

General Membership Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, November 09, 2021, 7 PM
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President: Bernie Molloy
Vice President: Jamie Canon
Secretary: Andi Duncan
Treasurer: Cathy Scott
Past President: Helen Harvey

Board Members:

Helen Crawford - Absent
Karen Hayden

Administrative Members:

Mary Johnson, Forest Svc Liaison
Cathy Chase, Membership Chair
Laura Duncan
Jaede Milosovich

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Bernie Molloy at 7:10 p.m.

B. Changes or additions to agenda - None

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

September 14, 2021 General Meeting minutes – Karen Hayden motioned to approve and Jamie Canon seconded. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Cathy Scott reported that we have \$40,526 in our checkbook and \$10,571 is held in reserves for various projects. Andi Duncan motioned and Karen Hayden seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed. A full accounting is attached.

E. Forest Service Report

Mary Johnson gave a “Shout Out” to Scott Rabeneau and the Nevada County Woods Riders for clearing trees from the non motorized Pioneer trail from Skillman to White Cloud plus some additional tree work on Hallelujah Trail. This work is so important and it is not funded in the Forest Service budget.

1. Lone Grave Trail Review - On September 22, 2021 Willie and Sue Brusin, and Mary Johnson met with Paul Hart and Olivia Olin at the Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head for a ground review of the existing trails in accordance with the Rock Creek Drainage Reroute Proposal issues from Spring of 2015. This meeting was to hike the existing trails for review in order to create a viable trail system in the Lone Grave area. There will be some trail closures, mostly duplicate, or short or user created trails. There will be trail additions to the official trail system.

The significant additions being considered will be the “Edge” trail and the single track trail parallel between the Harmony and Pioneer (known as the Ginny Dix trail). Additional changes will be the decommission of the section of the Pfeiffer trail on the northside of Madrone Springs Road in exchange for including the single track trail on the southside of Madrone Springs Road. Also being considered is combining sections of the Meyer trail and the “Ditch” trail, using sections of each trail and eliminating the steep eroded section of the Meyer trail.

The proposed changes are pending a biology review to be done in the Spring of 2022.

2. Lone Grave Map and Brochure - the Forest Service is continuing to work on the Lone Grave brochure which will be similar to the Burlington Ridge brochure and map of the motorized trails.

The large Lone Grave trail map which will be placed on the kiosk at the GCETH and also near the market will still be created, but is (again) waiting for the review of the Lone Grave trail system.

3. Skillman Campground - The last GCTC garbage dumpster pick up was on November 3, 2021. The service is on hold until the spring and the dumpster has been locked. Skillman gate is also closed and locked. The water system has been shut off and the water troughs were removed for storage by Barry and Suzanne Vacarro.

F. Old Business

1. **Signage at Lone Grave** - Andi Duncan reported that the metal case was unlocked and the wooden sign taken down during the October Trail Ride and BBQ. Thanks to Jeff Foltz and Tom Fletcher for the muscle. New plexiglass has been purchased as well as a new waterproof lock. Work has begun on the wooden sign to restore its finish and reduce water stains. The metal frame will be sanded, primed and painted a Forest Service color over the coming month.

G. New Business

1. Suggestions for next year's Projects -

- a. Create possible trail loop at Loney Meadows
- b. New Rubbermaid tubs for Skillman
- c. Purchase of lumber to create barricades for blocking some of the decommissioned trails in the Lone Grave system.
- d. Adding a repository of GPS maps linked to our website (December BOD item)
- e. Corral repair at Packsaddle
- f. Divide up trail sign responsibility...maker versus hanger (December BOD item)
- g. Trail work on Missouri Bar Tail to Bloomfield

2. Top Hand Award - In 2013 the Top Hand Award was created to recognize outstanding individuals/couples who advance the GCTC mission. Jeff Foltz and Jaede Milosovich presented the 2021 Top Hand Award to Laurie Monkman Sweeney and Michael Peckham.

3. Special Awards - Jamie Canon presented Laurie Monkman Sweeney and Michael Peckham a cowbell for service above and beyond when their horses spooked at Loney Meadows carrying the chainsaw but they managed to get the job done. Outgoing President, Bernie Molloy was presented with a GCTC Hoodie for all his hard work over the past two years. Lastly, Debbie Molloy was given flowers to thank her for organizing all the fabulous food she has provided the club.

4. Election of 2021 Board -Laura Duncan and Jeff Foltz announced the candidates for the 2021 Officers and Board members. Andi Duncan made a motion to approve the candidates and Karen Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed. They are as follows:

President, Jamie Canon

Vice President, Helen Crawford McDermott

Secretary, Mary Lundin

Treasurer, Cathy Scott

Board Members: Teri Personeni, Miriam Lytle, and Laura Simmons

Jeff Foltz administered the oath of office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Raffle and Dessert followed the meeting.

Submitted by Andi Duncan, Secretary