a chairman so planning can get underway. Rich recommended sending out a blast to all members, and Henry will raise this issue at the general meeting. Per motion by John, second by Jim, the date will be July 7.

TRAIL CREW

Larry will to be in charge again this year.

FOREST SERVICE CABINS

Henry is planning 2 to 3 week-long trips into the Absaroka-Beartooths (Slough Creek, Buffalo Fork, and possibly Hell Roaring). The trips will each be several days long, with the first in mid-August and the last in early September.

STATE CONVENTION

The convention is in Lewistown from April 6-8. Delegates should make motel reservations as soon as possible. We can send 8 delegates, and currently have the following: John, Barb, Dan, Alice, Henry, Molly, Chris, and Julie Nygren. Dan will send out a blast to see if anyone else is interested in attending. Barb made a quilt for the auction item at the state convention (her cost was \$125). Dan Porter moved that the club buy the quilt as the auction item for convention; Tamara seconded; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WORK WEEKEND IN ELK HORNS

John noted that the first Saturday in June is National Trails Day. The Helena BCH chapter is planning a 3... day weekend at the Eagle Guard Station where they did some work last year. They are planning to do more work this year, and would welcome GVBCB involvement. John will be the liaison, and will provide more info at a later date.

CORRALS AT WINDOW ROCK

The corrals need some work, and it was decided to put this on the club calendar for Saturday, July 14. Henry will ask Wendy to block the cabin for the club that day, and we'll have a bbq for participants in the evening. Dan Porter agreed to do the planning.

COMPUTER ISSUES

Carmen and Henry have been hacked in past few day in what appears to be an effort to obtain account info. They reminded everyone not to open any questionable emails or attachments.

FINANCE

The holiday party was a great success. Henry's cost for the meat was \$220; he's received a contribution for half of that. Additionally Tamara paid our portion of band (\$333). Chris moved that Henry and Tamara be reimbursed; Rich seconded; the motion carried.

Dan Marsh submitted a bill from the state board meeting.

The annual audit of the club's book was completed on Jan. 11 (prior to transfer to the new treasurer) and no discrepancies were found. The audit was approved.

Carmen has a key for the PO box and she'll take on the responsibility of checking it. Tamara also has a key, and she'll take on the responsibility of finding it. Carmen asked all officers to complete and sign the necessary bank form so she can get the necessary signatories on-file with the bank.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

John moved to approve the minutes as written; Tamara seconded; the motion carried.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15

CALL TO ORDER

Henry called the meeting to order, extended a thank-you to prior board members, and welcomed the new board members and directors

MINUTES

Janice made a motion to pass the December minutes as written; Dan Porter seconded; the motion carried.

AUDIT

Dan Marsh and Carl Blaskovich completed the annual audit with Sharon on January 11. The books are in order, and the audit was good.

STATE CONVENTION

The state BCH convention is April 6-7 in Lewistown. We have 8 delegates going plus our 2 state delegates. Anyone else interested in going should contact Henry. Rich has lots of raffle tickets for sale.

4-H

Carmen will work on this with the 4-H representative. Details will be forthcoming at a later meeting.

TRAILS

Larry and Rich will be in charge again this year.

WORK IN THE ELKHORNS

June 2-3 is National Trails Day. John Mutter is working with the Helena BCH to put together a joint effort.

ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH CABIN PROJECTS

Henry is planning 2-3 trips into the AB (Slough Creek, Buffalo Fork, and possibly, Hell Roaring) from mid-August to early Sept., the dates won't be firm until Henry meets with Forest Service within next couple of months.

COMPUTER ISSUES

Henry gave a warning about hacking, let members know they might get something, and that they should not open the email or attachment.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Tamara will write a blurb about the party for inclusion in the newsletter, and will send it and some to Brant.

WILD GAME POTLUCK

The potluck will take place immediately before the February meeting. Molly will send an email and coordinate food items.

POKER RIDE

We need a coordinator. Henry asked everyone to consider taking over and to finalize this at the February meeting.

FOREST PLAN REVISION

John led a discussion about the proposed Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision.

PROGRAM

The "program" for this month consisted of scheduling the events and projects for the upcoming year.

Tamara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



Quilt made by Barbara Mutter, donated by John & Barbara Mutter for our club's donation to the State Convention auction.

On January 13th, GV BCH members mingled with the Bozeman Saddle-ites and The Gallatin Valley Saddle and Harness Club, enjoying an evening saturated with wonderful food and great company. The party ambiance was enhanced with the mouth-watering aroma of smoked brisket provided by Henry and Molly Glenn, along with live music that prompted some two-stepping around the dance floor, and western décor and photographs complements of Janice Cartwright, and Diane Hoell and Ann Jones of the Bozeman Saddle-ites.

The holiday celebration, held in January to better accommodate members' busy pre-holiday schedules, was attended by over 80 cowboys and cowgirls, all providing delectable side dishes and desserts that overloaded the tables and each other's bellies. A silent auction benefitting the Saddle and Harness Club provided some friendly competition for wonderful donated items, and the event was brightened by singing Happy Birthday to Mr. Walter Becker in celebration of his 88th year.

Thanks to all members who's planning, effort, and participation bolstered a wonderful evening, and a special thank you goes out to the Broken Hart Ranch for once again providing a wonderful location to host the festivities.

—Tamara Erickson

GV BCH 2018 CALENDAR

MARCH 3	MSU Rodeo Gala	AUGUST 1	Wednesday Trail Crew
15	Board & General Meetings	4	Fun Ride
17	Horse/Bike Safety Clinic	8	Wednesday Trail Crew
APRIL 6-8	State Convention	11	Steak Ride at Henry & Molly's
12-15	MSU Spring Rodeo	15	Wednesday Trail Crew
14	MSU colt starting class sale at Copper Springs Ranch	13-16	Buffalo Fork
19	Board & General Meetings	16	Board & General Meetings at Janice's
MAY 17	Board & General Meetings	22	Wednesday Trail Crew
23	Wednesday Trail Day with Larry (weather / snow-dependent)	25	Fun Ride
JUNE 1-3	National Trails Day, Eagle Guard Station with Helena BCH	27-30	Slough Creek
6	Wednesday Trail Crew	29	Wednesday Trail Crew
13	Wednesday Trail Crew	SEPTEMBER 5	Wednesday Trail Crew
15-17	OTO Ride	8	Fun Ride
20	Wednesday Trail Crew	10-14	Hellroaring Cabin
21	Board & General Meetings at Janice's	12	Wednesday Trail Crew
?	Work on corrals at Spanish Creek	19	Wednesday Trail Crew
27	Wednesday Trail Crew	20	Board & General Meetings
JULY 2	Poker Ride pre-registration ends	22	Fun Ride
3	Start trail-clearing for Poker Ride	26	Wednesday Trail Crew
4	Wednesday Trail Crew	OCTOBER 18	Board & General Meetings
6	Poker Ride Flagging; 4:30pm Poker Ride Setup	NOVEMBER 15	Board & General Meetings; nominations
7	Poker Ride	DECEMBER 20	Board & General Meetings; elections
11	Wednesday Trail Crew	JANUARY 12, 2019	Holiday party
14	Window Rock		
18	Wednesday Trail Crew		
19	Board & General Meetings at Janice's		
18-24	BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR		
25	Wednesday Trail Crew		



Dan Porter and John Mutter have been going to meetings since Nov. 2016 trying to make this a reality! It is now live, visit:

<http://gallatinpartners.org>

The Gallatin and Madison Ranges are southwest Montana's wild backyards.

Teeming with wildlife and steeped in historical recreational uses, these ranges serve as Bozeman, Livingston, Big Sky and West Yellowstone's favorite after work and weekend playgrounds.

These public lands also provide vital resources to our community including nearly 80% of Bozeman's drinking water supply, and are rich in important undeveloped open spaces and trails that attract business to southwest Montana and feed our growing outdoor recreation economy <https://outdoorindustry.org/advocacy/>.

For many years, diverse stakeholders have come together, put their differences aside, and focused on creating land management solutions for these areas that benefit all. In this collaborative spirit we have created the Gallatin Forest Partnership, and reached an agreement about how valued public lands within the Gallatin and Madison Ranges could be managed that takes into consideration wildlife, historic recreational use, and the water supply of the Gallatin Valley.

As more and more people are moving to southwest Montana, more and more people are using these places creating conflict either between people and/or with wildlife. This agreement provides all of us – people and animals – trails and streams and places in the Gallatin and Madison Ranges to adventure and explore. Download full agreement.

<http://gallatinpartners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Final-unified-agreement.pdf>

FOREST PLAN REVISION

The Custer Gallatin is pleased to release the proposed action for review and comment.

The Proposed Action represents a starting place for the Custer Gallatin revised forest plan and will be out for review for a 60-day scoping period running from January 3 - March 5, 2018.

visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/custergallatin/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd482956>

The proposed action represents an interdisciplinary approach from many specialists across the Forest, as well as consideration of input received from the public, other agencies, best available science and direction associated with the 2012 planning rule.

With weekly webinars and all documents available online we encourage folks to dig into the proposed action, ask questions and comment through March 5, 2018.

WEBINARS:

Thursday – January 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday – January 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday – February 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday – February 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday – February 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Monday – February 26 at 1:00 p.m.



2017 HOLIDAY PARTY AT BROKEN HART RANCH



Photos by Janice Cartwright



Wally Becker



HORSE/BIKE SAFETY CLINIC

March 17, 2018

Diamond E Ranch & Horse Boarding; 100 Willem Way; Belgrade, MT 59714



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