

General Membership Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Road, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President Helen Harvey
Vice President Bernie Molloy
Secretary Cathy Chase
Treasurer Cathy Scott
Past President Laura Duncan, absent

Board Members:

Helen Crawford
Karen Hayden

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 7:05 p.m. New members Suzanne Barry and Andi Duncan welcomed as well as long-time member Jeanine Wolf who lives in Meadow Vista so hasn't attended meetings. Lynn Purdy asked to speak later during New Business.

B. Changes or additions to agenda

None.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

November 13, 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved with motions from Adam Wilhite and Jaede Miloslavich. Motions passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathy Scott reported bank balance of \$36,013.41 as of 1/8/19. Membership dues have increased the balance. Helen Crawford motioned and Bernie Molloy seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed. Helen Harvey thanked Teri Personeni for serving as treasurer for so many years and thanked Cathy Scott for taking on the position.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson

Mary noted that winter is a quiet time for happenings in the Tahoe National Forest especially when impacted by the unapproved US budget which has closed many government offices. Looking forward into 2019 there are items still in the works and some new trail maintenance to be scheduled.

1. Lone Grave maps: Still being worked on. Currently the draft map is being made up. Paul Hart will inform GCTC when it is ready for review. He assured Mary that GCTC will be included in the review process.
2. Bowman Mountain Trail: Improvement of the rocky section of the trail on Bowman Mountain is still on Paul Hart's agenda. He had hoped to work on that in 2018, but that didn't happen.
3. Pack Saddle Campground: The Forest Service is still interested in improvements to the equestrian area of the campground. In 2017 the corrals were repaired. A few years ago Willie and Sue Brusin, Mary Johnson, Joe Chavez, and Keith Brown outlined some ideas for changes. Those ideas, including a map, will be presented to Heather Newell this year for her review.
4. Pioneer Trail: An area of the trail east of Chalk Bluff has erosion issues and will be considered for repair or reroute. Since considerable labor is likely, GCTC will employ a trail crew to complete the work.

5. Dascombe Trail: An area of the trail has been identified that is eroded and in need of work. This will be scheduled in the spring.
6. All Trails in the Tahoe National Forest: A reminder to all of the trail adopters and anyone riding those trails to notify GCTC of areas that need attention. (New electronic/computer trail report available)
7. Wasps: GCTC will be proactive with traps in the spring to reduce the number of nests near the trails. (Comment from someone that it would be good to make GPS notes so the traps can later be retrieved.)

Adam Wilhite asked about status of some of the sections of the Pines to Mines Trail. Helen Harvey said the trail is up in the air. There are issues with Sierra Pacific.

Willie Brusin reported on Rice Crossing and work with the Bear Yuba Land Trust. Three years ago BYLT submitted a grant (GCTC contributed funds) to create parking on one side of Bullard's Bar and an equestrian staging area on the other. There will be a combo lock for equestrians, for day and/or overnight use. Long-range plan is to complete a trail through to Bridgeport with parking at Bridgeport end also.

F. Old Business

None.

G. New Business

1. Introduction of New Officers and Board Members

Bernie Molloy, Vice President. Mary Lundin stepping down as secretary; Cathy Chase has accepted the position. Karen Hayden has agreed to serve as a board member. Cathy Scott will take over as Treasurer. Susan Donnelley has volunteered to be the new Membership Chair and will take over from Cathy Chase after the current membership renewal period.

2. Membership

Cathy Chase reported there are currently 244 members and about 100 who have not renewed. Membership directory for 2018-2019 is in the works. We can now import JotForm data into Excel to create membership lists, which is one of the reasons we are encouraging everyone to renew online. The directory will be distributed once it is complete. Jaede noted that the total individual membership figures are higher as there are many family memberships so headcount is approximately 399 persons.

3. 2019 Calendar

The 2019 calendar was reviewed and several events noted: a new member social that Bernie will organize; a Just-for-Kids (and their parents) Ride lead by Helen Crawford; Celebration of Trails is not on calendar because there is no date yet; Skillman day rides very popular and a coordinator is needed so ride leaders don't have to do all the planning. Jaede will post the calendar on the website and send out pdf via email.

4. Other

- a. Lynn Purdy shared information about a fundraising benefit on 2/9/19 from 4-9 p.m. for Mark Murnan who was recently diagnosed with cancer. There is also a Go-Fund-Me site being set up. Jaede will post details.
- b. Robert Sydnor described work done October-November by trail crews at Mumford Bar trailhead, Forest Hill, and Royal Gorge with Back Country Horsemen participation. He will write a report that Jaede can post.

5. “Google Forms” in the works

Helen Harvey described various forms which can be filled out and info transferred to spreadsheet:

- a. Trail Issues – A member-generated report (Jaede suggested including photos) that we can access for information on any trail problems, advisories, or notes.
- b. Membership – JotForm.
- c. Evacuation – Data on members, including their locations, who can move, board, etc. in the event of emergency.
- d. Horse Care Exchange – Bernie suggested as a possible solution to the problem many of us have when traveling away from home. Swap feeding duties, trade, barter, etc. by matching people who live in same general vicinity.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by Cathy Chase, Secretary