

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7 PM

Round Table Pizza Parlor

686 Sutton Way

Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President Helen Harvey
Vice President unfilled
Secretary Mary Lundin
Treasurer Teri Personeni
Past President Laura Duncan

Board Members:

Bernie Molloy, absent
Helen Crawford
Elicia Kamberg, absent

Members attending: Cathy Chase and Cathy Scott

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by President Helen Harvey. The meeting was held at the Grass Valley Round Table Pizza as the cost for the facility was less.

B. Changes or additions to agenda

One item (#7) added to Old Business, and 3 items (#9-11) added to New Business.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motions made by Helen Crawford and Helen Harvey to approve April 10, 2018 BOD minutes. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Teri Personeni reported the ending bank balance as of May 31, 2018 to be \$34,979.67. Helen Crawford made a motion and Helen Harvey seconded for approval. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson

Helen Harvey reviewed the Forest Service report submitted via email by Mary Johnson.

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AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps volunteers are signed up to clear trail on June 27 & 28. Arranged through the Fire Safe Council by Jane Ragan of BONC. Jane pinpointed locations along the upper Pioneer Trail that need to be trimmed/brushed. The volunteers do not do trail bed work (as she had hoped), only brushing. GCTC will provide lunch for the crew and supervision. The AmeriCorps provides transportation to/from the work location.

Map/ signs

There is a Lone Grave area map in the works as per Heather Newell, TNF. It will be a format similar to the Burlington Ridge motorized trail map. Funds were located to produce this map and will be free (as is the Burlington Ridge map). This is a different map than the one that Jet Lowe is supposedly working on.

Trails will be named as they are now. GCTC is suggesting that the Zigzag/Hoot connector trail will be named Rock Creek Connector Trail. The trails will also be assigned a number on the map, along with the name of the trail. The advantage of that is that a number sign can also be used along the physical trail with arrows for easy identification. (If you have ridden in the Burlington

Ridge trail system you will find the trail number sign along the trails. It makes it very easy to know what trail you are on).

Bowman Mt Trail- rock work

No update on this work.

(MOU) Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement

GCTC edited the agreement and has sent it to Paul Hart for review and approval. We are waiting for the finalization of the agreement.

Skillman Volunteer Camp Ground Host

GCTC has proposed a volunteer camp host program for Skillman Horse Camp. GCTC members can sign up for weekend duties and camp for free. The host would have basic duties to greet campers, answer questions, and keep a simple record of users. Hosts will be able to ride while also performing the host duties. (BOD note: A template needs to be made for sign-ups for volunteer camp host. More work is needed to finalize this possibility.) (Helen Crawford suggested that we lead a guided ride at Skillman Campground for campers only, possibly one day in July and one day in August to help campers learn the trail system and encourage camping there.)

Little Lasier Meadow

Camp/work/ride weekend is June 29-July 1. Recon visit was done today.

F. Old Business

1. Manure Management at Skillman

A dumpster has been delivered and is ready to use for manure disposal, paid for by GCTC for the months of June, July, and August.

2. PTM/Truckee Trails Alliance/GCTC agreement update

A portion of the proposed trail goes through Sierra Pacific Industries land. A meeting was held last Thursday with the Tahoe Donner Land Trust and committee members. The Tahoe Donner Land Trust volunteered to talk with SPI about obtaining easements for the trail across their land.

3. Trail Patrol

The Trail Patrol has been going since early May. There are about 12 – 15 certified now. A request was made to purchase embroidered name tags that would be attached with Velcro to the vests for identification of club members. The cost will be approximately \$5 - \$8 per tag. Teri motioned and Helen Crawford seconded the expenditure. Motion carried. Cathy Scott will order them in August.

4. Advertising-"Adventure in NC" article-Laura Duncan

No advertisement was purchased but an article did come out in the magazine the end of May. It was included in *The Union* newspaper and is available at local real estate offices and the Chamber of Commerce.

5. Hoot Trail-Cathy Scott

Heavy downhill mountain bike usage continues on the Hoot Trail, however more are slowing down and communicating with other trail users. Some are stopping to let others pass. Equestrians are the next largest user group on this part of the trail system, mostly traveling uphill, but also some riding downhill. Three Park Watch reports were filed in May regarding fast bicycles, especially on turns, and passing other users without slowing down.

Cathy spoke with Paul Hart about the use of earbuds while riding and was told use of more than one earbud was a safety hazard. Paul said he intends to officially name the Cable Trail reroute "Hoot Trail" because that is what it has commonly become known as.

Paul said he thinks the number of people discussing problems on that trail has decreased recently, probably due to the decrease in snow in the higher country, dispersing the riders to other trails. He also contributes this to the education efforts and TNF crews patrolling both Grouse Ridge and Hoot trails.

Cathy brought up the rumor that equestrians are placing obstacles on the Hoot Trail to discourage bicyclists. He said he has not heard anything like that and knows that rocks and other materials dislodge and change location on trails.

TNF is working on a map which will encompass the TNF System Trails from Skillman through Harmony Ridge. Funds for this map were raised from fees for permitted activities such as the Wild West Ride and bike events.

Cathy will ask Jet Lowe about having the "horse/bike education" event that Jet mentioned in the past.

6. Poker Ride

Reported Poker Ride income to date is \$842.50 in cash and checks, plus \$150 in donations from businesses. Not included is the \$50 cash donated today by Brace Welding for Poker Ride.

It was suggested that we switch the menu every few years. Some participants wondered why we advertised a "bar-b-que" when we had pulled pork.

7. Celebration of Trails Review

The day was very successful, with Helen Crawford's horse, Copper, being a big hit with the crowds again this year. Nicole Schoppe and Pam Schwartz lead guided rides on the Lone Grave trails, with a total of 16 riders. The Pacific Crest Trail Association had an interest in horse attendance at work days, Richard Anderson, Supervisor, talked with Helen about the Pines To Mines project, and Jet Lowe's puppy met a horse. The Land Trust sponsors Equi-Treks on local lands, which are very popular.

G. New Business

1. Selling the Sound System

The current sound system owned by GCTC is too large to move to and from club meetings. Newer small systems are inexpensive. Helen will ask Jaede to check into the value of the old system.

2. Reviewing Publicity Releases Before Publication

Releases went out to the public without board review and were not accurate. We need someone to review all notifications prior to release. This has to be policy. For now, all information for release to the public must be sent to President Helen Harvey for approval.

3. Skillman Camp Host

This was covered in the Forest Service report.

4. Publicity Photo with Richard Anderson-PTM

Laura Duncan will coordinate a photo op with Richard Anderson for the \$2000 donation to the P2M trail project. These funds come from proceeds of the Thanksgiving dinner raffle and donations from the tack sale in March. The board previously authorized and donated \$1000, which was used for the grant application.

5. Email Policy

Helen Harvey asked if all board members had reviewed the new email policy that was sent out, via email, and approved of the content. This will be distributed to the general membership.

The Skillman Facebook page is Jaede's. She would like someone else to take it over. We need a backup person for Jaede. Cathy Chase will need to review the membership forms for interested members.

6. Official GCTC Email Address

GCTC has not ever had an official email address. The cost to have one is \$20 annually. The official address will be info@goldcountrytrails council.org. This email account is monitored by Helen and Jaede who respond to questions. Teri Personeni motioned and Helen Crawford seconded the expenditure of \$20 annually. Motion passed.

7. New Business Cards-Laura Duncan

A discussion was held about creating new business cards. The reason is to hand them out by trail patrol and other interactions with the public. The old one would be replaced and include current information with social media. Helen will contact members to provide design options.

8. Changing GCTC Splash Page to Show Trail Work and Mission Statement

Tabled until next board meeting.

9. AirMed Network-Teri Personeni

We have a new contract with AirMed Network. The fee for members is \$65 annually, up from \$55 last year.

10. Liability release/photo release

Our current liability release does not authorize the use of photographs. We should add this, with an opt-out option.

11. Riding Warehouse Discount

Lori Codey is planning to check with Riding Warehouse to see if they will give a discount to GCTC members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary