

FINAL
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Teleconference

Officers:

President: Bernie Molloy
Vice President: Jamie Canon
Secretary: Andi Duncan
Treasurer: Cathy Scott
Past President: Helen Harvey

Board Members:

Helen Crawford McDermott
Karen Hayden
Greg Sherr

General Members:

Laura Duncan
Hetty Dutra
Jeff Foltz
Mary Johnson, Forest Service Liaison

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Bernie Molloy at 7:02 p.m.

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Jeff Foltz asked to add an update on Hidden Falls to Old Business.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 8, 2020 Board of Directors minutes – Jamie Canon motioned to approve and Greg Scherr seconded. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report - Cathy Scott

As of 12/08/2020 the checkbook balance is \$45,279.22 which includes \$3,571.17 in reserve for Pines to Mines.

Our current Credit Card balance consists of 3 expenditures. The first is \$777 (same as last year) for general liability insurance from January 20, 2021 to January 20, 2022. The second is \$75 (same as last year) for Quickbooks online subscription. The third is \$39 (same as last year) for monthly jot form.

A preliminary budget was submitted and the board was asked to review. One item of discussion was the \$3,000 previously allocated for an equipment trailer and additional \$1,000 for associated expenses. A recommendation was made to increase the trailer amount to \$4,000 making the overall total \$5,000. Karen Hayden made a motion to approve the increase and Greg Scherr seconded. The motion passed.

Cathy Scott will contact Duke at Duke's Trailer to determine status of his trailer search.

Our treasurer, Cathy Scott, reported that the Director's and Officer's Indemnity Insurance Policy was due for renewal on January 21. This policy covers both the Director's and Officer's personal assets in the event of a lawsuit against the club. The policy rates rose from \$950 last year to \$1,440 this year. Numerous requests for quotes were made but Attain was the only carrier that came back with a quote. According to the insurance agent the market for D&O liability has decreased this past year. The board recommended the payment be made but we need to shop around for better rates for the coming year.

A full financial report, copy of checking and credit card account statements, reconciliation and activity reports, and membership PayPal report (total 6 pages) was provided by Cathy Scott.

Andi Duncan motioned to approve and Greg Scherr seconded approval of treasurer's report. Motion passed.

- E. Forest Service:** Mary Johnson reported that the recently passed Great American Outdoors Act provides some funding for projects to help clear the maintenance backlog in National Forests, National Parks and BLM land. Projects for 2021 have been approved and funded and projects for 2022 have been submitted for approval. At this time projects for 2023 are being determined with a need to be submitted by March/April of this year. Heather Newell, from TNF was contacted for information on what types of projects will qualify and what might be appropriate in our area. The projects that she mentioned for this year are not in the immediate area. Her brief response indicates that a more in depth inquiry is needed.

Closer to home, members have reported that there are some new trail signs in the Lone Grave area, presumably installed by the forest service. Paul Hart was contacted by phone for information about the signs and the status of the Lone Grave area map, but he has not responded yet.

F. Old Business

1. **Effect of COVID-19** on the June Poker ride was discussed. We have until late March to call it off but in the meantime we need to proceed as if it will happen. Elicia Kamberg reserved Skillman. The plans for the Poker Ride need to be submitted to the Forest Service. Cathy Scott reminded the board that all non cash donations for the Poker Ride need to be reported to the State of California.

Mary Johnson stated that members need a faster source of information about club activities to keep members engaged. She suggested that a short summary be sent to the membership after the meeting. Bernie Molloy volunteered to compose an email. He will send it to Jaede to be forwarded on to the members.

2. **Pines to Mines:** Helen Crawford reported that Nevada County allocated \$100,000 and an admin analyst's time to support the P2M trail project. The trail project was officially presented to the Board of Supervisors at their annual workshop. The bridge component is slowly working through the process. It is projected that environmental work will be completed in 2021 and bridge construction in 2022.
3. **Update on Hidden Falls:** Jeff Foltz stated that the plan is now in the hands of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. They are scheduled to meet March 8 at 3 p.m. to vote on final approval. The meeting is open to the public and Placer Trails Council is trying to get 20 people from each group to attend and comment. Comments can also be done remotely. Continued support is essential. Our President, Bernie Molloy, will attend and make a statement.

G. New Business

1. **Spenceville Paving and maps:** Hetty Dutra stated that Waldo Road is officially on the list of roads to be paved by Yuba County. She expressed concern that without a strong public presence, similar to the Hidden Falls group, the project will never rise to the top of the list. A multiuser coalition was suggested for this project. Hetty was encouraged to write an email and forward it to Jaede seeking individuals within GCTC who might be interested in this project. In addition she should contact Back Country Horsemen as well as Friends of Spenceville.
2. **Membership Software Upgrade:** Andi Duncan asked about new software that might be easier for the membership chair to work with. Per Helen Harvey, the software required would have very specific needs. Helen will write these requirements up and forward to board members. No recent research has been done but there are several possibilities including Wild Apricot, Member Planet and Club Express. Bernie Molloy volunteered to look at Wild Apricot and Cathy Scott will look at Member Planet and Club Express.
3. **Review GCTC 5 Year Strategic Plan:** It is time to review our plan but due to Covid it is difficult to have a round table discussion. Laura Duncan suggested that we look at the list of near term activities and then get the board talking. Bernie Molloy will send out the Plan again and with thoughts on what he is looking for.
4. **Poker Ride Manager:** We currently do not have a Poker Ride Manager. Last year, Pamela Swartz expressed an interest in the position. Bernie Molloy will reach out to Pamela to see if she might be interested in the 2021 position.
5. **Volunteer Hours Tally Person:** We need to fill this position. Jamie Canon volunteered to look for candidates for both the Tally and Apparel Person.
6. **Apparel Manager:** See 5 above.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by Andi Duncan