

# THE PICKET LINE

MARCH 2009



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## Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”

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Board Meeting - **Thursday, March 5 @ 7p**

Dan Porter’s office 1745 So. 19th

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General Meeting - **Thursday, March 19 @ 6p**

Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman & Cameron Sts

## **Program**

Dr. Shannon Moreaux DVM of Alpine Equine Veterinary

## State Board Directors

Rich Inman (388.1564) 2 yr

Jim Allbright 1yr

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Still Looking !

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**Board Meeting - Thursday, March 5, 7pm**

We will be discussing the Horse Safety Clinic, Poker Ride, chainsaw certification, Forest Service projects, and State Convention..

**General Meeting - Thursday, March 19, 7p.m.**

The program for March will be presented by Dr. Shannon Moreaux DVM. Dr. Moreaux owns and operates Alpine Equine Veterinary as well is tenured at MSU in the Equine Faculty department.

**Reminder that your dues for 2009 are needed by March 1st.**

<http://gvbch.bchmt.org/documents/BCHMembership.pdf>

**Meeting minutes of the Monday Trail Crew at Kay Tate's**

Thanks For coming last night to Jane, Colleen, Dick, Laurel, Kay, Ron R, Wayne, Jim, Brenda, Ron W and Sherri.

It was decided that Ron would go in and talk to Brian and set up a list of 10 trails or so that we and he feel we would like to do and we will make a list of dates as last year. The difference comes in that if you ARE coming on a given day you MUST call Ron R. by the night before.

He has an answering machine (388-4415). He wants to be sure there are enough people to make the trailer trip worthwhile. Always 2 saws and sawyers are needed on each day in case one saw breaks down they can still continue to work. (sawyers are Ron R, Ron W., Dick H, Dick Grover when he is in town, and Jim Nelson when he is able to come, and Rich Inman.)

Ideally a team of 3 works well; a sawyer, a brush tosser and a horse holder. Thanks for cooperating in this manner. We'll get back to you when some trails and dates have been set.

To those unable to come, we missed you. **Kay**

**TENTATIVE '09 schedule for Monday Trail Clearing:**

June 22 -- Bridger Bowl South

June 29 -- Bridger Bowl North (Poker Ride)

July 6 -- 401 at Spanish Creek

July 13 -- North Cottonwood

July 20 -- Flathead R.S. to Battle Ridge via Fairy Lake

July 27 -- Little Hell Roaring from Spanish Creek

Aug 3 -- South Cottonwood

Aug 10 -- Indian Ridge

Aug 17 -- Open

Aug 24 -- Blackmore/Fox Creek

Aug 30/31 -- North Bridgers -- 16 Mile and Horsethief Mountain

Let us know if you have any suggestions to the contrary.

You must call Ron by Sunday if you ARE coming.

Jim Nelson and Wayne Frederickson will check Corbley Canyon and Truman Gulch to see if they need help from the crew to clear them.

## Presidents Report March 2009

I want to thank Jose Castro and Brian McNeil for their presentation at our annual potluck game feed. Jose covered questions about the changes in the Gallatin Forest Service that are taking place and Brian encouraged us to sign our volunteer forms for trail work. If you need a copy of the volunteer agreement I will have them available at the next general meeting or you can stop by the district office and pick one up. The food was fantastic again this year and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Our March meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Shannon Moreaux DVM. Dr. Moreaux owns and operates Alpine Equine Veterinary as well as being a tenured faculty at Montana State University in the Animal and Range Sciences department. If you have any ideas for upcoming programs please contact Amy Hathaway or Janice Cartwright.

Larry Thomas is recovering nicely from his shoulder surgery and will meet with Brian to set trails and projects for the year. Larry with Rich Inman's help will lead the Thursday Trail crew so if you have a Thursday off please contact Larry to sign up for one of the trail clearing rides. Kay Tate had a meeting at her house for the Monday Trail crew and Ron Rassley will be taking calls if you are able to make any of their trail clearing rides. Ron has met with Brian and already has a list of trails for the year that is posted in this newsletter. Thank you all for the work you put into our trails to keep them open for everyone to enjoy.

