

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:

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY : JUNE 3

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28

Contact: Larry Thomas 586-6878

FIRST AID FOR SAWYERS : JUNE 8, 5-8 PM

Bozeman Ranger District, 3710 Fallon Ste C

MULE DAYS : JUNE 9-11

Whitehall

WEEKEND TRAIL MAINTENANCE : JUNE 10, JULY 1

Dan Porter at 539-0879

NEW SAWYERS CERTIFICATION : JUNE 10, 9-4 PM

Bozeman Ranger District, 3710 Fallon Ste C

CHAINSAW RE-CERTIFICATION : JUNE 11, 12:30-4 PM

Hellroaring Creek

WEB LAKE: JUNE 11-17

BOARD MEETING : JUNE 15, 6:00 PM

1655 Harper Puckett Road

GENERAL MEETING : JUNE 15, 7:00 PM

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4-H OTO RIDE : JUNE 16-18

PONY POKER RIDE : JUNE 17

37 Sitz Road Harrison

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Greetings Everyone,

I want to thank Rich and Carmen for running the May meeting. I also want to thank Janice for hosting us and putting on the tack swap. I'm sure it was a success. I'm sorry I couldn't be there but my horse Jack and I spent the whole afternoon at the Vet.

I visited with Larry Thomas last Monday and he said he was planning to start trail work yesterday (Wednesday). That makes it official, trail season has begun! As usual, Larry will run the weekly Wednesday crew and Dan Porter and I are planning a few Saturdays as well. We also have hitch rails to install at three locations. The first of which will be at Spanish Creek on National Trails Day June 3rd. So...get ready it's going to be a great / busy summer!

Until then, happy trails.

*John*



## BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18

Rich Inman, Carl Blaskovich, Lawrence Vandyke, Mike Haugan, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, David Crisp, Sue Geske  
Rich ran the meeting as John Mutter was unable to come.

Carmen Matzick is proxy for Sharon

Old business reviewed, approved! Dan Porter moved to approve the April minutes, second by Mike.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

by Carmen. Rich had a bill from MT canvas for repair of bags. Motion to pay bill by Lawrence, second by Sue. Poster bill to Allegra pd 118.95 5013c and Poster by Tamara needs to be paid

Two new additional member applications.

Dan Marsh reported on was H.R. 1349 that proposes to allow bikes in the Wilderness which was sent to the committee on Federal Lands.

### TRAIL CREWS

Larry will visit about that in the general meeting. 401 is a tangled mess, The first part of the trail is a mess. Rich and Larry put in new water bars.

Hitch rails: Brian Thompson is not responding to emails.

Larry has two spots for new hitching rails. Reviewed by Forest Service and they are o.k. for what we want to do.

Tack program tonight, Janice will head that. All spots except October have been filled for programs

Poker ride will talk about at general meeting. Dan will distribute poker ride posters for all members to distribute.

Old Business for 4-H. OTO. Ride coming up for Fathers day weekend. 16,17,18. The Bob Mike talked about the facilities up at OTO and pasture, and road to bring food in. Come for a day trip! Come eat and enjoy. Will get a notice out to club about the logistics.

### GALLATIN PARTNERSHIP

Dan porter needs input from members. Dan giving recommendations for WSA, which areas will or will not be in wilderness. Lots of ideas on trails and how to loop them together.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mtg at Janice's. Finalize Poker ride in June. Talking about where the trail will be this year. Ice cream social.

Nationals Trails Day talk will be given by Larry in the general meeting.

Dan Porter mentioned a new chapter in Paradise Valley. Was asking for input on that idea. AB trails are not being maintained so trying to put a bunch together.

990-N IRS form for non-profits was filed by Dan Marsh.

Motion to adjourn by Lawrence and second by Dan

Rich Inman was fill in for John Mutter.

Welcomed Archie (a GVBCB founder) and Mary Huenergardt.

Henry and Janice seconded the minutes

Two new bills, one for Janice for tonight's goods and Rich Carmen motioned to pay the bills, Carl seconded.

Publicity for Janice and Rich on tv. Radio ad is still running and promoting BCH

Working on verbiage for the radio spots. Give information cannot solicit. Harry is in charge of publicity. Where to advertise for Poker Ride.

### TRAIL CREW

Larry: 16 trees in a few hundred feet up Spanish Creek. Might go up 401 next wednesday 24th. June 3rd, trails day is on a Saturday. Working in Spanish creek 401. Need to work on water bars. We will not have the bicycle club with us. They made other plans. 2 new hitch rails as well. Also have hitch rails up twin cabins.

lots of rock to be moved in

Dan Porter is heading Saturday crew.

Call Larry on National Trails Day so we have enough tools to do trail work. (June 3)

Rain check on 20th trail work with Dan Porter, plan another time.

### PROGRAMS

Janice next two meetings here again. Poker Ride wrap up and ice cream! We need more people to work Poker Ride. Several openings.

Start collecting your prizes to have at next meeting! 127 great sponsors for our poker ride!

July is the Farrier program.

Dan had list of prizes and who collected them the last couple of years. We need some more prizes this year.

Mike gave update on OTO Ranch, 4-H clinic. All welcome to this incredible camp for a great time!

### GALLATIN PARTNERSHIP

By Dan Porter. Met with bicycle clubs, etc. for the new Forest Service Plan. Talked about the wilderness study area from 1977. Looking for a unified answer for the forest service. Cowboy Heaven, Lyon Head, Hyalite, going into the forest planning area.

RAC grant for hitch rails for cache creek

first aid June 8

chain saw June 10th

re-cert June 11

mid-August for slough creek or hell roaring. Talk to Henry. Motion to adjourn Dan, Carl

—Respectfully submitted, Carmen Matzick

## SPANISH PEAKS TRAIL MAINTENANCE

On May 24th, the 2017 trail maintenance season was officially opened by Larry Thomas and crew working on Spanish Creek trails. Dan Marsh and Rich Inman joined Larry. We started by clearing the 401 trail to Buffalo park about 3 miles in. Sawed 25+ trees. Larry wanted to get this cleared as it is the trail we will work on for National Trails Day on June 3rd. Be sure you let Larry know if you can participate in the National Trails Day event.

After the 401 was cleared, we returned to the trail head to retool. We dropped our chainsaws, took up the crosscuts and headed up the 407 trail to Falls Creek. We ran into downfall just after we crossed the creek. We sawed and

sawed and sawed until we ran out of steam about 2 miles in. Some of the down trees were the big bushy lodgepole type laying full length of the trail. It took longer to saw off the branches than it did to buck up the tree. We met some folks coming down from Falls Creek and they informed us that there were quite a few more trees in the trail between where we were and the Falls Creek "Y". With that good news we decided that we probably had at least another half day of hand sawing to get to the "Y". We returned to the trail head and enjoyed a nice cold pepsi before heading home about 5:30. It was a long day with lots of sawing (40+ trees) but a beautiful day to out enjoying God's back country.

—Rich Inman





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