

**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.**

**Board of Directors' Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2107**

**Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse**

**10600 Bubbling Wells Road, Grass Valley CA**

**Officers:**

President            Laura Duncan  
Vice President     Melissa Ribley  
Treasurer           Teri Personeni  
Secretary           Susan Van Steenkiste

**Board Members:**

Fran Cole  
Charles Green  
Helen Crawford

Forest Service Liaisons - Willie and Sue Brusin, Past President - Karen Schwartz, Membership - Mary Johnson

General members in attendance - Ginny Dix, Gail Plakos, Julie Marinkovich, Virginia Lewis, Mary Lundin, Jeff Foltz

**A. Call to Order and Welcome – President Laura Duncan**

**B. Approval of minutes from previous meeting- Susan Van Steenkiste**

Minutes not available due to computer/printer problems. Susan will e-mail to Board for approval. **C.**

**Treasurer's Report – Teri Personeni**

Bank balance as of 2-13-2017 \$30,138.16.

**D. Forest Service Report – Willie Brusin**

Forest Service does not have a MOU with GCTC regarding liability insurance for volunteers in TNF. TNF will write a MOU for review by the GCTC board. Laura Duncan will follow up.

Work on trail maps is continuing. The Forest Service is in the process of recreating the large Yuba area trail map (Hwy 20 corridor), which is printed in Vallejo, not locally. Jet Lowe's work on the local trail map goes to Vallejo. TNF will print the new Lone Grave area and Skillman area maps after the new Yuba area map is printed. The map of Lone Grave trails will be made to fit on the large board. The cost of that large map (\$850 plus shipping each) will be paid by GCTC including the donation from Ginny Dix. Don Soto is constructing the steel pipe map board for the Gold Country Equestrian trail head.

TNF's Paul Hart would like grading done on a section of the Pioneer Trail that is deeply rutted. The area is past the Harmony Market near the green gate off of Hwy 20. Willie will inquire with David Higbee for an estimate to do that work as well as any needed work at The Gold Country Equestrian TH and access road, Overlook TH and entrance road to Skillman Campground. Board approved an amount not to exceed \$1000.00. The work time frame is April or May, weather dependent.

The TNF discovered a storage of trail signs, so further GCTC purchase of GCTC is not necessary at this time.

TNF will be clearing downed trees from trails (depending on budget) that may close trail use for one day. Time frame for that work is unknown.

**E. Old Business**

**1. Insurance premium increase**

Liability insurance increased by \$150 with addition of coverage for 3 parades-Penn Valley Rodeo, Fourth of July and Constitution Day. Board approved increase. Teri verified the board was covered, and the amount was \$900 for D&O Liability coverage. General Liability coverage is \$624

annually.

## 2. Strategic plan

Jeff Foltz presented draft of Strategic plan. Will present to membership at March general meeting. Board will review and finalize at April Board meeting.

## 3. Skillman campground update

TNF plans to open the campground Memorial Day

## 4. Mines to Pines update

Fran Cole reported that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors support the trail development plan. A trail planning group has applied for a PG&E Stewardship Council grant to pay for the NEPA study and trail construction.

## 5. Pioneer Trail work day

Schedule for a work/camp/ride from May 17-19, but if weather creates a change in the Skillman opening date, TNF is willing to change our requested date. YBONC has state bicycle meet on the 20th. GCTC volunteers welcome to stay over but must be off trails during race time. GCTC members will pre-ride trails prior to YBONC event. The FS will clear trails based on our recommendations.

## **F. New Business**

### 1. Support letter YBONC grant application

YBONC requested a letter of support for a grant regarding a sign, but details were not provided. Laura will check with YBONC and present at next Board meeting. Will work with Jet and Melissa.

### 2. Placer County Recreation plan appointment

Karen Wyeth volunteered to be a GCTC representative to gather information.

### 3. Pay pal account authorization

Set up cost is \$240 which is a one-time cost. Use of Pay Pal for Poker Ride registration and Skillman campsite information and reservation will cost \$35 each month while in use; April, May, June. Motion passed to set up Poker Ride Pay Pal account.

### 4. Develop plan for tracking volunteer hours

Melissa Ribley currently reports volunteer hours to Forest Service based on sign in sheets at GCTC work activities, as well as specialized work by Brusins and Ribleys. GCTC members have asked if they could report individual volunteer hours done outside of organized work days. Susan will check with Master Gardeners volunteer tracking system to see if this can be used for GCTC. Melissa is open to suggestions of other ideas.

### 5. Meeting room location and cost

The 2017 rental contract from Nevada County Horseman's for Clubhouse use for meetings has increased to \$50 per meeting. Helen McDermott reported that her inquiry to locate a less expensive suitable place for board meetings was unsuccessful. Continued use of NCH clubhouse was approved.

### 6. Work day incentives

Susan Van Steenkiste suggested purchasing items to raffle at each workday. Cost not to exceed \$40. Board approved. Melissa will contact Susan Donnelly who will be in charge of purchasing these and setting up the raffle.

## Additional discussion from the floor

1. Centennial Dam equestrian trail

If the Centennial Dam is built GCTC may want to be on record of support for equestrian trails. GCTC would not be on record of a position on the building of the dam, but just support of equestrian trails IF it is built. Further research and discussion is needed.

2. NCH poker ride

NCH is planning a small poker ride out of the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead. There was discussion regarding the need of additional service on the GCTC supported porta potty or an additional porta potty.

Adjournment. 9:15

Submitted by Susan Van Steenkiste, Mary Lundin and Mary Johnson