We only had seven people out of the eight allowed sign up as delegates to the state convention in Helena. The delegates have their registration paid for at the early bird discount rate. If you are interested in attending the convention the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline has passed to get the \$10 discount so the registration will cost you \$80 but don't let that stop you from enjoying a great convention. Raffle tickets for the State convention in Helena this year are now available and can be purchased from me at any of the meetings before the convention. The convention will be held at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. More information can be found on the web site at <http://www.bchmt.org/>. Don't forget to bring pictures for the photo contest!

I would like to welcome our new direct Susan DesJardins to our board of directors. Susan will be replacing Bob Steinman who was unable to perform his duties due to a business commitment he had to attend to. Susan's folks knew some of the original members of the Flathead chapter that started the Back Country Horsemen way back. They encouraged her to become a board member and I am looking forward to her fresh ideas on the board.

I am still desperately in need of a newsletter editor. I am still creating an electronic version of the newsletter but it would be great if we could get a paper copy out again. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on the newsletter editor duties or even a portion of the duties please give me a call. I will help you out as much as you need to get started.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Marsh  
President GVBCH

Below is a resolution that is proposed for discussion at the state convention in Helena.

Resolution to fund travel expenses for State Board Members

Submitted By: Beartooth Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Montana

Whereas it is essential that all Chapters are represented at State Board of Director's meetings; and

Whereas, increased travel costs make it difficult for Chapters to fund travel as far as 600 miles round trip for their Directors to attend such meetings;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Back Country Horsemen of Montana shall provide a travel allowance to each Chapter equal to one half of the current federal travel allowance for businesses, for one vehicle, round trip from the Chapter's location to the location of each State Board meeting.

Estimated mileage costs, to the State Board, based on .25 cents per mile round trip would be as follows:

Board meeting in Lincoln Mt—\$1202.00

Board meeting in Deer Lodge Mt—\$1304.50

Board meeting in Missoula Mt—\$1207.50



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**Registration Fee: Until March 1st. = \$ 70.00 After March 1st. = \$ 80.00**

## Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen

### Board Meeting February 5, 2009

President Dan Marsh called the meeting to order. In attendance were Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter., Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Bob Furu, Stacy Bragg, Sandy Kypfer, Amy Hathaway and Sonja Berg, Janice Cartwright, and Wally Becker as guests. Board member, Bob Steinman, is stepping down to due to obligations out of town. Others who ran for board will be contacted.

Minutes of the past board meeting were in the newsletter which is now posted online until a newsletter editor steps up. As several members had not yet read the minutes, Dan Marsh read them. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Rich seconded; carried.

**New Bills:** Post Office box rental of \$58 is due. Jim made a motion to pay, Dan Porter seconded; carried.

**Correspondence:** Secretary of State notification to renew filing status by April 15<sup>th</sup>—\$15 annual fee, 1<sup>st</sup> Security interest income statement of \$151.31, Insurance renewal notice, BC Hoofbeat from the Flathead.

**Membership:** 32 paid memberships to this date.

**Issues:** Gallatin Forest Travel Plan lawsuit is on hold waiting for judgement from Judge Malloy on Judge Lynch's finding to modify the Travel Plan not to have any motorized use in Wilderness Study Areas.

Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee is seeking a person to fill the committee. See the newsletter for full information in regards to this 4 year position. It would be of great benefit to have a horseman on this committee.

**Publicity:** Sherrie White was to post information on the Wild Game Feed and USFS talk for the next general meeting. Stacy will follow up with Sherrie as he has a much larger contact list.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is still seeking an editor. Kris Kohl has contacted Dan in regards to assisting, but would not be able to do more than the computer work. We are still in need of this position as we all love to have a hard copy of our newsletter!

**Trail Crews:** Larry will be having a meeting with Brian on the 9<sup>th</sup> to get a list of trails. Suggestions to be brought up include Sage Creek needing water access and corrals or tie rails.

**Program:** February meeting will be Brian and Jose of the USFS and the Wild Game Potluck.

**Poker Ride:** Sherrie was unable to attend, but sign-up sheets will be circulating for the next couple of meetings for work positions at the Poker Ride.

**Old Business:** Rich has been working diligently and frustratingly on the conversion to a 501C3. It is now his opinion that we could convert to a 501C4. BCHA may have an open filing time, so that we may be able to file under them...this time may have expired, but will be looked into. Rich had a list of questions to cover to complete the paperwork— Brenda will help organize income for '06-'09; Dan gave Rich the Dissolution Clause.

**New Business:** Horse Safety Clinic will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds.

Dan needs to complete the events list for the insurance company—are there any events that are not on our calendar that we would like to include?

NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR!!!!

2009 Convention will be held in Helena this March. Seven people are signed up to be Delegates—we can have eight. There are currently no resolutions. License plates will be voted on at the state convention. Stacy has some experience with this as CBU has had great success with their plate. Trailer licenses would be a nice option and need to be pursued. The Live Auction will be held at convention, our club will be donating via Rich Inman's generosity.

Larry Thomas will get the local Chain Saw Certification—trainers level. If he is unable to do this, Jim Albright will fulfill this position.

The Missoula Chapter has held Police Horse Clinics. Rich Inman thought this was a positive action that perhaps we could also pursue.

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The 2010 State Convention will be held in Bozeman. Please step forward with any assistance you may wish to offer in this. Amy Hathaway has offered to chair the convention.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec.

### General Meeting Minutes February 19, 2009

President, Dan Marsh, called the meeting to order following the Wild Game Potluck dinner and the Program presented by Jose Castro and Brian McNeal of the USFS. Board members and committee chairs in attendance were Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler, Janice Cartwright, Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Stacy Bragg, Marianne Myer, Sandy Kypfer and Amy Hathaway.

Minutes are in the Newsletter online. Sandy Kypfer made a motion to accept; Janice Cartwright seconded; approved.

Treasures report showed \$2921.00 in checking; \$6,044.85 in CD; and \$2,278.43 in the money market.

No new bills to report.

Agri-Risk Insurance renewal was the only correspondence to note.

Membership has 35 renewals, and 4 new memberships.

Publicity chair, Stacy Bragg, will start rolling on publicity for the Horse Safety Clinic.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED.

Trail Crews were addressed in the presentation as well as volunteer forms handed out. To volunteer on trail maintenance, these forms need to be completed and returned to Dan Marsh. If you have not gotten one, but would like to volunteer, please come to a meeting or contact a board member. Saturday trail maintenance has been added to the calendar with approximately one Saturday per month addressed to maintenance. This will allow those who work during the week to participate and get some trail maintenance skills. Please check the calendar available on the website to attend these maintenance days.

The program for March will be presented by Dr. Shannon Moreaux DVM. Dr. Moreaux owns and operates Alpine Equine Veterinary as well as being tenured faculty at MSU in the Animal and Range Sciences department.

Board members are still working to contact a replacement board member for Bob Steinman.

A resolution has been added to be addressed at the State Convention in March. It has been proposed that the state organization would pay \$0.25/mile to delegates attending the state board meetings. Rich Inman moved to support this resolution; Stacy Bragg seconded; so moved.

The Horse Safety Clinic will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. The club will have the space from 9 am until 4 pm. The tack swap will be held in conjunction, so get any unwanted tack organized. Speakers will be organized differently this year. Speaker list is not yet finalized, but it sounds as though WesTrends will present again, Duane Wiltse, Lisa Jacobson, and the brand inspectors. We are definitely looking forward to another great day packed with fantastic information.

As Sherrie was not present, Janice handed out a Master Donor List to all who had gathered donations previously. Members were asked to follow up on donations as well as pursue new donors.

2009 Convention is in Helena in March. We still need one more delegate to attend. The club does reimburse the cost of the registration for the convention to delegates. Current delegates are: Dan Marsh, Alice Pilgeram, Rich Inman, Brenda Kessler, Jim Albright, and Allan and Amy Hathaway. Photo contest entries will need to be turned into a board meeting before the convention. Entries must be 5X7 or 8X10 mounted. Raffle tickets are available from Dan.

2010 Convention will be in Bozeman next March. The Holiday Inn has been reserved. We will need to organize Vendors, Entertainment, Prizes, etc...Any ideas to pass along, please contact Amy.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec

Albino Moose near Whitefish Lake, Montana sent in by Chuck Miller.



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*Freeway Enterprises*  
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*Hardaway Vet Clinic*  
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*Insty Prints*  
*Kountry Korner Café*  
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*Mountain Magic Ranch*  
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*Montana Horse Sense*  
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*Second Self*  
*Steer In Trailer Sales*  
*This and That*  
*Three Forks Saddlery*  
*Tire World*  
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*Bob Furu*  
*Laura Hanks*  
*Bonnie Hammer*  
*Rich Inman*  
*Marianne Meyer*  
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*Alice Pilgeram*  
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