

General Membership Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 7 PM
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

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

Board Members:

Jamie Cameron
Helen Crawford
Karen Hayden

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 7:08 p.m. Welcome to new members Cindy, Leslie, Laurie, Rhonda, Janice, and Judy.

B. Changes or additions to agenda

Add parade update, Loney Meadow, Sunshine.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

May 14, 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved with motion from Barry Vaccaro and second from Karen Hayden. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report - Cathy Scott

Checkbook balance of \$37,042.78 as of 6/30/19. Poker Ride netted over \$4,500. Pines to Mines Tack Swap net \$9813.60. Major expenses were purchase of corral piping for Skillman and Little Lasier, approximately \$4,600. Cathy provided full financial report, copy of checking account statements, and reconciliation reports (total 17 pages). Karen Hayden motioned and Linda Lanzoni seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson

Rice's Crossing dedication set for July 20. Gate is in and grading done for Trabucco trail.

Approval received for additional corrals at Little Lasier: 19, 20, 21. Will add more corrals at Skillman later this year. Little Lasier work weekend will include potluck Saturday night.

In the works: Loney Meadow work weekend July 27th, map of Lone Grave, re-route of the Dascombe Trail, work on Pioneer Trail above Chalk Bluff, Highway 20 straightening/Caltrans project, Pack Saddle and Little Lasier can be booked with U.S. Forest Service through recreation.gov.

Willie & Sue cleared tree on Zigzag Trail at Lone Grave.

Yuba Land Trust Rim Trail is 3 miles out and back; Bullards Bar 14 miles; plenty of parking at Sunset Vista, and Mary ok'd with U.S. Forest Service.

F. Old Business

1. ***Poker Ride Update – Elicia Kamberg*** Elicia said good attendance—81 participants. Mud dried just in time for ride. Water system up and running thanks to Mark Montgomery who fixed pipes. Lots of volunteers. Receipts \$5,519.18; \$1,200 from raffle and silent auction. \$4,835.52 net.

2. **Skillman Guided Rides – Laura Duncan** Set for July 20 (Elicia & Alexis leading) and August 24. GCTC leaders to take visiting campers/riders for 2-3 hour rides. Many signed up for August 24 so will need more guide volunteers. Jaede has posted the event to 2,000 equestrians and on Facebook. Must be a camper to go on the ride. At Skillman there are 16 campsites, 5 with corrals. Must provide own food. Water available for horses. Query about other non-camping rides, and Jamie described past rides. Concern expressed about prospect of horse camping due to feeling overwhelmed by required equipment, etc. Linda Lanzoni suggested sending out a buddy request via Jaede for posting.
3. **Skillman Camp Host – Laura Duncan** Pilot program. Camp for free with duties of providing maps, check restrooms. Not necessarily get a campsite with corral (saving prime spots for paying campers). Must sign up ahead of time so Heather with Forest Service can be advised. GCTC had weekend event to provide info on guidelines and orientation. One person responded. This idea might be limited due to lack of interest.
4. **Hidden Falls Expansion – Jeff Foltz** Update provided in newsletter. County of Placer Master Plan includes the Hidden Falls expansion with 30 miles of trails for non-motorized use and will ultimately connect to Yuba Land Trust properties. Public hearing October/November. Need three supervisors to approve. The NIMBYs are very organized and vocal. Hikers, bikers, equestrians are organizing. Jeff hoping for 5,000 signatures in support. Petitions also available online (info on GCTC website).

G. New Business

1. **Plastics.** After using up existing supply, we will be discontinuing use of plastic water bottles and cups at GCTC events. Will be selling reusable bottles with GCTC logo.
2. **Manure – Mary Johnson** Reminder—take it with you! Flyers available to put on windshields. Helen Crawford suggested that when on a single track trail, move your horse off trail or kick manure away to help maintain good will with non-equestrians.
3. **Bear Yuba Land Trust Rice's Crossing Dedication on July 20** – BYLT has asked for horse participation. Date conflicts with Little Lasier work weekend. Candy Kost and Jaqueline Debets said they'll go. Trailhead is about ½ mile past Bullards Bar (Marysville Road off 49). Combo to gate which BYLT will give out.
4. **Robie Park – Jamie Canon** Last work weekends there were in 2004 and 2005 and Jamie is trying to resurrect. Date must be changed to August 24/25. For work day will need loppers and clippers. One night free then \$15/horse.
5. **Thanksgiving Dinner November 12** – Will take place at Higgins Community Center. Need volunteers to cover shifts for dinner crew.
6. **Sunshine** – Laura Duncan introduced Charlotte Chapman who is our Sunshine volunteer – please let Charlotte know if aware of anyone who needs get well card, note of encouragement, congratulations, etc.
7. **Loney Meadow – Teri Personeni** Suzanne Vaccaro and Jamie Canon will go again on Friday to check bogginess. Biggest issue is getting to back of Bowman Mountain. Need operator for hedge trimmer and chain saw and pack animal. This is a dry camp so bring own water; can water horses at creek. Will have port-a-potty. No other amenities. No fires permitted. Saturday, July 27, bring snacks, water, insect repellent; it is a 45 minute ride to work spot.

8. **Parade – Linda Lanzoni.** Article in newsletter. The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce awarded Honorable Mention to GCTC for 4th of July parade in Grass Valley; this is award they give to group they like which does not fit into a specific category). Last year Nevada City gave GCTC third place.
9. **Reimbursement for Ground Wasp Traps** – Pamela Swartz inquired whether members could be reimbursed for traps if purchased and set up. Yes, but whoever puts up must be responsible for removing at the end of the season so please track GPS coordinates.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Cathy Chase, Secretary