

GCTC MINUTES, BOARD MEETING

Oct 8, 2013

Attendance:

Helen Harvey, Kathy Southgate, Vicki Testa, Sue and Willie Brusin, Mary Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Helen Harvey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read because of the absence of the secretary.

The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Kathy Southgate. As of September 30 the current bank balance is \$19,836.55. Recent income included membership dues, and recent expenses included the newsletter, portable toilet (Lone Grave) and refreshments. Future anticipated expenses will include the trail work for the reroute of the Pioneer Trail.

The Forest Service report was presented by Willie Brusin.

The Pioneer Trail relocation will follow the ditch berm as originally flagged. A previous historical impact report determined that there was no historical significance to the location. After the appropriate reports are filed by TNF the comment period (30 days) will be scheduled according to recent law. Clearance is expected by the end of the year, so that work to be done by the CDF crew can be scheduled in the spring of 2014

Skillman campground is closed for the season. The water troughs have been removed and Robert Ribley will be asked to check the water system to assure that it has been properly drained and shut down for the winter. New fire rings are stored at White Cloud to be installed next season. It is anticipated that the same camp host will be taking care of Skillman next year and it is likely that AT&T will supply a phone connection into the camp. GCTC has committed to helping with the expense of the phone line.

The camp ground area survey was completed by member Pat Gibb and her husband with the help of Sue and Willie Brusin. Metal markers were installed (which can be found with a metal detector) to help with mapping and positioning for possible relocation of some items in the campground. It is proposed that an additional horse water trough be located near site #7 & #9 along with the possibility of additional corrals at various sites. A thank you letter to Pat Gibbs for the donation of time will be composed and sent.

The work day for October 12 is still scheduled, although it is unknown if YBONC or BONC will be participating. The work will be conducted on the Towle Mill loop multi-use trail which currently uses part of Burlington Road as the trail. The objective is to eliminate the use of the road as part of the trail except for the crossings. Irv Mazur, Sue and Willie Brusin have completed the trail signing project on the current trails. Signage for the relocation projects will be installed when all of the work is complete. The United Trails Day with the Woods Riders, BONC and GCTC will be scheduled in 2014, probably in May.

BONC & YBONC completed the Lindsey Lake trail upgrade in the Grouse Ridge area. Joe Chavez is developing a trail sign replacement list for the area. The signs will most likely be made of oak with the names routed into the signs. GCTC has volunteered to assist in this project.

The purchase of the brush cutting tool is still in process.

Old Business: Nominations for the Top Hand award are in progress. The form of the perpetual award was discussed with a free standing award with positions for yearly engravings of the recipient's name was decided upon. Helen Harvey will check with local trophy businesses for the award.

The Cabo Time share raffle is in progress. Helen Harvey looked into the possibility of making tickets available through the GCTC web site and Pay Pal, but it was decided that would not be feasible at this time. Notification and support for the raffle will be made through email notifications, the phone tree, and the newsletter with tickets being available via mail and at the November meeting.

A thank you note from Back Country Horsemen member Kathy Zumbrunn was received, thanking GCTC for allowing the presentation she made at the last general meeting for their Lucky Calendar raffle. Kathy donated the beautiful ticket tumbler to GCTC.

Nominations for officers and board members is still in progress. Current positions needing replacements are President, Secretary and a board member.

A possible date for proposed introduction ride at the Royal Gorge area for interested board members was discussed. Although it is getting late in the season and the weather is a factor, there is still interest so October 27th was decided. Karen Schwartz will be asked to contact the appropriate person for permission to hold the ride. It is hoped that a general GCTC ride in the area can be put on the calendar for 2014.

New Business: The Thanksgiving feast at the November general meeting was discussed. The new refreshment committee volunteers will need help with the logistics of the dinner. Helen Harvey will contact Gail Plakos, the outgoing refreshment chair, for her notes and suggestions on arranging the necessary food. GCTC provides the turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, relish and drinks (made by appointed volunteers) and the membership at large is asked to bring side dishes and deserts to finish out the "feast". Kathy Southgate announced a Golf Tournament fund raiser for money to repair the Western States Trail which was impacted by the recent American Fire. The fund raiser will take place on October 29 at the Winchester Country Club. Local trails clubs and businesses are being asked to sponsor a golf hole at the tournament for \$250.00. The club or business banner will be displayed on site. A motion to be a sponsor was made by Vicki Testa, and seconded by Kathy Southgate. All board members in attendance approved the motion. President Helen Harvey will also send the motion via email out to the non attending board members for approval or opposition. Kathy will contact Teri Personeni for the GCTC banner. Membership chair, Mary Johnson reported that 54 renewals and new memberships have been received so far for 2014.

The annual GCTC ride and Bar-B-Q at the Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head is scheduled for October 19, 2013. Merrill Kagan-Weston will be the cook. Sue Brusin will mark the trail, and Willie will assist with set up. GCTC members are asked to contribute pot luck food for the event. An email announcement and phone tree calls will be put in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by \

Mary Johnson