**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7 PM**

**Nevada County Horsemen’s Clubhouse**

**10600 Bubbling Wells Road**

**Grass Valley, CA**

**Officers: Board Members:**

**President Helen Harvey Bernie Molloy**

**Vice President unfilled Helen Crawford**

**Secretary Mary Lundin Elicia Kamberg**

**Treasurer Teri Personeni**

**Past President Laura Duncan**

**Members attending: Lea Zivic, Cathy Chase, Mary Johnson, Tom Fletcher, Karen Wyeth**

**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

 Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by President Helen Harvey.

**B. Changes or additions to agenda**

 New Business items 3 & 4 postponed until next board meeting

**C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

 December 12, 2017 Minutes were approved as written.

**D. Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer reported the bank balance as of January 31, 2018 to be $33,600.40. Rental fees noted included kitchen fee for Thanksgiving dinner as well as clubhouse rent for two months. Report was approved as presented by Teri Personeni.

**E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson**

 1. Paul Hart now has a copy of the map that Jet Lowe is working on for the Lone Grave area trails. A meeting will be scheduled to answer questions that were raised in a meeting that Sue Brusin, Suzanne Vaccaro, and Cathy Scott attended with Jet Lowe regarding the trail names and routes designated on the map.

 2. As per Paul Hart’s request, the new acting District Ranger wrote a letter of support to help Bear Yuba Land Trust obtain a grant to fix the issue with the Penstock on the Spaulding Lake Trail (at the end of the Pioneer Trail.) It will include a bridge and an undercrossing.

 3. There was a trail walk meeting today with Paul Hart, Rob (TNF), Mary Johnson (GCTC) Matt Frietas and Jane Ragen (BONC). The meeting was to discuss trail work priorities on the Lone Grave area trails for an upcoming BONC scheduled work day on March 10. Areas discussed were: continuing the reroute of the Dascombe Loop which moves the trail away from the power lines; clearing sight lines and installing water breaks on the existing user created trail as a continuation of the reroute of the Dascombe; brushing and clearing sight lines and rerouting the bottom of the “Zig Zag” trail; rerouting/repairing a steep section of the connector trail between the Dascombe and Harmony trails. The current focus of this work will be the line of sight and erosion at the bottom of the “Zig Zag” trail.

 4. Also discussed was establishing more coordination between GCTC and BONC for trail work and to create education tools, etc. to lesson user conflicts.

 Helen Harvey informed us that Paul Hart, BONC and GCTC board members and trail liaisons will meet soon, probably the 2nd week of March, to discuss the Hoot Trail.

**F. Old Business**

**1. Pines to Mines/GCTC Fundraiser-Laura Duncan**

The GCTC fundraiser for Pines to Mines will be March 18th at the Loomis Basin Veterinary facility in the arena. We still need volunteers to help with set up and the GCTC information booth. Willie will handle parking but will need some help. Saddles That Fit will be there for a presentation, and there will be an educational talk on equine emergencies. Press releases will be given to The Union Newspaper. KVMR and KNCO radio stations have community calendars that could be contacted.

**2. Poker Ride Update-Elicia Kamberg**

Elicia has been told by Heather that the sites are reserved but they are not showing that way on the website yet. The Operating Plan is ready to go to the FS.

**3. Cost of mailing newsletter per copy**

The cost to mail each newsletter is $1.30, all inclusive. That is not too high.

**4. Publicity**

We still need to do more publicity to get exposure for GCTC. The Pines to Mines fundraiser will help. Bernie Molloy asked about the NC Fair. We should be submitting more to The Union and the local radio stations. Brochures could be placed in real estate offices, Chamber of Commerce buildings and feed stores. Teresa Dietrich is our current publicity chairperson. We need to let non-horse trail users know that we have been building trails for 30 years.

**G.New Business**

**1. New apparel proposal**

Lea Zivic presented the new club logo, which stays with the original but adds a horse and bolder coloring on the lettering. She showed options for new clothing purchases, such as vests and fleece-lined windbreakers with the club logo. She requested approval of $2500 to purchase these. A move by Bernie Molloy, seconded by Teri Personeni, was approved by the board. Also discussed and approved was the purchase of workday vests with the club name and VOLUNTEER on them for use at workdays, but to be retained by the club. This will help to advertise our club participation in workdays, as well as provide a visible safety vest for members.

**2. Bear Yuba Land Trust liaison**

 Helen Crawford is our representative on the trails committee.

**3. Promotion from US Rider**

 Postponed

**4. Budget**

Postponed

**5. Placer County Park & Recreation Plan**

Karen Wyeth presented a draft of 15 maps showing the proposed trails being considered. The timeline is for the plan to be completed in 2018, not the construction of all trails. The purpose of the proposal is to identify the trails to be constructed at a later date. They are working to eventually connect the trails.

Other discussions: Member Tom Fletcher suggested that GCTC should consider adding “Equestrian” to our club name, so that other equestrian groups looking for support on equestrian issues will know to contact us. Due to lack of time for a discussion on this issue, the matter will be included in a future board agenda.

Elicia Kamberg, Skillman workday leader, is not available on the planned work date. Should we change the date to May 16th from the 23rd, or keep the date and let someone else run the workday? A decision was not made at this time.

**Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary