

## BOD Meeting Minutes

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

### Officers:

President: Jamie Canon

Vice President: Helen Crawford McDermott

Secretary: Mary Lundin

Treasurer: Cathy Scott

Past President: Bernie Molloy

### Board Members:

Miriam Lytle, absent

Laura Simmons

Teri Personeni

### Administrative Members:

Mary Johnson, Forest Svc. Liaison

Toni Owen, Membership Chair

#### A. Call to Order and Welcome to Current and New Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Jamie Canon. Member Janice Wong was introduced and welcomed.

#### B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Folsom SRA information added to New Business.

#### C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting and Special Minutes

Motion was made by Helen Crawford and seconded by Laura Simmons to approve minutes from the August 9, 2022 BOD Meeting. Motion passed.

#### D. Approval of Treasurer's Report -Cathy Scott

Two upcoming large expenses coming up are insurance premiums and the new website design for apparel. A financial report is attached to the minutes.

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

Forest Service Report October 11, 2022 Submitted by Mary Johnson  
*Packsaddle: On Sept 29, GCTC members Jamie Canon, Stacey Estrada (and friend Holly) and Mary Johnson spent 4 days camping at Packsaddle campground in the Gold Lakes area (near Sierra City). Repair work was done on the set of 4 horse pens. A new 4 foot bow type gate was installed in one of the pens, replacing an 8 foot gate and eliminating a failing wooden post. A twelve foot panel was moved to that pen from another, and that pen was repaired with a 12 ft. and 8 ft panel. The pens are 16 x 16 feet. The bow gate was donated by Stacey's friend Holly. Old manure was removed from the pens and surrounding area. The PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) was rerouted to pass by Packsaddle campground 3 years ago. We rode from Tamarack Lakes to Deer Lake on the PCT. Although rocky, the trail was in very good shape. The water source (a well with a hand pump) was noted as non-potable in September. I*

received this information when I inquired, from Mallory Steffen, Special Use Permit Administrator, TNF Yuba River Ranger District: **The situation regarding the water at Packsaddle is that the sample for September came back positive for total coliform. Because it's so close to the end of the season and because the pump tends to run dry this time of year, we decided to list it as non-potable for the remainder of the year. I'm not a horse person, so I cannot say whether or not it would be safe for animal consumption.** I received the notice via Rec.gov because I had reservations. There was no sign posted at the well.

*Skillman: The campground will close on October 16, 2022. I inquired if the gate would be left open until the end of October and was informed that it will not be left open. However, because GCTC has a lock on the gate, members are granted permission to use Skillman until the end of October. Entry must be requested through Mary Johnson. The last GCTC dumpster pick up is scheduled for October 12, 2022. That dumpster will be locked until May 2023 when the campground again opens. Nevada Country Woods Riders have a camping event scheduled for October 28-30 by special permission.*

*United Trails Day: October 8, 2022 was United Trails Day, a trail work day attended by TNF, GCTC, NCWR and BONC. A re-route of a multi use trail was accomplished. Part of this trail was destroyed during the Hwy 20 construction. GCTC supplied the lunch for this very successful work day. Pioneer Trail: The section of the Pioneer Trail, also destroyed by the ongoing Hwy construction will be rerouted as soon as possible after the construction which is supposed to be completed in fall of 2023. Paul Hart believes that the work will take approximately three weeks to complete. The forest service will use their staff and mini excavator along with volunteers. Caltrans is not required to build the new trail, but in the agreement is required to fund the new trail construction.*

#### **F. Old Business**

##### **1. United Trails Day October 8<sup>th</sup>-Mary Johnson**

Covered in Forest Service Report

##### **2. Picnic tables at Harmony Market-Jaime Canon**

Mary McMillan donated and installed 2 picnic tables at Harmony Ridge Market for use by trail users while at the market. The tables will need some wood preservative. Cathy Scott and Laura Simmons will get that taken care of.

A motion to place a picnic table at a specific location along a trail in the Lone Grave trail system was made by Helen Crawford and seconded by Laura Simmons to be dedicated to Sue Brusin. Motion passed.

#### **G. New Business**

##### **1. Thanksgiving Feast November 15<sup>th</sup> (22490 E. Hacienda Dr. Grass Valley)**

The annual Thanksgiving Feast meeting and dinner will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November, the 15<sup>th</sup>, rather than the customary 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday due to location availability. Door prizes are needed.

##### **2. Report on Repairs made at Pack Saddle Campground-Mary Johnson**

Included in Forest Service report.

**3. Member Appreciation BBQ and Ride October 15<sup>th</sup>-Jamie Canon**

Everything is in order for the annual Appreciation BBQ and Ride to be held at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead at the Lone Grave Trails system.

**4. GCTC Accomplishments in 2022-Jaime Canon**

The accomplishments made by the GCTC organization and its membership can be found in the club newsletters and minutes.

**5. Top Hand Award**

The board will submit names and descriptions of the contributions of members to the general membership for their vote for the annual Top Hand Award. The recipient will be announced at the November meeting.

**6. Upcoming Board Elections**

The nominating committee will make calls to the general membership asking for nominees for all upcoming open positions. New officers will be sworn in at the November meeting.

**7. Folsom SRA Trail**

Helen Harvey updated the board about consideration for bicycles being allowed on the Pioneer Express Trail in the Folsom SRA trail system. The public comment period is through the end of October. Teri Personeni made a motion and Helen Crawford seconded that GCTC as an organization submit a letter in opposition to the introduction of bicycle use on the Pioneer Express Trail due to safety concerns. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary