**General Membership Meeting Agenda**

**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018 7 PM**

**Nevada County Horsemen’s Clubhouse**

**10600 Bubbling Wells Road**

**Grass Valley, CA**

**Officers: Board Members:**

**President Helen Harvey Bernie Molloy, absent**

**Vice President unfilled Helen Crawford**

**Secretary Mary Lundin Elicia Kamberg**

**Treasurer Teri Personeni**

**Past President Laura Duncan**

**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

 Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Helen Harvey

**B. Changes or additions to agenda**

 None.

**C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

July 10, 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved with motions by Laura Duncan and Jaede Miloslavich. One correction to change spelling of Molloy.

**D. Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Teri Personeni reported the bank balance as of 9/11/18 was $35,323.95. Motions to approve were made by Helen Crawford and Barry Vaccaro. Motion passed. Teri reminded members that reimbursements will only be made for receipts received with the official reimbursement form attached.

**E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson**

 *Forest Service Report September 2018*

*GCTC had a successful work day on August 22, 2018. The work was done on the Harmony Trail, cutting back brush and blackberries. We were given the okay from TNF Paul Hart to use gasoline powered tools in the AM. Chain saws and hedge trimmers were used, as well as hand pruning. DeeDee Carlini, who has adopted the Harmony trail, was one of the crew leaders. Suzanne Vaccaro led the second crew, each starting from opposite directions. The 16 GCTC members did a nice job clearing the trail.*

*TNF does not have an eradication policy for ground wasps on trails, only in campgrounds. GCTC members have been reporting encounters, and a wasp “committee” headed by Cathy Scott, have tried to locate and treat many of the nests in the reports. However, it is quite difficult to locate the nests without precise directions. (Meeting note: Lori Codey proposed that GCTC purchase and place wasp traps for the trails. Mary will check with the FS to see if that is okay. She noted that we would most likely be responsible for removing the traps as well.)*

*The very large tree that was across the Pioneer Trail along Bowman Road was removed by the Forest Service. It was a difficult task. The trail was actually under the tree and did receive some rehabilitation. Trail adopter Helen McDermott has traveled the trail and found it passable.*

*Grouse Fest took place on September 7-9, 2018. I have not heard what was worked on this year.*

*The Nevada Country Woods Riders are staging their Dual Sport Ride out of Skillman Camp ground on September 21-23, 2018. This is a permitted event and they will be using only the motorized trails.*

*(Dual Sport motorcycles are those that are licensed to travel on roads as well as trails. For the participants it is a self guided ride using GPS positions. It is not a race.)*

*United Trails day is October 13, 2018. Paul has spoken with Scott Rabeneau (Woods Riders) and they have the date on their calendar. Paul will remind Jet Lowe and Jane Regan (YBONC and BONC) of the date. GCTC will do the lunch. The last two United Trails days worked on non motorized trails, so it was agreed that motorized trails should be included in this year’s United Trails Day. Suggested staging area is either Skillman or Chalk Bluff to work on brush clearing/trimming on the Towle Mill Trail (66), Stanton (9), Omega (5) and maybe a section of the Pioneer Trail. The afore mentioned motorized trails are sometimes used by equestrians. Tread work might be included if it rains before the date.*

*A section of the Pioneer Trail above Chalk Bluff, has been identified by Willie and Sue Brusin, that is eroded and in need of a possible reroute with switchbacks. Willie has suggested that it be done by machine/trail crew that GCTC would hire. GCTC members could do finish work. Per Paul Hart, Cal Trans is considering a realignment project of Hwy 20 in sections between White Cloud and Bear Valley which may impact the Pioneer Trail in certain areas. We will be considering how to move forward with this section of the Pioneer Trail.*

**F. Old Business**

**1. New GCTC Apparel Purchase**

Lea Zivic still has a lot of apparel available. She would like to sell as much as possible by November as a new order is coming.

**2. Skillman Dumpster-Laura Duncan**

The board approved the rental of a manure dumpster for June, July, August and September. It will be picked up the end of September. The Forest Service has been happy having this dumpster there. For 2019, it can be placed May 29th for June. There will be Wednesday pick ups. If you are riding at Skillman, check the dumpster and report any problems.

**3. Pines to Mines Trail & Donation Update-Laura Duncan**

This trail will go from Truckee to Nevada City, and eventually to Grass Valley. Fran Cole proposed that we should fundraise to contribute to its success, and we have done that. Our M2P Tack Sale at Loomis Basin Veterinary Hospital was a success and they have invited us to join them in May 2019 for another tack sale. A donation of $2000 will be made from proceeds from the tack sale ($1542) and approximately $500 from the 2017 Thanksgiving Dinner silent auction. This is a larger donation than has been made by any other group so far. Laura will get a large, photo-size check to present to Supervisor Richard Anderson for a publicity photo. We may include the $1000 donation previously given to the project in the “photo check” amount.

**G. New Business**

**1. Accessible GCTC Documents-Helen Harvey**

Helen will send an email to members with a password to access the documents, ie. Spreadsheet for trail issues, bylaws, etc.

**2. Membership Renewal Deadline**

Cathy Chase wanted to inform members that the fiscal year runs from 9/1 to 8/31. Members who do not renew timely will be dropped from the contact list. Some changes have been made to the online renewal form to allow for electronic signature, liability release, and photo release.

**3. Evacuation Assistance-Helen Harvey**

Helen described a procedure that Amy will be putting together for members to help other members with evacuation assistance. It will be online soon.

**4. GCTC Booth at future NC Fair and Draft Horse Classic-Bernie Molloy**

Postponed

**Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM. Speaker was Mike Kohlbaker, a GCTC and Back Country Horseman member, speaking about BCH projects and Leave No Trace principles.**

**Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary**