

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 7 PM  
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse  
10600 Bubbling Wells Road  
Grass Valley, CA**

**Officers:**

**President            Laura Duncan  
Vice President    Melissa Ribley  
Secretary         Mary Lundin  
Treasurer         Teri Personeni  
Past President    Karen Schwartz**

**Board Members:**

**Fran Cole  
Charles Green  
Merv Kril**

**Others attending: Mary Johnson, Willie and Sue Brusin, Linda Lanzoni**

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome  
Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Laura Duncan.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting  
Teri Personeni moved that minutes be approved, Fran Cole seconded. Motion carried.**
- 3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report  
Teri reported the bank balance as of 4/12/16 to be \$28,122.94.  
Motions made and carried to approve Treasurer's Report.**
- 4. Forest Service Report-See attached report
  - A. NEPA report finalized for Cable Trail. A joint workday with BONC will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to be led by Willie.**
  - B. The Rock Creek Road drainage is directed to run down the Dascombe Trail causing the erosion of the trail. Paul Hart has given the approval to remake the area of trail affected. A workday is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, to be led by Irv Mazur.**
  - C. The trail signs on the Dascombe Trail near Rock Creek Road have been vandalized. The flagging marking the April 17<sup>th</sup> reroute were removed and had to be replaced on Wednesday.****

**D. Willie will meet with Paul Hart on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss trail signs and maintenance flagging.**

**E. Willie and a Forest Service representative met last year to discuss the addition of long switchbacks on the Bowman Mountain Trail reroute. Paul Hart is working on this plan in anticipation of the construction with BONC in September.**

**F. The Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead map board is missing. Willie suggests we propose to the FS that GCTC install a 2" steel pipe, 2' in the ground with cement, to hold a new board. He will get a quote for supplies, and with board approval, will ask for FS approval to install the new board.**

**G. The large tree on the Meyer/Dascombe trail has been cut.**

**H. Willie and Sue attended the meeting of the Farwest Geoscience Foundation's proposal for a Tall Pines/Blue Tent Ditch Loop Trail project. This is near the Omega overlook/Diamond Creek area by the toilets. The proposal is to fund this trail, including bridges, by donations. Willie asked that someone else keep up on this project. Fran Cole and Pam Swartz will be GCTC representatives.**

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Poker Ride update-Jeff Foltz**

**Laura reported for Jeff that Poker Ride plans are progressing nicely except one issue. The Forest Service wants to charge \$750 rental fee for the use of the campground. There has not been a charge in the past for either the rental or the use permit. Laura felt the request may stem from the FS not wanting the public to think GCTC is getting special considerations. The Board suggested that Cecelia, who is new to this position at TNF, be informed of the fact that GCTC has supplied all the monies and labor for Skillman campground improvements since its inception. She may not understand that this fundraiser is for continued support of TNF trails and horse camps. The recent change in FS employees, as well as the new FS policy of managing the campgrounds, has created some confusion about the role GCTC continues to play in providing for public access for recreation.**

**It was decided that 4 single temporary pipe corrals will be put up for use at the Poker Ride. They will not be installed permanently at this time due to the uncertainty of Skillman Campground's future, despite approval from the FS to do so.**

#### **B. Three year strategic plan**

Laura will ask Helen Harvey to chair the planning of the 3 year plan. Helen has the previous 5 year plan on computer.

**C. GCTC Credit card update**

Teri reported that Chase Bank wants Teri's personal financial information before issuing a credit card to the club. This is not acceptable to Teri as the purpose of getting a credit card is to avoid using her personal card for club business. It was suggested that she speak personally to the local bank branch and point out the club bank balance that is carried there in our checking account. She will follow up on this and report back.

**D. Skillman update**

The issue of what GCTC wants for the future of Skillman Campground was discussed. Melissa Ribley will put together survey questions to discuss with Cecelia before taking to the membership.

**E. Tack swap update**

Charles Green will open the NCH clubhouse at 5:00. The tack swap will be set up outside at 5:30, in the area not used for parking. Members should bring their own display tables. The business meeting will be inside from 7:00 to 8:00. Those wishing to remain outside with their tack may do so. The event will end at 9:00 so that the clubhouse may be closed at that time. Charles will invite NCH members to participate.

**F. Pioneer Trail Work/Ride Campout**

The campout will be held the day after the scheduled workday on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Thursday will be to get settled in, and trail riding. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will have trail work scheduled in the mornings, and trail rides in the afternoons. GCTC will provide BBQ dinners each evening, with members providing pot luck items to share. This will be advertised in the upcoming newsletter, as well as email.

**New Business**

**A. Payment for Celebration of Trails participation**

Registration fees have been paid by Teri. Merv Kril and Carol Scuria will represent the club. T-shirts will be available for purchase. Available will be newsletters, membership applications, trail maps, and possibly flyers about the club.

**B. Renewal of ACE membership**

Motion was made and carried to continue to renew membership in Action Coalition for Equestrians (ACE).

**C. Donation for Auburn Fairgrounds barn repair**

A request was made for the club to make a donation to the Auburn Fairgrounds toward repair of the horse barns. The barns are used during Tevis and other equine activities. The Board did not feel this was in keeping with our mission to build and maintain trails and therefore denied the request. Members who wish to support this individually are encouraged to do so.

**D. Lone Grave Port-A-Potty-Melissa Ribley**

Melissa requested that the Board approve payment for 5 months rental of a port-a-potty at the Gold Country Equestrian Staging Area at Lone Grave. One additional month will be paid by the Wild West Endurance Ride. The fee is \$90 per month and will run from mid-May until the end of October. The club is responsible for damage to the unit. It was suggested a sign be attached to a tree stating this is courtesy of GCTC. Club members stated in the past that they wanted the port-a-potty there. Teri motioned, Fran seconded, motion carried.

**E. Additional fund raising-Merv Kril**

Merv and Carol suggested ways of fundraising in addition to the annual Poker Ride. Ideas included a Safety Fair, highlighting trailer safety, animal rescue, etc., a trail ride, member cookbook, a clinic, tack swap with the club receiving a percentage of sales, and sale of a referral list such as that collected and distributed by Jaede. Also using the NCH arena in the fall for a joint trail trial day similar to that put on by Running I Ranch in Dunnigan.

**F. Roll call of BOD/Officers at meetings for minutes**

Secretary Mary Lundin asked for guidance regarding listing all Officers and Board members in attendance in the minutes. Because it is inefficient to try to visually locate these people in the audience, Board members will sit at the tables in front during the general meeting and will be listed in the minutes. This will also help members become acquainted with the current officers.

**G. Press Releases/Articles for newspapers and magazines-Mary Lundin**

Mary brought up the consensus from a past year's board meeting that all members are encouraged to provide club information to the public, but that all submissions be given to the Publicity Chair (currently Teresa Dietrich). She then sends them to the President for review before releasing them for publication. This encourages members to be active in public outreach, but offers review for accuracy. The Board agreed that this is the current policy and would continue with such.

**H. Date change request for Thanksgiving meeting**

Laura requested that due to the national election taking place on this day, and because she will be working at a polling place as may other members, she would like to have the meeting date changed to the next Tuesday, which is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Charles will check for availability of the clubhouse. (The date has been officially changed, the calendar updated, and notification sent by email to members.)

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary