

Gold Country Trails Council General Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.
Grass Valley, CA

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm by Karen Schwartz.

Minutes of August Board meeting were approved. Jaede Miloslavich announced she has put the minutes on the GCTC website.

Teri Personeni presented the Treasurer's Report (attached)
Willi Brusin presented the Forest Service Report (attached)

Jet Lowe with the Tahoe National Forest Service was introduced by Karen Schwartz. Jet described two upcoming activities involving BONC and YBONC. Jet described how she presents YBONC information to schools to get parents and kids on the trails for trail stewardship. Jet is also working with cross country teams in middle schools. One of the upcoming activities is this weekend and is the 4th year of the Grouse Festival. There is free camping for trail volunteers. They will meet at 9:00 am at Lindsey Lake and divide into two crews – a north and south crew. Joe Chavez is involved with leading the crews. Jet provided GCTC with maps of where to meet and where the trails sections that are to be worked on are located. The second upcoming activity is November 6,7,8 and is a camp for women. The purpose is to get more females out on the trails. There will be bike instruction. Friday will be the set up at Scotts Flat Campground. Sunday, Jet asked that GCTC members set up stations on the Pioneer Trail with horses in order to teach mountain bikers how to interact with horses and riders on the trail.

Karen announced an article by Melissa Ribley that was published in Endurance News about the AERC Trails Grant Program and the reroute of the Pioneer Trail. Melissa's article will be posted on the GCTC website.

Under Old Business: Mary Johnson announced it is time to renew membership in GCTC. Pay Pal is available but you still need to fill out an application and sign and mail the release. The membership fee is \$25.00 for individuals or families. Contact Mary Johnson with membership questions.

The 2015 calendar of events was discussed. Mary Johnson talked about the Royal Gorge Day Ride. The ride went well with good trails and nice weather. Teri Personnini talked about the Loney Meadows Work Day. She said it was very successful with lots of work accomplished. The meat bees were bad so the work day will be moved to July next year. Willie cut trees and Suzanne Santana packed the chain saw. There was a good potluck dinner.

Irv Mazur talked about the United Trails Day on October 10. He will report on what we will be doing at a future date. Jet Lowe has a grant for the food.

Karen Schwartz announced we need volunteers for the Lone Grave Ride on October 24 and Willie announced we need a BBQ. Karen will contact our Camp Cook and Coordinator Debbie Molloy to see if she is willing to do the BBQ.

Jaede Miloslavich talked about the GCTC website. There is a new link to what was the Park Watch and is now the Mother Lode Trails.org.

Under New Business:

Karen announced the board is working on putting together a governance committee and a trails committee that Karen Wyeth and Jaede will be leading.

Jaede will be our official representative on the East/West Trails Project headed up by Richard Anderson.

Fran Cole described the upcoming Bear Yuba Land Trust Quiz Ride and Hike on October 14. This is an Epi Trek event and is a fund raiser for the BYLT. It will be at Blue Point Mine and will go down to the Yuba River. There will be great questions and participants can wear costumes. Contact Jean at the Land Trust for more information.

Karen Schwartz described how the National Parks are closing to livestock, and this includes Yosemite. The Yosemite stable horses will be auctioned off in October. This serves as a reminder how easily equestrians can be shut out. Jaede announced the same thing is happening in the Grand Canyon and that the mule rides are being stopped.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Melissa Ribley