

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President: Jamie Canon, present

Vice President: Helen Crawford McDermott, present

Secretary: Mary Lundin, present

Treasurer: Cathy Scott, present

Past President: Bernie Molloy, present

Toni Owen, Membership Chair, present

General members attending: Debbie Molloy, Brad Daniel

Board Members:

Miriam Lytle, absent

Laura Simmons, absent

Teri Personeni, present

Administrative Members:

Mary Johnson, Forest Svc. Liaison

A. Call to Order and Welcome

President Jamie Canon called the meeting to order at 7:05

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda Jamie added 3 items, 8 through 11.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting and Special Minutes

Helen Crawford made a motion and Cathy Scott seconded that the minutes from April 12, 2022 BOD Meeting be approved. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Cathy Scott reviewed the bank activity and submitted a copy of the bank statement from April 12th to June 13th for attachment to the minutes. Report was approved by the Board.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson

Mary was not in attendance. Jamie and Bill Dryden accompanied Mary to Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp for the "recon. trip" to assess the work that will need to be done at the upcoming work/camp/ride weekend coming at the last weekend in June. The creek in the meadow is running. There appears to be very little repair needed in the campground.

Old Business

1. Loomis Basin Equine Fair review-Laura Duncan

The fair wasn't as big as in past years but the feeling was upbeat. Jeff Foltz brought a game with prizes that was well received by attendees. The prospect of using this annual event as a membership promotion was suggested. The current GCTC brochure needs to be updated. Toni Owen suggested purchasing an iPad to display club photos and use as an immediate sign-up device since most people are used to using their phone for most things.

2. Poker Ride Fundraiser review-Laura Duncan

The annual Poker Ride was a success again. The fundraiser brought in \$6,241 gross and \$4,991 net. There were 80 riders and 112 meals paid for. We should make it easy for participants to join GCTC at the ride.

3. May 21st Penn Valley Parade review

The club participated again this year in the parade with riders and their horses, along with walkers carrying the club banner. No report of total members in attendance was made. It was suggested that something that can be worn by the horse with the club emblem would stand out. New vests with the emblem for riders was discussed. Cathy Scott mentioned that participation is good PR and a way for the public to meet members.

4. Picnic Tables at Harmony Ridge Market-President Jamie Canon

BONC has offered to pay ½ of the cost for a table at the market. Checking into having the Eagle Scouts or Nevada Union woodworking group make the tables was suggested. One drawback is these groups plan their projects in advance. A motion was made by Helen Crawford and seconded by Teri Personeni to further research how to purchase or obtain 2 tables.

5. Trail location software committee update-Toni Owen

Toni and Cathy Scott are really close to being ready to share a 10-minute introduction with the group at the July ice cream social/tack sale meeting in July. They will briefly show how the software will allow users to record and share trails on Android and iPhones.

Jamie reminded the board members to invite new members to board meetings as a way to help them become active in the workings of the organization.

New Business

1. Trail patrol

Mary McMillan is the new Trail Patrol coordinator.

2. Top Hand Submissions

The process of having members submit names to the nominating committee, who would then create a list of the top submissions, was discussed. A description of each of the top members participation in the group would be sent to the membership for the final vote.

3. Member of the Month Award

Jamie would like to encourage new members to be active by recognizing them at a general meeting for their participation within their 1st or 2nd year.

4. Procedure Manual

Outreach to prior board members and officers to locate the remaining procedure manuals should be made. The current board members would then be able to review the contents and discuss and update the manual.

5. Elicia Kamberg recognition award

Elicia and her husband are moving away and we would like to recognize her generous participation and contributions to GCTC. Jamie will present her with a \$100 Amazon gift certificate and cake at the July meeting.

6. Ice Cream Social/Tack Sale

Members only will be able to set up tables or tarps at 5:30 for a 6:00 tack sale open to the public. Toni will have a membership booth set up there. The general membership meeting with the annual ice cream social will begin at 7:00.

7. PA System-Brad Daniel

A new PA system to replace the current one needs to be lightweight, portable, chargeable, and wireless. A system with 30 to 40 watts, costing roughly \$199 to \$800, would have twice the rated power output of the current one. Brad will look into options and report back.

8. Bicycle and Horse presentation-Jamie Canon

Jamie suggested that GCTC make a presentation at schools showing the interaction between horses and bikes as a way to further the understanding how to share the trails. Laura Duncan will look into how this could be accomplished. Providing lunch for participants would encourage attendance.

9. November Thanksgiving Meal

In order to even the distance to travel to this meeting, the event will again be held at the Higgins Lions Community Center. Debbie Molloy will reserve the facility for the meeting and meal.

10. Port-A-Potty at Loney Meadows workday

Cathy Scott will work out the details to provide a Port-A-Potty at the Loney Meadows work/camp/ride weekend. The cost to rent from "Ben's" should be around \$130.

11. Lone Grave Trail Map

The new temporary map of the Lone Grave trail system needs to have Gold Country Trails Council added to it so we can be recognized for our participation in its creation.

The Forest Service has been notified that two loads of yard waste was dumped on the Pioneer Trail at the Overlook Equestrian Staging Area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary