

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 7 PM  
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse  
10600 Bubbling Wells Road  
Grass Valley, CA

Officers in Attendance:

President                Laura Duncan

Vice President

Secretary             Mary Lundin

Treasurer             Teri Personeni

Past President

Members: Willie & Sue Brusin, Mary Johnson, Jeff Foltz

Board Members:

Fran Cole

Charles Green

Merv Kril

1. Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 by President Laura Duncan.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.  
Fran Cole moved and Merv Kril seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report  
Teri Personeni reported the bank balance at \$28,755.49 as of 6/13/16. A short discussion regarding cost of lunches at workdays concluded that costs are in line with the number of volunteers attending.
4. Forest Service Report  
See attached report.
  - A. Tractor work on the Cable Trail has been stopped due to the nesting of a spotted owl. The tractor was returned to Hansen Bros. but will be used again when work resumes. The trail is not open for use at this time.
  - B. Paul Hart and Willie will flag the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Dascombe Trail to correct a drainage issue. The August 24<sup>th</sup> workday will be for this project.
  - C. Jet Lowe is updating the trail information for the Burlington area. It was unclear if Vickie Testa and Jet Lowe were working together on this.
  - D. Paul Hart will reflag the Bull Pen Lake trail at Loney Meadows. We will be able to drive to the work area. Kenny Baker owns a cabin at Culbertson Lake and is agreeable with the trail rework. Culbertson Lake has been drained again this year due to a leak in the dam.
  - E. The Forest Service has permits for a one way, non-motorized 17 mile trail from Forest City to Downieville. It is being called the Mexican Mine Trail.
  - F. The USFS is working on a Forest Plan for all National Forests to follow. This is being done in the manner that the Travel Management Plan was handled where the TNF is the pilot for all other areas. They are using the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests as pilots for the Plan. Willie would like to ask the membership if anyone is willing to attend the meetings regarding this issue.

Merv Kril inquired about the status of the Bowman Mountain Trail work. Willie informed him that Joe Chavez was to reflag the route with longer switchbacks. This work may possibly be done in September with BONC.

Fran Cole attended the meeting for the Blue Tent Trail project. She said this will be a long haul to see this plan to fruition.

Fran also will be at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting planned for the Pines to Mines project. She will report back to GCTC with that information.

## 5. Old Business

### A. Poker Ride update-Jeff Foltz

The net profit for the Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser was \$3,947.71. This was the first year that Pay Pal was offered with registration and seemed to work well. Six new memberships were obtained as a result of the ride. Fran Cole suggested that historical data be compiled for Poker Ride. Corey Richardson of the FS stated that there was manure left behind, as well as trash that the bears got into. GCTC may need to include the expense of hiring someone to remove all trash and manure after the ride. A discussion followed as to ways to better manage the rental of campsites. Should the cost of trash removal increase the cost of registration? Jeff said the music provided seemed to be well received. He will update the membership at the July meeting.

### B. Celebration of Trails review-Merv Kril

The event organizers noted that this year's event was poorly attended. \$4.35 was received in donations and 2 new memberships. Merv did feel that this is worth the club's time to participate in.

### C. Three year strategic plan

Jeff Foltz presented information regarding Mission Statements, Vision Statements, and Strategic Plans. He noted that in addition to Board Members, there needs to be participation of the general membership. Willie Brusin suggested that registration forms be reviewed for members who indicated interest in this sort of thing. He also suggested that President Laura Duncan contact each of these members with a personal letter. Fran Cole will help with the initial setup of the structure. Jeff will review this at the July general meeting. Sue Brusin reminded the Board that we have a commitment to the FS to maintain portions of certain trails and this needs to be considered if any changes are made to the Mission Statement.

### D. Skillman update

Willie Brusin spoke with Corey Richardson regarding replumbing the potable water system with 2 spigots. Willie would like the club to consider volunteering to pay for the PVC pipe in order to expedite the work. He will get an estimate and report back.

### E. Donation Form Language

Fran Cole and Teri Personeni reviewed and updated the "tax deductible" language on club forms.

## 6. New Business

### A. Hire forestry crew to work on Cable Trail

The hired crews used for trail work are already out working as fire crews and will probably not be available until October. The Cable Trail is not to be used until it is officially completed.

### B. GCTC T-shirt purchase

Mary Johnson has researched the ordering of more t-shirts with the club logo. If 100 shirts are ordered, the \$20 processing fee will be waived. The cost would be approximately \$800, which is in line with the order placed three years ago. Ladies style shirts with V-neck and shorter sleeves have been requested by many members and are available, but in limited colors. Fran Cole offered to check into other sources that may have colors in keeping with the current t-shirts.

### C. Purchase recorder for minutes

Secretary Mary Lundin said she does not always get all information at the general meetings due to the noise level when more than one person talks at the same time. The use of a recorder was discussed and decided that it would probably record the same noise level, therefore defeating the purpose. Fran Cole informed the board that minutes are not required to be verbatim. Willie suggested that all board members

respond to the draft minutes with either “changes required” or “okay as is.” This would make the minutes accurate per the Board and would be submitted as such.

D. Frank Smith ride fundraiser

The Land Trust had a Equi-Trek ride on the Frank Smith Ranch near Lime Kiln Road which was enjoyed by some GCTC members. Laura will contact Frank and follow up about a potential GCTC fundraiser. The proposed date is Spring 2017 and would be open to GCTC members.

E. Pay Pal

Both Jeff and Teri are happy with the use of Pay Pal. There is a monthly fee for use. The idea of incorporating the cost into the Poker Ride registration fee was considered, along with the idea that the fee is a cost of doing business. This will be discussed further to determine if this cost should be carried by GCTC or the party making the charges.

F. Member Dues

Maintaining dues at the current amount or raising them was discussed. Dues have been raised in recent years. Willie suggested that unless the bank balance drops considerably, he is against raising any fees. A minimum bank balance is an issue for the Strategic Planning Committee to address.

G. Youth Trail Build Program

Laura would like to see the club do outreach to young people to keep the trail work ongoing in the future. Ideas for activities of interest were suggested. Merv Kril suggested that we might want to focus on the 20 to 40 year old group as more likely to participate in the club. This is another area that the Strategic Plan Committee will look into.

H. Donations/Advertising

Businesses that donated cash for the Poker Ride will have their business card printed free of charge in the next newsletter as a way of thanking them.

I. Membership Ideas/Merv Kril

Merv suggested that new members be offered a mentor from the current membership. Another idea is to call lapsed members and ask why they didn't renew. Riders of disciplines other than trail might be interested in the club. Also we do need to remember that we are a “trails” club, which includes people who might not have horses. Fran suggested presenting a promotional video on Comcast via the local station. Laura asked Mary Johnson if she would present another camping demonstration.

J. Charles Green told us that Linda Lanzoni and Suzanne Vacarro are interested in riding in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade this year as representatives of GCTC. The reviewing stand would talk a little about GCTC. Teri will check to see if our liability insurance covers this activity.

K. Mary Johnson reported on the condition of Little Lasier Meadow in preparation for the camp/work/ride at the end of this month. The campground and connector trail were in excellent condition with very few repairs needed. She also spoke with Mary Westmoreland of the TNF who is supportive of the horse camp. NID will most likely not use the campground for overflow as was done in the past with CLM. Little Lasier Meadow camp will be run by the forest service, while the other camps around Jackson Meadow Res. will be run by NID.

L. Teri Personeni asked that any members using the Walkers Office Supply account list their name and the project the supplies are for.

**7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM**

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary.