

Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Golden Empire Grange 11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945

President:	Jamie Canon	Board Members:
Vice President:	Helen Crawford McDermott	Bernie Molloy
Secretary:	Mary Lundin	Laura Simmons
Treasurer:	Cathy Scott	Mary McMillan
Past President:	Bernie Molloy	

A. Call to Order and Welcome-President Jamie Canon

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M New member Jerry Gridley was in attendance. Jaede Miloslavich in attendance also.

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Add: Send thank you to Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC) for donation made by Orion.

Add: Question about status of club budget.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from February 14, 2023 Board Meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve by Mary McMillan, second by Cathy Scott. Approved.

D. Treasurers Report-Cathy Scott

Unrestricted funds available in checking is \$36,725. Total checking balance with restricted funds included is \$47,295.79. A complete financial reconciliation is attached.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson

*Forest Service Report
April 2023
Submitted by Mary Johnson*

Yuba River/American River non-motorized trail manager:

John Kenney is the new non-motorized trail manager for Yuba and American River districts. Started in April 2023. He is a much needed addition and Paul Hart is happy to have him there. A meeting will be scheduled soon for introductions. Paul will still be around managing the motorized trails and plans to help with transition.

Trail work:

GCTC might consider hiring workers to help clear trails this year because of the amount of work needed. I asked if there were any Forest Service regulations that we need to know about in regard to hiring trail crews? The answer from Paul was "I will let you guys decide if hiring crews are the best option, but have some questions before I would move forward".

Work days in April and May, may need to be adjusted because of the late snow.

Little Lasier Meadow dates may also need to be changed. The end of June dates are currently reserved with Forest Service. I will be communicating with Rachel Westaby and be in contact with the Sierraville Ranger District to help determine when we can get in to Lasier. I will be in contact with PCTA regarding reports and clearing of the section of PCT near Little Lasier.

There is a strong probability to anticipate damage expenses at the horse camps this year.

Nevada County Woods Riders:

Woods riders are planning to hold their dual sport event out of Skillman, currently proposed for 5-20-23.

Skillman:

GCTC is considering a water system upgrade this year pending details and discussion with the GCTC board.

F. Old Business**1. Placer County Land Trust-Cathy Scott**

Consists of about 40 acres including wetlands. A Twilight Ride is proposed in the new trail area.

2. Poker Ride Update-Helen Crawford

The date for the Poker Ride Fundraiser is Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 at Skillman Horse Camp. The Wild West Ride is June 23rd. Eight miles of trails need to be marked. Snow may impact camping. GCTC members will be given priority for sites. Debbie Molloy will serve pulled pork sandwiches and members will bring appetizers and desserts. Bernie Molloy will write an article in the upcoming newsletter about donations being needed Tractor Supply, Placer Farm Supply, and Echo Valley Farm Supply have agreed to donate buckets with items.

3. Alcohol at Poker Ride-Helen Crawford

A suggestion was made to allow a vendor to sell and serve alcoholic beverages. The decision was made to continue only serving non-alcoholic beverages with the meal.

4. LBEMC Health Fair-Laura Duncan

Loomis Basin will hold their Equine Health Fair on Sunday, May 21st. We will set up our booth Saturday evening. Our focus will be on trail etiquette education as well as showcasing GCTC to the public. Educating youth about proper trail use is important. We will purchase a large horse cut-out from Amazon for \$50 to display to attract attention to our booth.

5. Pines to Mines EIR-Laura Duncan

Not much happening currently-there is too much snow. The EIR may be pushed out to the end of this year or even next year.

6. Equipment Trailer Update-Jamie Canon

Jamie continues to look. Karen Schwartz's horse died and she is selling her trailer. That will be considered as a possibility for the equipment trailer.

7. New iPad-Jaede Miloslavich

Jaede made the purchase of a new iPad for the club. Jamie will keep custody of it and provide it at all GCTC events. Has "GCTC" etched on it.

G. New Business

1. Presentation of Radios at Poker Ride-Cal McKitrick

Cal gave a presentation of different types of radio communications that can be used at Poker Ride and other events. He has a system to communicate with a ham radio member at each card station. They would relay things such as last rider through the card station, bear or bee reports, rider injuries, etc. The information would be relayed from Skillman to a friend at Scott's Flat Lake, who would then notify 911 and emergency personnel when needed. Mary Johnson reminded us that we do have hand held line-of-sight units.

2. Trail User Training Program-Laura Duncan

A training program will be created to teach trail users about trail safety; ie. "stop, speak, smile" when approaching horse riders.

H. Announcements-Jamie Canon

1. Accomplishments-Notify Jamie of things you or others accomplish that are part of the club mission so we can keep track of them and share that information with members and the public.

2. Incident Reports-Use them when needed. Call Jamie if you need assistance with this.

3. New Member Social Interactions-Remember to introduce yourself and offer to assist new members with things they are unfamiliar with.

4. Trailer Stickers and More-We now have a supply of both large orange stickers and small stickers with the GCTC name and logo available with a donation. They can be used on trailers, vehicles, water bottles and other things.

5. Tulip Ride-A ride at Ananda will be held on May 14th. This is always a beautiful place to ride.

6. Spenceville Ride-May 6th is the date for the ride at Spenceville Wildlife Area. Be sure to get signed up.

7. International Trails Summit-Jamie will be going next week to represent GCTC and learn more about what is happening in the trails' realm.

Adjournment and Refreshments-Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL TO BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.