**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2018 7 PM**

**Round Table Pizza Parlor**

**686 Sutton Way**

**Grass Valley, CA**

**Officers: Board Members:**

**President Helen Harvey Bernie Molloy**

**Vice President unfilled Helen Crawford**

**Secretary Mary Lundin Elicia Kamberg**

**Treasurer Teri Personeni**

**Past President Laura Duncan**

**Members in attendance: Heidi Hansen, Mary Johnson, FS Liaison, Cathy Chase, Membership Chair**

**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

President Helen Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**B. Changes or additions to agenda**

Three additions to agenda: Evacuation List for GCTC members, Grouse Fest, Guided Ride Organizer

**C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

June 12, 2018 Board of Directors minutes were approved with motions by Elicia Kamberg, 2nd by Teri Personeni. Passed.

**D. Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Teri Personeni reported an additional $909 received from Poker Ride proceeds, with a bank balance as $35,821.79. Motions by Elicia Kamberg and Bernie Malloy to approve. Passed.

**E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson**

GCTC workday 8/22/18: Paul Hart notified. It is still okay to use chain saw or brush cutter in the morning hours. Saw use cut off is 1:00 P.M.

Wasps: TNF does not have an eradication policy for wasps, unless they are in a campground. Paul did say that if we gave him an exact location of the nest, he would spray it. I gave him a general location of the nest on the Dascombe Trail according to the information given to me by Sue Brusin.

Tree down on Pioneer Trail along Bowman Road: Rod Garcia and I spoke at the TNF booth at the fair about the tree, and I spoke with Paul Hart this morning. Rod is going to look at the tree again this afternoon to develop a plan for removal, with possible removal tomorrow morning. If it cannot be cut out safely, then they will blow it up after there are no more fire restrictions. After the tree removal, the trail will be assessed for repair.

Bowman Mountain Trail: Still on the agenda. Paul and crew will do the rock work. It is slow tedious work. Volunteers might be used for the finish work.

Grouse Fest is set for September 7-9, 2018. Anyone is welcome to participate.

United Trails Day: October 13, 2018. Paul has spoken with Scott Rabeneau (Woods Riders) and they have the date on their calendar. Paul will remind Jet Lowe and Jane Ragan (YBONC and BONC) of the date. GCTC will do the lunch. The last two United Trails Day worked on non-motorized trails, so it was agreed that motorized trails should be included in this year’s United Trails Day. Suggested staging area is either Skillman or Chalk Bluff to work on brush clearing/trimming on the Towle Mill Trail (66), Stanton (9), Omega (5) and maybe a section of the Pioneer Trail. The aforementioned motorized trails are sometimes used by equestrians. Tread work might be included if it rains before the date.

Pioneer Trail above Chalk Bluff: Willie and Sue Brusin have identified a section of the Pioneer Trail that is eroded and needs a reroute. Willie has suggested that it be done by machine/trail crew that GCTC would hire. GCTC members could do finish work. Per Paul Hart, CalTrans is considering a realignment project of Hwy 20 in sections between White Cloud and Bear Valley which may impact the Pioneer Trail. That should be taken into consideration before any major work on the Pioneer Trail is performed.

Woods Riders Dual Sport Ride, September 21-23, 2018: The Woods Riders are staging this event from Skillman Campground.

GCTC has permission to add corrals at Little Lasier Meadows Horse Camp. We need to discuss costs, etc. for 12x12 pre-made metal corrals.

**F. Old Business**

**1. Manure Management at Skillman**

Ethan Glick was happy with having the extra dumpster provided by GCTC at Skillman Campground. Do we want to keep the dumpster there until September 25th? Bernie Molloy motioned to authorize payment for additional period and Teri Personeni seconded. Motion passed.

**2. Pines to Mines Update-Laura Duncan**

Approximately 13 miles of the proposed 90 mile Pines to Mines trail alignment would need to be constructed. The proposed alignment includes crossing sections of SPI lands that has not yet been approved. Existing roads could be used, but not preferred. GCTC has committed to help with fundraising for this trail and donated $1000 in 2017, and this year a donation of funds received from the 2017 GCTC Thanksgiving dinner, donations, and the 2018 tack sale held at Loomis Basin Veterinary Hospital by GCTC will be made. Teri and Laura will work together to get the exact amount of the combined contributions.

**3. Hoot Trail-Cathy Scott**

The trail is dusty right now. Trail Patrol is currently putting in 15 – 16 volunteer hours per month riding the trail.

**4. Skillman Campground Host Procedures**

Procedures have been put in place for GCTC members to be volunteer camp hosts at Skillman next year.

**5. Summer Trailer Class**

Duke of Duke’s Trailers will demonstrate different things to look for on horse trailers that may need fixing. A date for his presentation has not been set.

**6. Social Media**

The new club email now has more than one contact.

**G. New Business**

**1. Membership-Cathy Chase**

Cathy Chase wants the liability form to be attached to the online membership form. The release to use photos is now on the form. She would like a note in the newsletter that the fiscal year ends 8/31. If you have not paid your dues by 12/31, you will not be on the roster to receive club info. Cathy will also ask Jaede for the club logo for stationery. It was noted that Welcome Packages are no longer mailed to new members as Jaede sends the welcome via email.

**2. Budget Committee**

Budget guidelines need to be drawn up to better allow for planned project funding and anticipated income. The 2017 internal financial audit recommended that a budget be made each October. Bernie Molloy, Teri Personeni and Mary Lundin have volunteered to put this together to present to the Board.

**3. Official Club Logo**

A business card update was discussed. It was noted that the previous cards made available to members did not include the website or email address. It was suggested that the club president’s name be added, as well as “Based in Nevada County” to help identify the area in which we volunteer. A place to put your own name and contact information could be added. Karen Schwartz may have the original logo artwork. Rose Massara’s friend, Katie Hight, may be able to help with this. We will keep the original design for paper printing, but add the horse logo for clothing. Lea Zivic has suggested discounting the current clothing available.

**4. Changing GCTC Splash Page to Show Trail Work and Mission Statement**

It was suggested that the club Mission Statement and volunteer hours (ie; “2017 47,000 hours volunteered”)be added to the website splash page. Mary Johnson has some ideas for this and will submit them to the board.

**5. GCTC Booth at the Nevada County Fair-Bernie Molloy**

Because horses are not allowed outside of the barn area, Bernie will explore with the Fair officials what we can have next year to promote GCTC during the Fair.

**6. Trail Adopters Reporting Method**

Mary Johnson and Helen Harvey are working to make an easily viewed reporting method for members to use to check on the data submitted by Trail Monitors.

**7. Volunteer Hours on Website?**

Under #4, Splash Page

**8. Evacuation List-GCTC Specific**

The concept of a list of members who would be willing to provide horse shelter and/or transportation to other members during an emergency such as a fire was discussed. GCTC insurance would not cover such an activity, although some insurances provide a “farm package” that may cover individuals. Helen will ask members to provide ideas that might make this plan feasible.

**9. Grouse Fest**

Covered under Forest Service Report.

**10. Guided Ride Organizer**

The process for Guided Rides at Skillman needs to be formalized. This project will be worked on this winter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary