

GCTC minutes General Meeting September 9, 2014

President Karen Schwartz welcomed everyone to the meeting, 7:00 pm , Introduced new board member Fran Cole, and publicity chair Diana Culver, welcomed new members and guest, reminded everyone of the purpose of the Club, to build and maintain trails, and that the board holds their meetings at 6:00pm on the opposite months of the General Meeting, at the Nevada County Horsemen's. Asked Board member Jeff Foltz to take minutes, as Secretary Wyeth was out of town. Approved the board minutes of August 12, 2014. Treasury Kathy Southgate gave an update on GCTC finances , had a great year, \$25,361.33 is in the bank as of August 31,2014. This year GCTC received a \$1,000 donation , made \$3,600 on the poker ride, and \$4,675 was received from memberships, and had expenses for trail and horse camp maintenance. Treasures report was approved.

Willy Brusin gave the Forest Service Report, the Forest Service will be taking charge of the camp grounds in 2015, which will more then likely result in not having a camp host at Skillman next year, and may require additional assistance from GCTC to help maintain the camp ground. The Forest Service is also looking at the entire voluntary program which could impact GCTC ability to maintain trails and camp grounds, Willy will keep everyone informed as new information becomes available.

Joe Chavez from the Forest Services wants to review the 4 water crossings at Bowman ,near Lange Crossing before GCTC performs any maintenance on the Pioneer Trail. Hopefully we will be able to accomplish this work at a 2015 work day.

The United Trail Work Day is scheduled for Oct.12, on a Multi Use Trail across from Skillman , their will be 10 crews ,with all three clubs interacting(BONC, GCTC ,Woods Riders) .Would like to have at least 20 members from GCTC participate in the work day. Irv Mazur will be coordinating the work day sign in's. Irv Mazur also agreed to be a trail Forman along with Willie. Crews will assemble at Skillman at 8:30am and work from 9:00 to 12:00. YBONC received a grant to pay for lunch. The Forest service will brush the trail prior to the work day. Need a head count for lunch by Oct 3rd.

The Pioneer Trail reroute has been completed with the help of the Washington Ridge Conservation crew and Willie Brusin. It only took three years to complete with all the regulations and paper work. GCTC members have ridden the trail and notice the improvement , even though the trail is a little soft , it will improve as we get rain and compaction.

Jet Lowe has out for review the Rock Creek Drainage trail reroute proposal , which will complete the trail map and hopefully get final approval in Spring of 2015. This will allow GCTC to post a new trail map of the trails GCTC maintains.

There is a work day scheduled for GCTC at Skillman for Wed. Oct. 15. Work from 9am until 12noon lunch is provided. Need at least 12 workers to help spread DG in the corrals. The DG will be paid for by GCTC and a loader will dump the DG in the stalls ,with GCTC members spreading the DG. Will be a much needed improvement .

Vice President Melissa Ribley asked Linda Lanzoni to coordinate with the Forest Service on the improvements to the Skillman camp ground to help position fire rings and picnic tables. GCTC had a sight plan prepared on possible camp site improvements to Skillman including fire rings and parking spaces for each camp site. Don Soto agreed to assist Linda with her meetings with the Forest Service. It was encouraged to have a game plan of were GCTC would like to have the fire rings and picnic tables before meeting with the Forest Service.

Mary Johnson reminded everyone that September is renewal of memberships for GCTC , \$25 for the year. Everyone still needs to fill out a membership and waiver of liability form. The new phone book will be out by March.

Merrill And Brad Kagan-Weston are working on updating the GCTC Web site , utilizing a Face Book formate which allows for ease of updates , provides minutes, calendars, photos, trail maps, camp sites, and will be able to support pay pal. Hope to have something by the end of the month. Those who participated on the Royal Gorge ride said it was a beautiful ride, and a great facility for future horse trails.

Vicki Testa indicated the work day on the upper Pioneer Trail went well although there were only 12 participants , of which 4 were from BONC. Teri Personeni updated GCTC on the Loney Meadows camp out and work day. 14 members participated, the group cleared trails and enjoyed their dry camping, with some members staying almost a week enjoying the trails and scenery.

BONC will be building trails Sept. 12-16 Grouse Ridge Work and Ride. President Karen Schwartz reminded everyone of the upcoming schedules. September 20 , Sensory Schooling event jointly sponsored by GCTC and the Nevada County Horseman, to be held at the Nevada County Horsemen's arena Grass Valley , members only this year. October 15, GCTC work day at Skillman, to install DG in the corrals, Don Soto ask if GCTC was planning on building more corrals at Skillman. At this time there are no plans to build additional corrals, needs Forest Service approval. October 18 is the GCTC annual ride and BBQ at Lone Grave. Asked for help with the BBQ. November 11, is the annual Thanksgiving Feast, Top Hand award, election of officers, Karen Schwartz , suggested that Laura Duncan head up the nominating committee, Karen asked for interest to participate on the board, and if interested contact the Nominating Committee. Also submit names for the Top Hand award. Also need help with the Thanksgiving feast looking for volunteers. President Schwartz demonstrated handkerchiefs with trail maps on them and asked if something like this would be useful for the GCTC trails. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm for refreshments and a presentation from the Bear Yuba Land Trust, and their Equis trails.

Submitted Board member Jeff Foltz