

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President Bernie Molloy
Vice President Susan Donnelly
Secretary Cathy Chase
Treasurer Cathy Scott
Past President Helen Harvey

Board Members:

Jamie Canon
Helen Crawford
Karen Hayden

Administrative Members:

Laura Duncan (past president)
Mary Johnson

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Bernie Molloy at 6:09 p.m.

B. Changes or additions to agenda

Helen Crawford would like to discuss kid's ride on Sunday, May 31.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 10, 2019 Board of Directors minutes – Karen motioned to approve and Susan seconded. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report - Cathy Scott

Checkbook balance of \$41,776.28 as of February 11, 2020. Cathy provided full financial report, copy of checking and credit card account statements, reconciliation and activity reports, and membership PayPal report (total 13 pages). Purchased refurbished trail camera for use at Lone Grave at cost of \$109.94. Cathy also provided pricing report on cost of various types of portable toilets which GCTC rents for summer use at Lone Grave and for GCTC consideration at Skillman. Karen motioned and Susan seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson

1. Mary met with Rod Garcia and Paul Hart, U.S. Forest Service. This was a USFS/GCTC meeting to cover trail projects. Also discussed bike trails to relieve Hoot traffic. At 4 p.m. there was a joint meeting with BONC (Bicyclists of Nevada County) and NCWR (Nevada County Woods Riders). Work on the Hallelujah Trail to be a joint effort with BONC in May. Paul would like to see as many joint projects as possible. Paul Hart will be away for 120 days beginning in March on a temporary re-assignment. Rod Garcia is backup contact in the interim.
2. Helen Harvey reported that Skillman work days set for May 15, 16, 17. Need dirt work done. Laura Duncan inquired whether GCTC could hire someone for this. She also said we need to generate turnout; perhaps offer raffle for volunteers as incentive?
3. Grouse Ridge work day same as Grouse Fest weekend. The Woods Riders can get permission for other trails but Forest Service would move equipment with their motorcycles.
4. Paul provided list of projects. Need to pick which projects are of highest interest to GCTC. BONC already has chosen Washington Ridge and Pines to Mines. Cal Ida is another possibility; Karen Hayden noted that this is somewhat lawless territory (miners/claims) and cautioned any GCTC members checking on the area not to go alone.

F. Old Business

1. *Cargo Trailer – Bernie Molloy*

Bernie said Barry Vaccaro is working with Duke Klement of Duke's Trailer Works to find a free or inexpensive 8 ft. x 10 ft. or 8 ft. x 12 ft. trailer. If nothing found within a few months will try other avenues. Budget is \$2,000-\$3,000 and will vote on purchase when a reality. Duke advised patience as this size of cargo trailer is in high demand.

2. *Poker Ride Update*

Bernie said Debbie Molloy spent quite a bit of time calling members trying to find a leader for the Poker Ride event without success. Need to have someone by March 1st. Jeff Foltz and Elicia Kamberg offered help. Laura Duncan and Mary Johnson suggested the possibility of a Fun Ride instead of Poker Ride. Could expand to multiple days, include demo clinics (such as navigation, how to high line, etc.). Helen Harvey said we need to look at which components of the Poker Ride event brought in revenue. Mary Johnson proposed getting a group together to come up with a plan and present to board. Laura Duncan suggested that participation be limited with reminder that there is \$40k in the bank and the upcoming Highway 20 Caltrans work may be an issue, although Heather at Forest Service said GCTC could use the White Cloud site for staging. Helen Harvey noted that for the next several years we may have to make this a smaller event.

3. *Membership Renewals*

Bernie reported on behalf of Heidi Hansen who is out of town. There are 35 new members, 234 paid renewals.

4. *Trail Buddies – Susan Donnelly*

There are six new members who have signed up, and there are six member volunteers to match as trail buddies. Karen Hayden said she applauded this idea with thanks. She pointed out that not all horse lovers grow up with horses so mentors are very important.

G. New Business (*streamlined to be able to finish meeting by 7 p.m.*)

1. *USFS/BONC/GCTC/NCWS Meeting – Mary Johnson*

Covered under Forest Service Report.

2. *Change of April Work Day – Mary Johnson*

Switching to May.

3. *Lunch Meeting with BONC – Bernie Molloy*

Met with Matt Prentiss. Discussed Washington Ridge trails and ways to take the pressure off the Hoot. All in favor of creating a bike park on the other side of Route 20. Bernie suggested moving/adding multi-use sign to top of Hoot trail. Also discussed Bay Area riders.

4. *Discuss USFS Projects List – Helen Harvey*

Considering Pines to Mines, Washington Ridge, Cal Ida.

5. *Meeting with Heather, USFS – Helen Harvey*

Mary Johnson has notes and will discuss at later date.

6. *List of Suggestions from Membership – Bernie Molloy*

Will move to next Board of Directors meeting.

7. Tack Sale benefiting Pines to Mines – Bernie Molloy

Laura Duncan is coordinator. LBEMC (Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center) will take care of all organization in conjunction with their Equine Health Fair, May 3.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. New Member Taco Night to follow.

Submitted by Cathy Chase, Secretary