

BOARD MEETINGS:  
1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church  
205 West Cameron

#### OUR PURPOSE:

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. 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. 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.

#### 2012 OFFICERS, 1 YEAR

##### PRESIDENT

Henry Glenn ... 578-2084

##### VICE PRESIDENT

Michael Harney... 548-4217

##### TREASURER

Brenda Kessler ... 763-4241

##### SECRETARY

Marianne Meyer ... 388-2676

#### DIRECTORS

##### ONE YEAR TERM

Clark Kinney... 388-1505

Michael Harney... 548-4217

Mike Haugen ... 539-0538

##### TWO YEAR TERM

John Mutter ...

Larry Thomas ...

Beth Merrick ...

#### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Marsh (2 years) ... 587-7578

Stacy Bragg (Alternate) ... 222-0077

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Brant Robey... 222-5971

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#### BCH WEB MASTER

Dan Marsh ... 587-7578

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<http://gvbch.bchmt.org>

#### WANTED: Poker Ride Coordinator

a person with great organizational skills  
for GVBCH's biggest fundraiser on July 14  
call Henry Glenn for more information: 578-2084

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY GERNERAL MEETING & POTLUCK: February 16, 6:00 PM

Belgrade Alliance Church

FIRST POKER RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 15, 6:00 PM

Pickle Barrel, Belgrade

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MT STATE CONVENTION: March 30-April 1

Billings Hotel & Convention Center

#### 2012 CALENDAR:

[http://www.bchmt.org/webcalendar/month.php?user=\\_NUC\\_gvbch](http://www.bchmt.org/webcalendar/month.php?user=_NUC_gvbch)



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I hope everyone will check out the newsletter and website for the 2012 calendar.

The Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen is now on Facebook so go there and like and you will receive updates about rides and you can post your pics from previous rides.

We have so much to participate in this summer. We are trying to schedule several fun rides and we want your input so please contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions.

There are several things on our to do list so if you would like a project please let me know.

Backcountry Adventures has been wildly successful. Many thanks to Clark Kinney and his team for all their hard work. Next one is March 24th at Copper Springs Ranch.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is a plea for someone to be the next Poker Ride Coordinator. We have a Poker Ride Committee to help but we need someone to coordinate the entire event. If you have talents in this area, please volunteer for this important fundraiser for the club.

February's meeting is a potluck and the Forest Service is our guest so bring your favorite dish and let's have fun.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride.

Henry Glenn  
President

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2012

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

Outgoing and newly elected officers and directors present were: Henry Glenn, Jim Allbright, Rich Inman, Charley Smith, Marianne Meyer, Brenda Kessler, Clark Kinney, Michael Harney, Mike Haugen, John Mutter, Beth Merrick, and Larry Thomas. Also present was member Sonya Berg.

Jim Allbright opened the meeting by thanking everyone and then turned the meeting over to new president Henry Glenn. Henry welcomed the new directors to the board and expressed thanks to Brant for taking over the newsletter editor position and Brenda for taking the treasurer's position. Henry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1 board meeting. Jim Allbright made the motion, Clark seconded, the motion carried.

Committee reports were kept brief to allow more time for new business and topics. Henry asked outgoing treasurer Charley for the treasurer's report. Funds available in checking are \$4,101.69. Henry thanked Charley for the many miles driven and hours donated for keeping the club's books over the past two years. Charley handed the books/records to Beth Merrick for audit.

### BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

The only bills were recurring newsletter printing and postage expenses which do not need to be voted on. Brenda will pay these bills.

### ISSUES

As there are no changes in current issues, they were not discussed further.

### NEWSLETTER

Brenda contacted Henry with a suggestion. We should have a club reporter and photographer who would submit articles to Brant for the newsletter. Henry asked that everyone think of nominees and turn in suggestions.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ARTICLE FOR STATE NEWSLETTER**— It is our turn to submit an article to BCH of MT for their newsletter. Henry suggested three different projects which have already been written up: Windy Pass cabin, Window Rock corral work, cabin renovation in YNP. The board decided to submit the Windy Pass article which Michael Harney will expand upon and submit to BCH of MT.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**— Comments have been made in the past that our constitution (aka by-laws) needs to be updated. Examples are method of voting, definition of director's duties, does email constitute written notification, etc. Henry would like to have a committee work on updating this document and asked for volunteers. Michael, Dan, and Beth stepped up. The goal is to shoot for May completion with drafts submitted to the board between now and then.

**POKER RIDE**— Sherrie cannot be our poker ride coordinator this year. She is willing to help in many ways, but does not have the time it takes to handle the overall coordination. We need to find a new PRC (Poker Ride Coordinator), a person who should have great organizational skills. Henry asked for a committee to a) find us a PRC and b) assist the PRC with the planning of our biggest event of the year. Marianne, Beth, and Michael stepped up to form this committee.

**REPLACEMENT FOR MICHAEL AS DIRECTOR**— Now that Michael is vice president, he has to step down from the director position. Henry sent an email asking for nominations and a replacement will be selected by the board at their next meeting.

**DALE MOORE**— Clark Kinney proposed that we offer Dale Moore an honorary membership to our chapter as thanks for everything he has done for us recently. An honorary membership does not grant a vote. Beth made a motion, John Mutter seconded and the motion carried. Rich Inman will bring this to the general meeting.

**REPRESENTING THE GVBCH AT MEETINGS WITH THE MWA, GYC, WRP AND MORE**— At the December general meeting we were asked to join in the conversation and negotiations over the Gallatin Crest by selecting a person who could represent us at future meetings of the many interest groups and above mentioned non-profits. The board discussed and agreed that such a representative needs to (a) accurately represent the GVBCH and its core mission, and (b) report back to the board after such meetings. Michael Harney volunteered to go to the first meeting (date TBA) and report back. Clark made a motion to accept Michael's offer, Larry seconded, and the motion carried.

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR**— Janice will be very busy this summer and often-times out of town. She is willing to keep the job as long as she has some help getting it done. Rich offered to help. Henry will ask for suggestions & requests at the January general meeting.

**LIAISON WITH OTHER EQUINE CLUBS**— Henry hopes to improve our liaison with other equine clubs in the area and asked for suggestions. The GS&HC has suggested, for example, that we meet for a mutual ride and camp-out at Taylor Fork / Inspiration Trail. Connie Lien and Marianne Amsden are both members in our club and Henry will contact them.

**COMMUNICATION WITH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**— Henry would like to improve communication with all 100+ members. Dan Marsh will help Henry access a complete and accurate distribution list. We need to send out "tickler lists" prior to upcoming meetings, reminders at the beginning of a week of events and work days for that week, and so on. The suggestion of a facebook page was brought up again, too. Other clubs and even BCH chapters are communicating with their membership via facebook.

**CONTINUED...**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 5, 2012**

**OTHER TOPICS**— Question was raised about holding meetings at a different location. The board decided that Belgrade Alliance Church meets our needs. A motion was requested to donate the usual \$300 to the church for use of the facility and kitchen supplies in 2012. Clark made the motion, John Mutter seconded, and the motion carried. Michael Harney suggested holding more general meetings at different venues, such as a campsite or trailhead, and having burgers etc. The idea was discussed; we need to keep in mind distance to the venue as our general meeting

is in the evening. Dan Marsh reminded the board that we need to file our e-card with the state as a non-profit organization.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. John Mutter made the motion, Jim seconded, and the motion was passed.

Submitted by

Marianne Meyer, Secretary 



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 19, 2012**

Henry called the meeting to order. Officers and directors present: Henry, Michael Harney, Brenda, Marianne, John Mutter, Beth Merrick. Larry Thomas, state board members Dan Marsh and Rich Inman, ex-officio Jim Allbright.

Henry introduced Brant Robey, our newsletter editor. He then asked for a motion to approve the December general meeting minutes as reported in the newsletter. Jim made the motion, Beth seconded, and the motion was passed.

**BILLS**

No new bills.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Marianne reported 29 renewals for 2012 with some more coming in at the meeting.

**ISSUES**

Dan received communication from the PLWA (Public Land & Water) that certain landowners west of Choteau are trying to close off an old public land access to the Rocky Mountain Front. He also got word that the Continental Divide Trail Alliance is no longer in operation due to lack of funds.

**NEWSLETTER**

Brant is open to comments and suggestions.

**PROGRAMS**

February general meeting we will have our annual wild game potluck and the FS has been invited. Rich and Janice will work on future programs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next convention will be in Billings on March 30+31, hosted by the Beartooth chapter. We need up to 8 delegates by the next general meeting; please communicate with Henry if you want to go as a delegate. Registration can be done online. We also need someone to sell their raffle tickets for them.

Sonya explained that the GSHC incurred higher Christmas party expenses than anticipated. They were not covered by the \$20 charged per person and as a result the band did not get much of a payment. Several people in the GSHC donated money out of their own pockets to help cover expenses. Sonya made a motion that the GVBCH make a donation of \$100 as well. Vi seconded the motion. Discussion followed and Michael Harney explained how he procured the band at the last minute after other bands had cancelled their engagements and the MT Roadhouse Band was happy to step in and entertain. Michael offered to contact Connie Lien. Beth Merrick moved to table the motion until Michael spoke to Connie. However, the motion to table was not accepted by majority and did not pass. A vote was then taken to pass the original motion to contribute \$100 towards the band and this motion passed.

Several directors and Henry were approached by Mike from Habitat for Humanity to run their Poker Ride for them this year. Their Poker Ride typically is at the end of June, which is at the same time when we are in final preparations for our own Poker Ride. Vi Huffman moved that we not volunteer or assist with their Poker Ride in any official capacity. John Mutter seconded, the motion passed. We will publish their PR date in our newsletter and mention it as an opportunity to volunteer.

The rest of the meeting was spent entering important dates for 2012 in our calendar. Dan Marsh also showed us how to access the Gallery online where all chapters post pictures.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 6:00 PM FOR THE POTLUCK  
The first Poker Ride Committee meeting will be March 15 prior to the General Meeting @ 6:00pm at the Pickle Barrel, Belgrade. We are still looking for a PR coordinator.

Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich made the motion, seconded by Dan, motion was passed and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marianne Meyer, Secretary.

GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2012 CALENDAR

UPDATES POSTED TO: [http://www.bchmt.org/webcalendar/month.php?user=\\_NUC\\_gvbch](http://www.bchmt.org/webcalendar/month.php?user=_NUC_gvbch)

January 31	Create cut list for pack boxes at R. Inman's	July 11	Wednesday trail crews **
February 2	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	July 13	4 - 7 pm Setup crew for Sat. Poker Ride
February 16	6 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting & Wild Game Feed Forest Service presentation	<b>July 14</b>	<b>Gallatin Valley BCH annual poker ride</b>
February 18-19	Wild West WinterFest	July 18	Wednesday trail crews **
February 22	Put together pack boxes at Rich Inman's	July 18 - 22	Gallatin County Fair
March 1	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	July 19	7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting
March 6	GALLEP Annual Public Meeting	July 21	Trail ride to Hollowtop Lake with Jan Elpel GALLEP Ride into Town
March 15	6 - 7 pm Poker Ride Committee Mtg 7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting	July 25	Wednesday trail crews **
March 24	9 am - 4 pm Back Country Adventure Hands-on packing for registered students	July 27 - 28	Trail ride GVBCH & GS&HC, Taylor Fork
March 30 - April 1	BCH of MT State Convention, Bllgs 2 - 4 pm Circle L Horse Expo Packing demo	August 1	Wednesday trail crews **
April 5	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	August 2	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg
April 19	6 - 7 pm Poker Ride Committee Meeting 7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting	August 4	Sweet Pea Parade
April 28	9 am - 4 pm Back Country Adventure Clinic Hands-on packing for registered students	August 8	Wednesday trail crews **
May 3	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	August 15 - 19	Windy Pass Corral project
May 4 - 5	Copper Spring Ranch annual horse sale	August 16	GVBCH General Meeting at Windy Pass
May 6	GALLEP Board / Member Ride	August 22	Wednesday trail crews **
May 12	9 am - 4 pm Back Country Adventure packing clinic for registered students	August 25	Steak Ride with GS&HC as guests
May 17	6 - 7 pm Poker Ride Committee Meeting 7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting	August 29	Wednesday trail crews **
May 19	Red Bluff Ride Easy beginning ride with Rich Inman, trail boss.	September 1	Virginia City Poker Ride
May 26	Virginia City Poker Ride	September 5	Wednesday trail crews **
June 2	National Trails Day	September 6	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg
June 6	Wednesday trail crews **	September 12	Wednesday trail crews **
June 7	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	September 16	GALLEP Trail Horse Challenge
June 13	Wednesday trail crews **	September 19	Wednesday trail crews **
June 20	Wednesday trail crews **	September 20	7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting
June 21	6 - 7 pm Poker Ride Committee Meeting 7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting	September 25	GALLEP Fall Trail Ride
June 24	GALLEP Safety Clinic	September 26	Wednesday trail crews **
June 27	Wednesday trail crews **	October 4	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg
June 30	Spanish Creek Trail Clearing	October 5	GALLEP Fall Retreat
July 2	Livingston Parade	October 18	7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting
July 4	Wednesday trail crews **	November 1	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg
July 5	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg	November 15	7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting
July 9	Poker Ride Trail Clearing	December 4	GALLEP Christmas Caroling
		December 6	7 - 9 pm GVBCH Board of Directors Mtg
		December 15	Christmas party with GS&HC
		December 20	7 - 9 pm GVBCH General Meeting

GALLEP event info, email: [Marianne Amsden](mailto:Marianne.Amsden)

\*\*Wednesday trail crews contact:

Larry Thomas (406) 586-6878 for full day crew.

Beth Merrick (406) 388-4047 for short day.



**Gallatin Valley  
Back Country Horsemen  
Post Office Box 3232, Bozeman, Montana 59772-3232**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**\$40 Family Membership**  
**\$30 Individual Membership**  
**\$30 Associate Membership**

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

**Assumption of Risk**

I understand and agree that I am a participant in an equine activity as set forth in Montana Equine Law MCA 27-1-725 - 728 and I agree to accept responsibility and assume the risk for my actions while participating in the clubs events.

I recognize that there is a potential for accidents wherever horse use is involved which can cause injury or death to horses, riders, and spectators. I also recognize that the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen officers, directors, or members cannot always know the conditions of trails or experience of the riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen functions. Therefore, I do hereby release the above named from any claims or rights for damage which might occur to me, my minor children, horses, other tack or equipment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any committee(s) on which you are willing to serve:

Social Activities     Trail Rides     Issues     Fund Raising     Newsletter     Projects  
 Planning     Clinics     Audit     Trail Maintenance     Serve on Board     Refreshments

What skill, talent or resource are you willing to share with the club?

Name of the advertisement or person that introduced you to the Back Country Horsemen?



Christmas Party 2011  
with Montana Roadhouse Band





GVBCH IS INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & MEMBERS  
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2011 POKER RIDE:

Ag Depot  
All West Veterinary  
Ardesson Boots and Shoes  
Barnett's MT Gourmet Honey  
Biggerstaff Construction  
Big Sky Yoga Retreats  
Bob Steinman & Assoc. Real Estate  
Bozeman Saddle Outlet  
Bridger Feeds  
Bridger Glass & Windows  
Bunkhouse Originals  
CBU (Citizens for Balanced Use)  
C'est la Vie Salon  
Chalet Market  
Cole Custom Saddles  
Damasco's Restaurant  
DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service  
Double Diamond Halter Co.  
Equine Solutions  
Four Corners Saddlery  
Freeway Enterprises  
Gold's Gym / Jim Albrook  
Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher

Hardaway Vet Clinic  
Harrington's Beverages  
Kountry Corner Cafe  
Lee & Dad's  
Mama Mac's  
Matt's Saw Shop  
Montana Canvas  
Montana Equine Medical & Surgical Center  
Montana Harvest  
Montana Horse Sanctuary  
Montana Horse Sense  
Murdoch's Ranch & Home  
Owenhouse Ace Hardware  
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