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OUR PURPOSE:

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands and. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage. Foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

Up coming Events

JUNE 14 Tuesday : General Meeting

Program :ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ Janice Cartwright's
(see page 5 for details)

July 9, 2011 Poker Ride: Bridger Bowl

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President's report June, 2011

Hello GVBCH,

Here, we are into another month and no trail work. Now, if it is not snowing it's raining.! As most of you know we had to cancel the Copper City trail clean-up due to rain. Rich says when it rains in that area, there's not a truck made that can get through. We will reschedule the clean-up when things dry out.

A little bit of what went on at the state board meeting this month. There was a discussion about getting sawyers qualified by the FS (Forest Service). As it stands right now our club does not have any current certified sawyers. In plain English, by the FS rules no one should be using cross cut or chain saws. This is if they are to be covered by the workman's compensation insurance (in case of an accident). This past week Rich did go to the Forest Service and was told that they will hold a class in the near future. Hopefully, this will happen soon. Also at the state meeting there was a discussion about whether the State of Montana Back Country Horseman should stay associated with the national organization. It has come to a lot of peoples attention that the national organization does little for the Montana chapters. And keeping in mind that we as a local chapter give more than half our dues to the state and national organization. The out come of this discussion (at the state level) was to give National another year to see if things get better. We should be watching this situation closely.

Keep in mind that June's general meeting will be at Janis' place for our annual ice cream social and the program will be by Joe Turner . **(Please see note on page 5)**

I am sure, we are all looking for warmer and a lot drier weather so we can get out there and start trail work. This weather is putting us behind and we will be very busy trying to catch up when we can go to work.

Just a quick note on our 501 (c) 3 tax status. The IRS is still sending us letters asking for more information. And between Rich, Henry, Dan M and myself, we will keep answering all the questions. Hopefully in the near future we will get this behind us.

Well, with all this, see everyone at the ice cream social and stay safe.—

Jim Allbright, President



Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jim Allbright, President.

Officers and directors present were: Jim, Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, Charley Smith, Stacy Bragg, Brenda Kessler, Mike Haugan, Clark Kinney, Henry Glenn, and Marianne Meyer. Also present was member Sonya Berg.

Jim A. asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 7 board meeting. Clark Kinney made the motion, Stacy Bragg seconded and the motion passed.

Bills

Rich Inman took inventory of the trailer and asked for permission to restock the trailer at an expense of approximately \$50. Jim asked for a motion to approve \$100 to restock the trailer. Motion was made by Clark Kinney and seconded by Stacy Bragg. The motion was passed.

Issues

Dan Marsh had not heard of any new issues to present.

Publicity

Stacy has submitted PSA for the Safety Clinic. Brenda suggested to get the info into "This Week" Friday insert and perhaps the Classifieds.

Newsletter

Brenda's PC crashed; the new one is getting loaded with the old

PC's hard drive. She still needs general meeting notes and president's letter to complete NL.

Trail Crews

Rich has had a very hard time getting a hold of anyone at Forest Service. It does appear that the Forest Service has no money for road and trail work in 2011.

Programs

No May program so we can focus on Poker Ride preparations.

Old Business

Safety Clinic – Janice will be at Circle L at 7:00am to set up. Any help welcome. Jim, Rich and Dan Marsh will be out of town at the state board meeting in Helena.

Poker ride – General meeting in May will be dedicated to wrapping the preparations up. Stacy will donate a freeze brand. CBU will donate \$100 (Citizens for Balanced Use).

Fence Repair Project – Get a hold of Reggie Clark at FS if you wish to volunteer.

Copper City clean up – this is still on the calendar for 5/21/11. We need a person in charge to plan meeting time and place. Will finalize this at May general meeting.

FS Chain Saw certification for volunteers – Rich has not been able to get a hold of anyone. He left a message on Fred Haas' voicemail stating that if they don't teach and recertify us then there cannot be a volunteer agreement. Stacy made a motion to support Rich's position and stand behind him. Clark Kinney seconded and the motion passed.

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MWA Conference – went very well. Several attendees expressed thank-you's for the work the BCH does on the trails. Henry Glenn provided some education on what the BCH does on a volunteer basis on public lands, including the wilderness.

New Business

Bill Hopkins with NPS requested the usual annual letter of endorsement from the GVBCH for trail work in YNP. This will be taken care of.

