

Board of Directors Meeting
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7 P.M.
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President: Jamie Canon
Vice Helen Crawford
President: McDermott
Secretary: Mary Lundin
Treasurer: Cathy Scott
Past Bernie Molloy
President:

Board Members:

Bernie Molloy
Laura Simmons
Mary McMillan

A. Call to Order and Welcome to Current and New Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by President Jamie Canon. Members in attendance: Laura Duncan, Jeff Foltz, Cathy Chase, Donna McMillen, Jeffrey Gridley.

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Items 5 & 6 added to New Business

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting and Special Minutes

Minutes from December 13, 2022 BOD Meeting were approved as written with motion from Laura Simmons, 2nd by Helen Crawford. Motion carried.

D. Treasurer's Report -Cathy Scott

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report. The premium for the Directors and Officers coverage was paid. Motions to approve were made by Helen Crawford with second by Mary McMillan. Motion carried. The report was submitted for attachment to the minutes.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson- Absent

F. Old Business

1. Placer County Land Trust-Cathy Scott

Cathy attended another on site workday with PCLT for the new trails at Big Hill Preserves. No other equestrians were there. The trail work support has come mostly from bicyclists and runners. Chrissy with the Land Trust would like to see more support from equestrians. Cathy encouraged GCTC members to join and participate in other trail groups, especially PCLT. An informational

article in the club newsletter could be a way to encourage this. A conversation was had about scheduling a GCTC -PCLT joint workday for the new trails but was decided against. The gate latches that we will provide and install were reviewed and a latch type was chosen. Cathy will set up date and time for these to be installed. The Land Trust will replace the barbed wire on the gates with another product. Placer County is putting in a parking lot.

2. Poker Ride Fundraiser-Helen Crawford

The date of the 2023 fundraiser is Saturday, June 3rd. Helen has received information from past chairpersons on the process but realizes she needs many volunteers to make it happen. Jamie asks the board members to volunteer as committee chairs for the various tasks. Bernie told us that Debbie Molloy will again be the event cook. She will also need assistance. Malloy Steffan, the TNF Special Use Permit Administrator, has advised that our 5-year use permit is good until 2026. Our insurance and operating plan are ready as well. Helen also suggested that when the trail route is laid out that an extra loop be added for those who want more distance to ride. The pros and cons of getting everyone back to the campground in time to get poker hands turned in and lunch served was discussed.

3. Keeping track of volunteer hours-Mary Johnson

Mary was not in attendance. Helen Crawford asks that someone at the general meetings be available to receive volunteer hours from members. An update to the website would need to be made by Brit. Jamie will talk to Jaede about having this done. Mary McMillan would also like to do a Trail Patrol update to train new volunteers with their horses.

4. Volunteering at least 4 hours per year-Jamie Canon

Jamie wants to again remind members that the October BBQ at the Equestrian Trailhead is a “**Volunteer Appreciation** BBQ and Ride.” She asks that all members make a point of volunteering at least 4 hours a year in any capacity in the club. This reminder will again be in the President’s Message in the upcoming newsletter.

5. Strategic Plan-Jeff Foltz

Nine members assisted Jeff in reviewing the last plan update from 2017. They were Jamie Canon, Mary McMillan, Cathy Scott, Bernie Molloy, Andrea Duncan, Jaede Miloslavich, Laura Duncan, Helen Harvey and Jeff Foltz. The committee spent 4 hours reviewing the last strategic plan and updating goals. A survey will be created and provided for membership input, after which the committee will meet again. The final draft will be presented to the BOD after that. Mary McMillan suggests we add outreach to other trail groups as part of our plan. She also suggests we create an organizational chart. The phrase “Go Slow and Say Hello” is something riders can use to interact with other trail users to encourage harmony between horses and others on the trail.

6. iPad-Jaede Miloslavich-absent

Laura Simmons offered to donate an iPad for use at meetings and events but it was too outdated to do what we needed. It will cost around \$500-\$550 for a new one. Cathy Scott made a motion to authorize the purchase and Bernie Molloy seconded. Motion passed. Jaede will purchase the iPad. It was noted that current membership is approximately 356 members.

7. GPS Update-Toni Owen -absent

Lots of good feedback has been received about the new GPS app on the website. Trails in the folder can be downloaded to your phone with the app. They include length, difficulty, and other important trail information.

G. New Business

1. CPR Training-Jeff Foltz

Jeff is in contact with the Grass Valley Station 2 Fire Chief regarding CPR training in their training facility which holds 30 people. The training is usually done on a Saturday and takes four hours.

Donations can be made. There is a possibility of AED training as well. Laura Simmons has an AED she will donate to GCTC. Would this work at trail workdays?

2. **United Trails Day Lunch-Mary Johnson-absent**

GCTC will again provide lunch for the volunteers at the 2023 United Trails Day workday. The other groups participating share the cost of the meal.

3. **Raise Membership Fees-Jaede Miloslavich-absent**

After some discussion, it was decided that no membership fee increase was warranted.

4. **2023 Accomplishments-Jamie Canon**

The accomplishments of the year are chronicled and reviewed for the membership at the November Thanksgiving Dinner membership meeting, and again at the January meeting. They have been included in the club newsletter. Jamie reminded us of the importance of being aware of what we as a group have provided to the non-motorized trail public users in keeping with our mission, and what we plan to accomplish in the future. Members should keep track of their individual GCTC accomplishments and report them to the president for recording.

5. **Satellite Phone/Zoom Meetings-Mary McMillan**

The need for a club owned satellite phone for club workdays and events was discussed, as cell phone coverage is virtually non-existent in nearly all areas of the Tahoe National Forest and other areas GCTC meets. This type of communication allows for text messages as well as the ability to send an SOS and location coordinates. A subscription plan would be required, and a Safety Officer would be appointed. Phones can be leased, or purchased for around \$850 to \$1500 for what we would need.

Zoom meetings can be used when weather conditions cause meeting cancellations, or when the Board needs an unplanned session. A commercial account would be needed, along with a Dedicated Moderator. Mary McMillan will research this and get back to the board.

6. **Animal Rescue-Cathy Scott**

Cathy is aware of a program through Nevada County Sheriff Shannon Moon's department for animal rescue at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. She would like us to consider GCTC making a donation to this effort. She would also like to learn how we would be advised about evacuations and resulting road closures. Cathy will research this and report back.

Jamie suggested that we make a written description of the Publicity Chair position. Some ways to publicize GCTC is through tri-fold brochures that include the campgrounds we have built and maintain, club business cards to hand out to other trail users, new tree signs, all of which we have used in the past but need updating. A request was made to also check into the orange stickers we used to have for the stock trailers, as well as getting small ones for our vehicles. Jamie will check into having an active Publicity Chair and into obtaining new materials.

The question of getting the County of Nevada to make repairs to their portion of Waldo Road in the Spenceville Wildlife Refuge was brought up. Repairs occasionally get made to the Yuba County portion but not the Nevada County portion. Is there any way this group's members can contact the department in charge of that to make frequent and numerous requests for that service?

These members attended a presentation by the Nevada County s Motorcycle Club: Jamie Canon, Cathy Scott, and Mary Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary