

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 7 pm  
Golden Empire Grange  
11363 Grange Court, Grass Valley, CA

Attendance:

President: Karen Schwartz  
Vice President: Melissa Ribley  
Secretary: Karen Wyeth  
Treasurer: Kathy Southgate

Board Members:

Vicki Testa  
Jeff Foltz

New Board Members:

Fran Cole  
Teri Personeni  
Charles Green

Others:

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin  
Membership Chair: Mary Johnson  
Past President: Helen Harvey

Call to Order: Karen Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of the October meeting: Minutes were approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Kathy Southgate reported that there is \$27,800 in our account. The report was approved.

Forest Service Report, 2014 Keen Grant update: Willie Brusin explained that the \$1,000 Keen Grant acquired by Jet Lowe of Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County (YBONC) will pay for a trail map of Lone Grave trails at the Five Mile House. Ginny Dix has given a \$500 donation for a map at the trail head. The maps can't be produced until all environmental work is done and the final alignment of the Cable trail is approved.

Old Business:

Membership renewal - Mary Johnson reported that we have several new members, but many current members haven't renewed at this point. We now have about 150 members.

Website Review - Karen Schwartz said that Merrill and Brad Weston's production of our new website should be complete by the end of Nov. Merrill and Brad could not attend this meeting.

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Skillman Work Day - Melissa Ribley said that the work day was well-attended and the DG was spread and compacted in the corrals at Skillman.

Sensory Schooling Event - Karen Schwartz said that the schooling clinic, jointly sponsored by GCTC and Nevada County Horsemen Inc. was well done and enjoyed by those who attended.

Lone Grave BBQ - Karen Schwartz reported that the ride and BBQ was very well-attended and the new signage was appreciated.

2015 Calendar - Karen Schwartz will present a draft calendar to the board at the Dec. 9 meeting. Suggestions should be submitted to any board member by Dec. 7.

Program:

Election of Officers and Board Members - The following slate of director candidates for 2015 was recommended by the nominating committee and was presented to the members: President Karen Schwartz, Vice-President Melissa Ribley, Treasurer Teri Personeni, Secretary Karen Wyeth, Vicki Testa, Fran Cole, and Charles Green. There being no additional candidates nominated by the members, no written ballot was distributed, and the directors were sworn in.

2014 Accomplishments - Karen S. passed out and read a list of accomplishments for 2014 and suggested some possible new events for 2015.

Presentation of GCTC beginnings and past accomplishments, and introduction of past presidents - Ginny Dix and Sue Brusin presented a brief history of GCTC and passed out a Timeline of GCTC action since formation in 1981.

Acceptance of donation from Ginny Dix for Lone Grave signage - Ginny Dix and her husband were thanked for their generous donation of \$500 for a trail map at the Lone Grave trailhead.

Raffle - From those who bought raffle tickets, a winner was selected and presented with the hedge trimmer.

The meeting was adjourned for the dinner at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary

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