

GCTC Board Minutes
August 12, 2014

Present: President Karen Schwartz, Vice President Melissa Ribley, Board Members Vicki Testa, Jeff Foltz, Forest Service Liaison Willie Brusin and Sue Brusin

Meeting started a 6:00 pm at the NCH club house. Approved minutes of the last meeting, Treasures report not available .

Web site update : Heard a proposal from Auburn Printers, Brad and Merrill Kagan (GCTC Members) on the GCTC Web site. The proposal is to update the current site with new photos ,current information, provide support, develop a simpler way of updating the site, and support Pay Pal. GCTC would continue to maintain the Domain Name. Would take about 6 weeks to develop. The cost would be \$1000 to set up and approximately \$19.00 a month service fee. Brad and Merrill would be donating their time as part of the setup. Motion was made by Jeff seconded by Vicki to authorize Auburn Printers (Brad and Merrill) to develop a new Web page for GCTC , voted carried 4-0. The current Web host will be recognized for his service which he graciously donated to the club.

Forest Service Report: Willie Brusin, The \$1,000 Keen Grant still held up by the TNF environmental report , would provide a large map of the Pioneer Trails at the Five Mile House. United Trail work day has been set for October 12, 2014 , involving all three user groups of the Pioneer Trail system. The work will take place across from Skillman. Progress is being made on the Pioneer trail relocation with the Conservation crew, hopefully it will be completed August 14 and 15. The bee problem and down tree on the Pioneer Trail have been taken care of. Pioneer Trail work day was a success with the limited members present, 4 BONC members were also in attendance .

Melissa provide an update on the Future of Skillman: After further discussion with the Forest Service it was determined a camp trailer was not necessary for the current camp host at Skillman, in the future the camp host may be relocated to another camp site , and only provide monitoring of Skillman. The Forest Service is reevaluating their commitment and financial resources to those camp grounds with limited use. The Board is sensitive to the issue and intends to maintain a close relationship with the Forest Service to remind them of the importance of Skillman and the efforts by GCTC to maintain it. Got approval from the Forest Service to install DG in the stalls at Skillman , considering a work day at Skillman for Sunday September 28, 2014 to install the DG. The board authorized up to \$ 2,000 to purchase the DG, have it delivered , front loader to move it and a rental tamper. 4-0 vote.

Poker Ride , for next years Poker Ride , would be helpful to have someone keep track of all the people who made donations with names and address's, so GCTC can be sure to get thank you notes out to those that donated. Authorized sending a thank you certificate for display to Trattotia Milano restaurant for there poker ride donation. Still have not appointed a Board Replacement. Member Diana Culver graciously accepted the position of Publicity Chair. Work is still being done on the review of GCTC archives and time line including past Presidents. Board asked that a notice be sent to the

members trying to find the location of the GCTC microphone and karaoke system , if unable to relocate authorized \$250.00 to purchase another system .

Board discussed the joint sponsored clinic with Nevada County Horsemen, would be a closed event for GCTC and Nevada County Horsemen members, to be held at the arena at the NVCH, play day in the AM on trail obstacles , lunch and a fun judging competition in the afternoon with ribbons , there would be a cost for the event.

Discussed the importance of the Phone Tree and making sure that the full membership is called to remind them of work days and special events. Without members at the work days GCTC can not fulfill its mission of maintaining and building trails. The Board also discussed the importance of trail work, and the low turn out from the membership. The Board intends to reemphasize the importance of trail work , and to remind the members that it is the purpose of GCTC to maintain and develop the Pioneer Trail and horse camp grounds, and it will take everyone's help not just a few to do the work . Otherwise the trails could easily be lost to other user groups. All the members need to help in some little way in maintaining the trails. Everyone needs to make a commitment to at least one work day a year. Without GCTC involvement the work does not get done and the enjoyment of riding the trails will be lost. The forest continues to grow' without trail maintenance we will have no trails. The more members we have helping the easier the trails are to maintain.

President Karen Schwartz mentioned that the Nevada County Horsemen's Club House would be available to GCTC at no charge for general meetings, and that per our contract we are to be out of the Grange hall by 9:00 pm on general meeting nights.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.