

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**  
**Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse**  
**10600 Bubbling Wells Road**  
**Grass Valley, CA**

**Officers:**

**President**      **Laura Duncan**  
**Vice President** **Melissa Ribley**  
**Secretary**     **Mary Lundin**  
**Treasurer**     **Teri Personeni, absent**  
**Past President** **Karen Schwartz, absent**  
**Forest Service Liason**   **Willie Brusin**  
**Membership Chair**     **Mary Johnson**  
**Other members attending**

**Board Members:**

**Fran Cole**  
**Charles Green**  
**Helen Crawford**

**Sue Brusin, Gail Plakos, Jeff Foltz**

A.     Call to order and welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Laura Duncan.

B.     Additions or changes to agenda

YBONC rides and Insurance Liaison position added to New Business

C.     Approval of Minutes of previous meetings

Fran Cole motioned and Charles Green seconded that February minutes be approved as submitted.

Melissa Ribley motioned and Charles Green seconded that March minutes be approved as submitted.

D.     Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report reviewed by President Laura in Teri's absence. Bank balance as of 4/6/17 was \$30,285.11. Motion to approve made by Mary Lundin and seconded by Helen Crawford.

E.     Forest Service Report

1.     A large amount of vandalism has taken place on the Highway 20 corridor, including the Skillman gate lock being removed. Willie gave the code for the new lock to the board.
2.     Work on Lone Grave area map is continuing. Waiting on FS Regional office for final map. Sue will resign Lone Grave trails with existing trail colors, including adding brown as the color for the new Cable Trail, if approved by FS. The FS will provide signs for the Cable Trail.
3.     The April 19<sup>th</sup> Lone Grave workday will be changed to the rain date of April 26<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of 20 people will be needed to relocate portions of the Dascombe to Harmony connector trail. This will be a roughed out hand trail, rather than be done by a trail machine.
4.     The Cable Trail will officially open April 15<sup>th</sup>.
5.     The Dascombe Trail reroute under the power lines will take place after April 15<sup>th</sup>. One week of dry weather is needed before work will be done.
6.     Weather permitting, David Higbee will begin tractor work the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. This will include spreading a load of gravel provided by TNF for the Skillman driveway. He will also grade the road and parking area at the Overlook Staging Area and spread a load of gravel to be provided by GCTC. The Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead will have the existing gravel spread in the driveway and parking areas. He will also create 2 water breaks on the Meyer/Dascombe trail. A portion of the Pioneer Trail with severe

ruts will be rerouted to the existing logging road to move it away from Highway 20. Paul Hart of TNF will re-sign this rerouted area.

7. Don Soto has the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead kiosk sign nearly completed. The maps are still not completed by the FS Regional office in Vallejo.
8. Melissa Ribley will confer with Cecelia at the FS regarding the Skillman Campground workday on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cecilia said she would provide some of her crew to help. GCTC will provide the chipper and crew to drag the large brush to the chipper. Crews will also rake each campsite. The tie rails will be removed and replaced with high line posts. The entrance sign on Hwy. 20 was broken in half by the hard winter. Willie requests funding of \$1000-\$1500 to replace the sign. GCTC funds have stipulation that the sign must read "Skillman Horse Camp", not "Skillman Group Camp".
9. Downed trees on the trails are being removed. TNF crew will remove fallen trees on the Pioneer Trail above Skillman utilizing motorcycles. Wood Riders Motorcycle Club and TNF crews have removed downed trees on multi-use trails behind Skillman.
10. The Overlook kiosk is down and TNF will replace it. Paul Hart will survey bad roads including ruts on the lower part of Hallelujah Trail and Pioneer Trail below Skillman. Two signs on the Hallelujah Trail need to be cemented in. Willie has asked Jet Lowe to cut into the Hallelujah Trail to cover exposed rocks to improve the trail for bicyclists.
11. Draft decision notice from TNF on Mexican Mine Trail Project shows no significant environmental damage. This multi-use trail will be built either by the FS or prisoners.
12. TNF will participate in the United States Youth Conservation Corp outreach. Cecilia will contact teenagers between 15 – 18 years old to teach them how the FS works.

#### F. Old Business

1. Pioneer Trail event change-Melissa Ribley

Due to the large amount of work required at Skillman Campground, the planned work/ride/camp event is postponed until further notice.

2. Strategic Plan

Helen Crawford made a motion to adopt the plan and review it annually. Charles Green seconded and motion carried. Mary Johnson and Willie Brusin suggested that the Board meet one hour prior to the June BOD meeting to discuss and prioritize the items presented in the plan.

3. Celebration of Trails participation

Helen Crawford has volunteered to represent GCTC at the annual event. Fran Cole motioned and Melissa Ribley seconded that the club pay the \$30 entry fee. It is held at the TNF Coyote Street parking lot. Mary Johnson has the club banner to display. There will be information about GCTC, and t-shirts, etc. for sale.

4. Renewal of ACE membership

Fran Cole motioned and Melissa Ribley seconded that the club pay the \$100 membership renewal. ACE advocates for California horse trails.

5. Update insurance status

Information received from Teri Personeni states that the insurance covers up to 10 events for one fee. This includes the Poker Ride as well as the 3 current parades the club will participate in.

#### G. New Business

1. Resignation and replacement of Secretary

Melissa Ribley received the resignation of the current secretary, Susan Van Steenkiste. Mary Lundin has agreed to take over the position.

2. Skillman work costs-Willie Brusin

Willie requested approval to pay: \$200 for 24 hr. rental of 12" Chipper for Skillman, David Higbee tractor services, up to \$1000 which was previously approved, \$700 for transfer load of gravel for

Overlook driveway, and \$1000-\$1500 for Skillman entrance sign replacement. Helen Crawford motioned and Charles Green seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of costs for David Higbee services-Willie Brusin

Included in #2 above.

4. Internal audit of books/finances

Melissa Ribley has asked Cathy Scott, a GCTC member, to audit the treasurer's records. This audit is done every 2 to 3 years. Mary Lundin has volunteered to assist. Melissa made a motion to authorize this process. Helen Crawford seconded.

5. Poker Ride

All campsites are booked. There was discussion of purchasing another pop up shade cover imprinted with the GCTC logo. Jeff Foltz and Mary Johnson will research costs of new and ways to add the name to our existing structure.

6. Simply Country Horse Day-May 6<sup>th</sup>

Member Lisa Calder is involved with this event which has speakers, give aways, etc. and has no fee to participate. Melissa Ribley motioned and Charles Green seconded that the club would authorize a volunteer to represent GCTC.

7. YBONC Competition on Cable Trail

The Youth bicycle club has posted their calendar of races, including one on the newly opened Cable Trail, as authorized by TNF.

8. Create Insurance Liaison person

Mary Johnson suggested that we have an Insurance Liaison person who would read policies, converse with agents as needed and report to the Board. Mary Lundin motioned and Helen Crawford seconded. Motion approved.

Laura informed the board that Jaede will limit her computer activities while she recovers from an injury.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary