

Minutes

Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

March 12, 2024 6:30 P.M.

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Court

Grass Valley, CA 95945

President: Helen Crawford McDermott, Vice-President: Cathy Scott, Secretary: Tracey Cunningham, Treasurer: Corrie Silva, Board Members: Mary McMillan, Bernie Malloy, Judy Hayamizu, Past President: Jamie Canon -absent

A. Presentation by Rudy Darling with Sierra Foothills Audubon Society

B. Call to Order -Helen asked about the new start time-most attendees were in favor.

C. Changes or Additions to Agenda-Mary McMillan added Trail Patrol to New Business.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes for January 7, 2024 - amendments were made based on Mary Johnson's suggestion for changes/additions. Corrie Silva moved to approve the amended minutes-Barry Vaccaro seconded-motion passed.

E. Treasurer's Report-Corrie Silva-given by Cathy Scott

Total funds \$42,287.46 -Available Funds \$36,787-\$2,000 set aside for Lone Grave map, \$3,500 set aside for Pines to Mines

F. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson-see attached. There was discussion of: Hoot Trail and a possible alternate route, having GCTC representatives at BONC meetings-Julie McManus and Helen Crawford will go and suggested others from GCTC be asked to attend, finding a BONC counterpart to attend GCTV meetings was suggested.

G. Old Business

1. Publicity Person-Helen Crawford -Donna McMillan has kindly agreed to take on some aspects of that. Helen encouraged members to send her their ideas.

2. Incident Reports-Jamie Canon will take reports at meetings. Cathy Scott and Mary Johnson explained that the reports document our usage of the trails- reports can include both negative and positive comments and trail conditions. Pioneer and Lone Grave are open 365 days a year so it is good to report conditions. Use of GPS coordinates helps-the compass on your phone can be used for this. Helen announced that folks can come at 6:00 to the May meeting for help using their phone's compass.

3. Poker Ride- Cathy Scott -Ride date is June 1st-Thanks to all who have donated-buckets were passed out for people to fill with donated items. Items will be used for auction and prizes. Judy Hayamizu will be taking photos on the trail-there will be a BBQ and a new prize for the lowest poker hand.

4. Pines to Mines-Cathy Scott -There has been an Environmental Assessment -GCTC

and others had objections about the EA being done correctly-perhaps not including important trail/forest participation- GCTC will get to see the draft.

5. Hidden Falls Expansion-Cathy Scott -New trailhead expected to be completed in October- it is currently being called Twilight- Placer County is in charge of funding connections for the trail.

H. New Business

1. New Member Social-Helen Crawford-will be at the April Board Meeting.

2. Celebration of Trails-Helen Crawford -Judy Hayamizu will again bring her pony for kids to have pony rides - people are encouraged to come help out on June 29th-Bear Yuba Land Trust event to be held in Nevada City

3. Spenceville Ride & Tulip Ride - Jamie Canon- Reported by Helen Crawford check calendar and watch e-mails for rides. Participate and suggest rides and/or offer to lead a ride. Watch for the Tulip ride offering coming soon.

4. Loomis Basin Equine Health Fair-Jamie Canon -Reported by Helen Crawford -help will be needed to man the booth.

5. Possible Trailer Loading/Unloading Clinic 4/21/2024-Helen Crawford- postponed to late summer. It will be practice loading and unloading into different types of trailers in case of emergency. Helen is working with Nevada County Horsemen's-the event will be held on Horsemen's grounds.

6. Trail Patrol- Mary McMillan-working on setting up a certification day-horse and rider go through specific requirements- best place is probably Lone Grave- workshop will be to certify/recertify and clarify logging of hours. Helen will come with a bike and other items that might be encountered on the trail will be included.

H. Announcements

1. Helen Crawford- encouraged members to fill out the Recreation and Resiliency Survey sent out by Nevada County. It will have influence with the Forest Service.

2. Helen Crawford-Sweep Riders of the Sierras will have a meeting in Auburn. There will be an email with additional information.

3. Wild West Riders want sweep riders familiar with Skillman to help with their endurance ride. Jaede will be the liaison and will get information to GCTC members.

Adjournment: 9:08

Dates of Next Meetings:

Board of Directors- April 9, 2024

General Membership Meeting - May 14, 2024