Henry Glenn brought up a couple of questions regarding the by-laws. Do they need to be tweaked to include email as a method of communication? Also, do they need to address methods of voting to include mail-in votes. A large percentage of the GVBCH membership does not come to meetings.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Stacy Bragg made the motion, Mike Haugan seconded, the motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

General Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2011

Officer and directors present were: Jim Allbright, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Brenda Kessler, Michael Harney, Clark Kinney, Mike Haugan, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh.

Jim asked for a motion to approve minutes from the April meeting as reported in the Newsletter. Michael Harney made the motion, Kay Tate seconded, and the motion passed.

New Members/Guest present: Marie Doubrava, new member from the Safety Clinic, Syd Grosfield who joined at the meeting.

Bills

Sherrie White presented a bill for \$51.25 Poker Ride poster printing and Rich submitted a travel voucher (Helena State Board meeting) for \$60. Clark made the motion to pay the bills presented, Beth Merrick seconded and the motion was passed.

Poker Ride organization, Sherrie White

In lieu of a program, this meeting's first hour was handed over to Sherrie who covered all aspects of the Poker Ride that still had loose ends. Posters were distributed among members to post around Gallatin Valley and beyond. Reminder that prizes will need to be turned in to Beth Merrick by mid-June for cataloging etc. Trail clearing for the ride will be done on 6/27/11. Anyone who can bring folding banquet tables/camp chairs the day of the Poker Ride is encouraged to do so. Make sure you have your name on them or they may end up in the club's trailer. Rich Inman will be camping at Bridger Bowl the night before.

Membership

Marianne reports a membership of 75 after getting a three more renewals and three new members.

Issues

Dan Marsh passed on information regarding the EHV-1 outbreak. The Montana Dept. of Livestock sent out precautions to contestants from the Ogden Utah event. Bio-security is the most important thing horse owners can do to protect their horses. Stay home with them until the virus has run its course.

Senate Bill (B421) was defeated.

Newsletter

Brenda may get an article from Dan Aadland for the next issue of the newsletter.

Trail Crews

Stay in touch with trail bosses Larry and Dick. Plans are always tentative and may change due to weather.

Programs

June program is a presentation by Joe Turner. The meeting and presentation will be at Janice's horse camp and it will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Business

All paperwork requested by Ms. Daniels for processing of our 501c3 application has been sent to her. Jim asked Marianne to keep a close eye on the PO Box again.

Copper City clean-up volunteers will meet at Wheat Montana in Three Forks at 10am on Saturday. However, should it rain Friday it will be cancelled. Volunteers must check in with Rich Inman.

New member Marie Doubrava offered to bring refreshments for the July general meeting.

Rich Inman found out that Fred Haas had been out of town due to family emergencies which is why calls remained un-answered. Rich was able to reach Lisa Steffler in place of Fred and stressed to her that we want a bucking and limbing training session with Jim Hansen here in Bozeman. Lisa said they will make it happen. It will most likely be a 6 hour session on a Saturday.

Jim and Rich gave a report on the State Board Meeting. Topics at the meeting had been the business of BCHA, bicycles and their various interest groups, the minimum width of gates for pack stock and more.

Jim asked for a motion to close the meeting. Kay Tate made the motion and it was seconded by John Mutter. The motion was passed.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

Our annual Safety Clinic was held on May 14th @ Circle L Arena. The wind blew in 50 +/- attendees (1/2 were BCH members). Two members even came from Clinton to get their certification. The list of BCH members that attended will be sent to the USFS to comply with their trail clearing crew requirements. Good information was shared, some horses learned some lessons, lots of questions were asked and answered. AND we finished early and everyone was on their way home by 3:30pm.

I want to thank our presenters (Shane, Joe, Clark, Henry) and all of the club members that helped me with the work. Hopefully, there will be some safer trail riders and horses on the trails once the snow melts and the mud dries up because of our efforts.

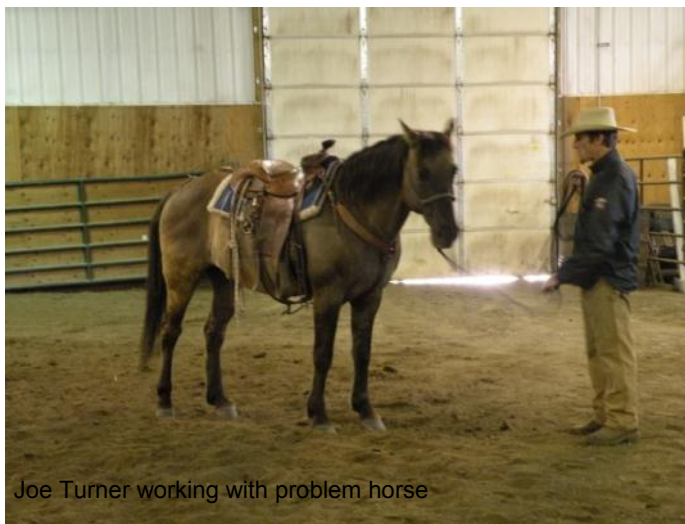
Also, **BIG THANKS** to Dr. Gordon Hardaway (Hardaway Veterinary Hospital), Nye Howie (brand inspector) and Michelle Passmore (county extension agent) for giving up parts of their Saturday to inform us about Trail First Aid for the Horse, the laws concerning brand inspections and weed control issues. *(Pictures & report by Janice Cartwright)*



Shane McClafin, owner and lead Guide of Sunrise Pack Station
Working with his lead mare and mule



Clark Kinney demonstrating his custom made pack boxes



Joe Turner working with problem horse



Henry Glen wrapping up

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Our June meeting is 2 days earlier: June 14th

Our June meeting is 2 days earlier on Tuesday, June 14th. It will be our third annual GVBCH event at Horsecamp (Janice and Ron's home). We will start with ice cream sundaes at 6pm (and other finger food goodies that anyone would like to share). Joe Turner, BCH member and horse trainer, will be working with some horses that have a few issues to be worked through, starting around 6:45pm. The business portion of our meeting will be held around a council campfire while we finalize the details for the Poker Ride and other items. This year weather conditions should not rearrange this plan. If you remember last year, we had to postpone it due to weather since there was very little gravel around with similar weather to current conditions. This year, we are better prepared. Address is 1655 Harper Puckett Road. Please bring portable chairs with you. Drive SLOWLY past the house to the covered arena. Park facing the arena, close together, to conserve space. (Gravel is for cars. Grass is for horses.) Thank you. Janice

Directions to Horsecamp / Bozeman Facility

1655 Harper Puckett Rd. Bozeman, MT 59718

From Jackrabbit: Turn east onto Valley Center Rd.. Continue for 3 miles. Turn right (south) onto Harper Puckett.

* Valley Center is currently under construction from Jackrabbit to Love Lane. From Jackrabbit, turn east onto Baxter. Turn left onto Love Lane. Turn right onto Valley Center. Turn right (south) onto Harper Puckett.

From 19th Street: Take Valley Center Rd. west (behind Costco) for 3 miles. Turn left (south) onto Harper Puckett.

Go ½ mile (south) on Harper Puckett Road. When the road turns sharply to the left, turn right into our driveway. Look for the large, white dome (indoor arena) behind our home – can't miss this. Also, the horses, trailers, arena & shelters are in full view. There is an antique tractor & a Montana Horse Sense sign at the entrance.

Please park on gravel facing the long side of the indoor arena. Grass is for the horses. Conserving parking spaces to allow maximum number of vehicles is appreciated.

Janice 579 3445

Ron 223 2442

PS If it is still this chilly, windy, rainy, snowy dress for the weather and we'll serve coffee, cider and/or hot chocolate.

On Track for 2011 Poker Ride

Plans for our 24th Annual Poker Ride to be held Sat., July 9 were discussed at the May general meeting. Here are some brief notes:

- We are planning for 200 participants
- Prize donations should be turned in to Beth Merrick (email to arrange drop-off, bmerrick1@aol.com); deadline is Tuesday, June 14
- Poker ride trail will be cleared on Mon., June 27
- Flagging is Fri., July 8.
- Set up is Fri., July 8; 5 p.m. (bring a pot-luck dish to share and help us set up)
- Event is Sat., July 9
- Proof of negative Coggins is required
- Deflagging will be done by the sweep riders and crew this year on the day of the event. That group is headed by Clark Kinney and Mike Haugen.

Thanks for all who have volunteered to help!

If you aren't on the work roster, I hope you'll come out to enjoy the ride and bring your friends and relatives. This is our only fundraiser so we are looking for a good turnout.

Any questions, please contact me.

Sherrie White

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Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen's
24th Annual

POKER RIDE

July 9 2011

Approx. 12-mile ride
(8-mile shortcut)
NO DOGS - NO STALLIONS
Bridger Bowl
Registration 8:00-10:00 a.m.

\$20 Adults: Includes Poker Hand, Raffle and Chicken Dinner

\$10 Children (under 12): Incl. Raffle, Chicken Dinner (Lunch only: \$10)

Poker Hand Prizes:

- Custom 50% Beaver Hat: Rocky Mountain Hat Company
- Saddle Pannier & Bedroll Cover: Montana Canvas
- Tony Lama Bullhide Boots: Anderson Boots & Shoes
- Large Bale Hay: Western Pines

Drawing for Gen. Beaudro/Texas Wanderer Stud Service, DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service

PLUS over \$3000 in prizes:

Ag Depot, All West Veterinary, A Touch of Sense Massage, Big Sky RV, Big Sky Yoga, Boveras Saddles Outlet, Brett Anderson (Farrier), Bridger Feeds, Pueblo Bump Pizza, Bridger Glass & Window, Bulkhouse Originals, CBU, Crest la Vie Salon, Cholet Market, Four Corners Saddlery, Double Diamond Hat Co., Faithful Friends Animal Clinic, Frodo's Emporium, Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher, Handaway Vet Clinic, Harrington's Pepsi Cola, Kibben T.L.C., Kelle River, Kountry Korner Cafe, Leo & Da's, Montana Meats, Montana Equine Medical & Surgical, Montana Harvest, Montana Horse Sanctuary, Montana Horse Sense, Mountain Arts Pottery & Coffee Pot Cans, Murdoch's Ranch & Home, Northern Energy Propane, Overhouse Ace Hardware, Paged Tech, R.D. Brooks Custom Leather, Rocky Mountain Horseman (Joel Turner), Rocky Mountain Supply, Sandra J. McManus Designs, Spar Line, Spalding Laboratories, Fly Predator, Tri-Animal Supply, Valley Trailer Sales ... AND MORE!!



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All riders under 18 must have a release signed by a parent or legal guardian. All participants are subject to Montana's Equine Liability law. Stop Wood! Certified wood-free hay only!

Bring Proof of 2011 Negative Coggins
(Test dated July 10, 2010 or AFTER)

Wednesday Trail Crew "tentative" Schedule.

Trail Boss - Larry Thomas, **PLEASE** call at 586-6878 at **least a day before you plan to work as all dates are weather dependent !**

*6/8/11	South Cottonwood	*7/20/11	Langhor to Cottonwood (New Trail)
*6/15/11	Spanish Lakes	*7/27/11	Deer Creek
*6/22/11	Mirror Lake	*8/3/11	Swan Creek
*6/29/11	History Rock	*8/10/11	Blackmore
*7/6/11	Falls Creek	*8/17/11	New World Gulch
*7/13/11	Hellroaring	*8/24/11	Elkhorn
		*8/31/11	Tamphrey

Plan to leave the trailhead at 9:00AM unless you are told otherwise.

Healing with Horses for Cancer Survivors: *Article and photographs furnished by Janice Cartwright*

Our club is made up of volunteers. We support and or participate in the trail clearing efforts and the use of our trails with our horses at our sides or underneath us. Many other volunteer opportunities relating to horses exist in the Gallatin Valley and our members are active in many of these. On a recent Saturday, Brenda Kessler helped Janice Cartwright (along with Ron Laden) do that: A group from the Montana Cancer Support Community came to Horsecamp for a Healing with Horses session. The participants learned horse behavior and how to move comfortably and safely around these large animals.

Time spent grooming was used to become acquainted with a particular horse. Then the members had a chance to get on and ride around the arena. All of them chose to give it a go. Some had never ridden and a few were not sure they still could manage getting on and/or staying on. Everyone exceeded their expectations and enjoyed the ride.

There is another similar session offered in the evening, **6-8pm, on June 23rd**, at Horsecamp. We'd love to have you join us if this is something that you are interested in and have the time.



Janice



Around the Arena with Ron leading



Janice making comfort adjustments



Watching the other riders as they ride around the arena

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