

Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 09, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Golden Empire Grange 11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945

President:	Jamie Canon	Board Members:
Vice President:	Helen Crawford McDermott	Bernie Molloy-absent
Secretary:	Mary Lundin	Laura Simmons
Treasurer:	Cathy Scott	Mary McMillan-absent
Past President:	Bernie Molloy	

A. Call to Order and Welcome-President Jamie Canon

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by President Jamie Canon

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda-none noted

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

(January and March meetings not held due to severe weather)

D. Treasurers Report-Cathy Scott

As of 5/9/23 the balance in checking is \$48,693, including designated/restricted funds. A complete accounting is attached to written minutes.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson

May 2023-Yuba River Ranger District non-motorized trail manager: John Kenney is the new non-motorized trail manager for Yuba and American River Districts. He started in April. Paul Hart remains as the motorized trail manager and will be helping in the transition period. A meeting is scheduled for (hopefully) next week.

Trail work: Although it certainly seemed that there would be a serious amount of trail clearing needed this year, the Lone Grave area trails were not heavily impacted. GCTC had a successful work day on April 29, 2023. We will know more when we are able to access trails in the Burlington Ridge area/Skillman.

Skillman Campground: The NCWR had a successful work day at Skillman last week. They put gravel down on Burlington Rd. at the entrance of Skillman and cleared some snow out of the campground. There will be a joint work day on May 13 and the GCTC work day is scheduled for May 17. The NCWR will have their annual Dual Sport Ride on May 20 staged out of Skillman.

Skillman water upgrade is a suggestion by GCTC for this year. More details later as this develops.

Little Lasier Meadows: The annual workday at LLM is currently reserved with the Forest Service. We don't know yet if there will be a delay due to the heavy snow. Rachel Westaby communicated with me about the replacement of the Lasier horse camp sign. GCTC has offered to help with the cost. No decision has been made yet.

GCTC will be in contact with PCTA regarding reports and clearing of the section of the PCT near Little Lasier.

A member asked who will pay for the redo of the Pioneer Trail where it has been impacted by road construction.

Mary told us that Cal Trans will pay the Forest Service for the cost to repair the trail.

F. Old Business

1. Penn Valley Rodeo Parade-Linda Lanzoni

Eleven riders have signed up for the parade, some people walking their horses. Also one mini will participate. They will walk from Western Gateway Park to Ready Springs School. The parade route is one level mile. Linda also requests orange GCTC t-shirts loaned or donated for participants to wear.

2. Equipment Trailer-Jamie Canon

We are still looking for an enclosed utility type trailer 6' x 10' or 12' for tools, tables, etc. Five thousand dollars has already been allocated for the purchase. The trailer will reside at Mary Johnson's ranch on Hwy. 174.

3. GPX Tracking Update-Toni Owen

Toni was not available.

4. Skillman Workdays Update-Mary Johnson

Covered in Forest Service report

5. New Member Social-Jamie Canon

Several current members attended. There were 12 new members also.

6. PCLT Report-Cathy Scott

The Hidden Falls expansion is ongoing. The goal is land conservation and improving people's mental and physical health. There are 7 miles of trails at an easy pace on PCLT land which is not open to the public without a leader. There is a list of upcoming rides with approximately 50 members, including many members of GCTC also. GCTC members worked on the gates. They are better but not perfect yet. Placer County voted for bid for parking construction. It is expected to cost about \$1.5 million. The County met with users and the Land Trust regarding possibly having 20 spaces for trailer parking and restrooms.

7. New iPad

The iPad is available for members to use, such as membership renewals at meetings.

8. Poker Ride-Helen Crawford

Helen was not available. The ride and campground are already full of participants. Members can still bring donations to workday on May 17th. Debbie Molloy will send out information about what food donations are needed. Home made food is always appreciated. We are asking members to minimize use of plastic. Bring your own plates and utensils and you get an extra "lucky" ticket. We now have aluminum drink cups for purchase. There will be a drink trailer with non-alcoholic drinks for sale as well as free iced tea and lemonade. There wasn't any snow on the Pioneer Trail today. Poker cards will be drawn at stations where each card will have a card value that will be recorded on riders poker card.

G. New Business

1. BYLT Celebration of Trails-Helen Crawford

Helen was not available. The Celebration of Trails will be on June 24th in downtown Nevada City in Robinson Plaza. The club will have a booth. Helen will bring her horse. This is a good opportunity to advertise our mission and contribution to the local trails.

2. Loomis Basin Equine Fair-Laura Duncan

The fair will be on May 21st. Jeff Foltz will set up our booth on Saturday. Volunteers for the booth should arrive early on Sunday as there is limited parking.

3. American Trails Summit-Jamie Canon

Jamie attended the summit in Sparks, Nevada for 4 days and 3 nights. The focus was trail building throughout the world, and promoting safe trails. The slogan "Slow and Say Hello" was introduced as a way to be friendly as well as safe on the trails. There were representatives from around the world, including the East Coast and the Rails to Trails projects. There were many seminars to attend.

H. Announcements

1. Acknowledge GCET sign refurbishment-Jamie recognized Andi Duncan for her work to refurbish the sign at the GCET trailhead that acknowledges the partners who created that equestrian trailhead.
2. Incident reports reminder-Incident reports are available on the club website and should be used to report incidents that create safety issues. Protecting the safety of the equestrian trail users is important to all of us.
3. New brochures-Mary Johnson has been working to update and create new tri-fold brochures that inform the public about our group, the trail work we do, and the horse campgrounds that we have built and maintain.
4. Large and small orange GCTC stickers are now available to purchase. The large ones look great on our horse trailers and the small ones are just right for our cars and water bottles.
5. A publicity chairperson is still needed.
6. Andi Duncan suggests that we do something as a thank you to Pamela Warmack for her years of creating fabulous club newsletters.
7. Sonya from Air Med informed us that the membership dues we pay supports the salary of flight crews at our local base. The club discounted rate is \$79 annually and \$219 for the Fly-Me-Home option.
8. Jamie presented secretary Mary Lundin with a beautiful plant as a thank you just because Jamie is so thoughtful. 😊

Adjournment and Refreshments

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. for refreshments and speaker presentation.

SPEAKER: Zsuzsu Illes

Life long experience in all things horse. Speaking on the importance of good hoof health.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary