

Board Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President Helen Harvey
Vice President Bernie Molloy
Secretary Cathy Chase
Treasurer Cathy Scott
Past President Laura Duncan

Board Members:

Helen Crawford, late arrival
Karen Hayden
Mary Johnson

General Members:

Jeff Foltz, Hetty Dutra

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 6:05 p.m. .

B. Changes or additions to agenda

None.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

February 12, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved following motion by Bernie Molloy and second by Karen Hayden. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathy Scott provided 11 page report with bank balance of \$34,928.96 as of 3/31/19. Cathy Scott said she will be looking for double entries to identify membership vs. donations. Also, will check PayPal account monthly. Bernie questioned fees charged for PayPal payments, and Cathy outlined sliding fee schedule. \$25 has fee of \$1.03 with net of \$23.97 to GCTC. Laura pointed out the convenience of PayPal.

Hetty commented that QuickBooks charges 50 cents per transaction, but Cathy said we are not integrated with QuickBooks.

Mary Johnson has checked on CD rates for \$10k for 12 months. Citizens = 2.85%; Ally = 2.75; credit union by Subway = 2.99%

Insurance liability – We are in third year of policy with same agency, Larry Viegas Insurance. We had assumed parade liability was covered, however, this is not correct. Each event requires separate coverage at cost of \$124 above and beyond general liability for 10 events. Cathy checked with Equisure which provides coverage for horse and dog clubs only. Similar policy also charges per event above general liability. Larry Viegas said he does check website for events. Major parade liability concern is spectators. Jamie stated that she obtains liability releases for any work camps and rides from any non-members. Weighing in on parades issue, Helen Harvey commented that this seemed a lot of money for two events. Mary Johnson pointed out parades are great opportunity for exposure to public about GCTC. Cathy Scott will disclose to insurance company participation in parades, and it was agreed we should buy parade coverage.

Bernie Molloy motioned and Karen Hayden seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson

- 1. Rice's Crossing Equestrian Parking:** BYLT land access manager Shaun Clark continues to move forward with the details for the new equestrian parking. On March 14, 2019 Laura Duncan and Mary Johnson took a truck and gooseneck trailer to test the parking to determine the needed gate width. The present 16 ft. gate is hanging on a failing post. It will be replaced by two 10 ft. gates and post, creating a 20 ft. opening. It was determined that there is ample room to pull off the roadway at the parking area to align the truck and trailer to easily pass through the 20 ft. opening. Shaun will get estimates for installation of the gates. The gates will be chain link to match the existing chain link fence.

Shaun met with Yuba county road department for placement of the horse crossing signs to be installed. The grading of the parking area is scheduled for April 15, 2019. BLT is hosting a Bio-Blitz event at the new parking area on April 27, 2019. It is yet to be determined what part GCTC will play in that event.

- 2. Highway 20 improvement north/east of Nevada City:** Kathie Kent and the Cal Trans design team will meet with Paul Hart on April 16, 2019 to discuss the changes for the Pioneer Trail. Another meeting with the TNF supervisor is scheduled for March 25, 2019. Mary left an email message for Paul Hart asking if she could attend the meeting. Also asked two questions: 1) Will the money that Cal Trans provides for rerouting the trail to into a special fund for the Pioneer Trail? Important to be sure fund is large enough to cover NEPA, archaeology, etc. 2) Will the reroute be worked on before the road work is started so that the trail can remain open?

Comments from Board:

- Karen Hayden said important to ask about timing/watch progress. Presence of goshawks, spotted owls can compress time line. There will be notice to public.
- Laura Duncan suggested to Mary Johnson that we need to decide upon our position.
- Jamie stated an archaeologist already there; she saw him.

- 3. Lone Grave Area Map:** Helen Harvey discussed with Paul Hart the possibility of creating the map for online viewing for now since the funds are not available to print the map. That possibility is being worked on by Paul and Heather Newell. When the maps are finally printed, there are donated funds in place to pay for the two large kiosk maps to be placed at Harmony Market and Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head.
- 4. Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head:** The trail head sign was discovered broken and is being repaired by Barry Vacarro. Also, one of the signs where the Dascombe trail crosses Rock Creek Road is being repaired.
- 5. GCTC Work Day:** Scheduled for April 24, 2019. Reports from the trail patrol and trail adopters indicate that there is a lot of work to be done. It will be determined what areas will receive attention before the upcoming work day.

- 6. Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Ride/Work Weekend:** Mary spoke with Mary Westmoreland, TNF Truckee District, about changing the dates for the Little Lasier Meadow camp/ride/work weekend. There is a possibility that the camp may not be open yet on the last weekend of June. The new date would be July 12-14, 2019.

F. Old Business

- 1. Skillman Camp Host:** Karen suggested review of agreement. Add Skillman at no cost for Poker Ride fundraiser because of GCTC involvement and support and funding. Mary, Laura, Heather to sit down to discuss. Duties of camp host would include explaining trail etiquette, leave no trace, provide cart for camper guests, etc. Bernie said when organizing dumpsters for manure be sure to consider truck access versus convenience/proximity to corrals.
- 2. Guided Ride Organizer:** Helen Harvey stated we need to solicit organizer for ride. The “scatter approach” is not working.
- 3. Loomis Tack Sale:** Set for Sunday, June 9 and Laura described GCTC commitment to Pines to Mines trail effort. Dr. Langdon has said we can combine with their equine event. Loomis Basin will be taking care of parking and port-a-potties. Volunteers needed. Set up Saturday evening.
- 4. Poker Ride:** Jeff Foltz said the ride is June 1 and “went live” for registration and campsites for members today. Will be available to public tomorrow. He described the various committees:
 - Food/clean up – Debbie Molloy
 - Parking – Willie Brusin
 - Prizes – Laura Duncan
 - Registration –
 - Ham operators – 3 in camp and 1 in town
 - Photos – Cal McKitrick
 - Trail marking – Sue Brusin
 - Card stations – needed
 - Entertainment – needed

G. New Business

1. Trail Patrol – HH has been asking for new members. Currently have 17/18; 20-25 desired.
2. Trail Adopters – HH has set up forms for use and is formalizing the reporting method.
3. Budget Committee – Committee of two for now: Bernie and Cathy Scott are renewing efforts. Mary Lundin no longer available.
4. Forest Service Agreement – ready.
5. Lone Grave Map – Hope to have online version available soon.
6. Reporting Volunteer Hours – Every other group includes travel time. We need to revise our reporting to include travel as we are underreporting volunteer hours. Important because the Forest Service reports volunteer hours to Congress. Karen Hayden said we need to self-promote GCTC involvement. Bernie suggested box on website that tallies number of volunteer hours and should include all volunteer hours (patrols, work days, etc.)
7. Cathy Scott said if anyone has old GCTC credit card it will no longer work as she has been issued new cards since taking over treasurer position.
8. Karen Hayden said she will be away part of April and all of May which is why she has been unable to volunteer for upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned by President Helen Harvey at 7:00 p.m. following motion to adjourn and second from Bernie Molloy and Karen Hayden. Meeting to be followed by New Member Social.

Submitted by Cathy Chase, Secretary