

Minutes

Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.

Board Meeting

August 08, 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
Secretary:	Mary Lundin	Laura Simmons, absent
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 7:03 P.M. by President Jamie Canon. Members in attendance were Jerry Gridley, Tom Alling, Judy Hazamiri and Donna MacMillan.

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Additions were ACE (Action Coalition of Equestrians) and E-bikes

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Bernie Molloy with second by Cathy Scott to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 BOD meeting as written. Motion carried.

D. Treasurers Report-Cathy Scott

Checking balance was \$48,549.26, of which \$10,571.17 is reserved for specific projects; ie, purchase of an equipment trailer, Pines to Mines funding, and the map board at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead at Lone Grave. Brit has been paid for her work on the website for the apparel store. Cathy has obtained the sales permit required for this new venture and is working to get the annual sales tax submission procedure worked out.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson

Mary reviewed a long list of issues still open after a year, particularly the Pioneer Trail at Lang Crossing and White Cloud. Also reviewed with the forest service was the updated cost share agreement, Caltrans and the repair of the Pioneer Trail timeline, rules of dispersed camping, future meetings of all trail user groups for education to reduce user conflicts. Mention of the Little Lasier Meadows Horse Camp workday and the wonderful cooperation with Rachel Westaby of the Tahoe National Forest in changing dates reserved for GCTC due to changing weather to occupy the campground to do our annual campground and trails clean up. The Loney Meadows campout and workday was led by President Jamie Canon. A portable toilet was provided by GCTC from Thursday to Sunday.

F. Old Business

1. Top Hand Submissions-Jamie Canon

Jaede will send out an email for Top Hand nominations. Be sure to submit your recommendation for this worthy award for a member or couple that you feel have been there to advance and support the mission of Gold County Trails Council throughout this past year. The new Top Hand Winner will be announced at the November Thanksgiving meeting.

2. Little Lasier Meadow Workday Recap-Mary Johnson

Mary again led a successful workday with 14 volunteers and nearly a week of camping and working on the trails and campground. 189 ¼ volunteer hours were turned in to the Forest Service including travel time for these volunteers. Winter damage included much needed repairs to corrals. The required date change due to lack of access due to late snow reduced the number of volunteers able to attend but the work needed was accomplished by the hardy members who were able to be there.

3. Loney Meadows Workday Recap-Jamie Canon

Jamie led the Loney Meadows workday and campout with 25 volunteers. PG&E had already cut downed trees at Lower Rock Lake.

4. Scheduling Royal Gorge Ride-Jamie Canon

The Royal Gorge trail ride has been scheduled for September 30th.

5. Skillman dirty corrals and WM issues-Mary Johnson

Waste Management did not pick up the refuse for 2 Wednesdays. Mary sent a letter to Jason at TNF about the trash/manure/hay being left behind due to lack of garbage bin space available. Jason had his crew clean the corrals.

6. Next workday location-Mary Johnson

The next workday has been changed to TBD. Discussion of what the focus of workday should be. A possibility is the Pioneer Trail at Lang Crossing at the Spaulding Lake trail. Tom Alling can pack in tools on his stock. This will probably happen in September.

7. Brochures (QR Code) Jamie Canon & Mary Johnson

Mary has been distributing the new brochures. The next printing will include a QR code for direct access to the website. It was requested that the Trail Patrol information be included on the next printing. Brochures will be placed at the local Chambers of Commerce and the Tahoe National Forest Office in Nevada City.

G. New Business

1. Bicycle & Horse Educational Workshop-Jamie Canon

Jamie is still working toward a workshop for bicyclists and equestrians. She will try to coordinate this with Jet Lowe of YBONC (Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County.) No date has been set yet for this workshop at Lone Grave for how horses and bicycles interact.

2. Grouse Fest-Jamie Canon

BONC will hold its annual Grouse Fest workday on September 10th at the Spaulding Lake Trail. GCTC members are encouraged to attend to support the trail work on our non-motorized shared trails.

3. Compiling Our History-Jamie Canon

Not covered

4. ACE and E-bikes

Action Coalition for Equestrians is working to stop the addition of E-bikes on the Folsom Lake Trails due to safety issues. Bernie Molloy will research what the group is trying to do and let us know if we should or are able to help with their mission.

Announcements

New membership person is Suzanne Barry. Thank you Suzanne for stepping up to this very important position.

Publicity person still needed.

Web store open. Check out the easy way to purchase club attire.

Additional items discussed

Donna MacMillan has volunteered to set up social media such as You Tube, X, and Instagram for GCTC to reach young people.

Jerry Gridley asked if we should be spending some of our funds to find ways to get members involved in club activities. What do we need to do to get you to participate in workdays? Prizes for participation? Funds in the account still need to be available for projects such as corral repairs at Pack Saddle campground and hiring crews through the Forest Service Cost Share Program to do work that our members are no longer able to accomplish. How do we engage more members? The norm is that 20% of members are active.

What are the Adopt-A-Trail program members doing on their "adopted" sections of trail that GCTC maintains? Do we need to refresh this program by asking members to "adopt where you ride/hike/bike?" Mary Johnson will review her notes from the program. Jerry and Cathy Scott will help get this program active again.

Jamie told Judy Hazamira thank you for bringing pie for the board members to enjoy.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary