

GCTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2013  
Conference Call

Attendance: Karen Schwartz, Willie & Sue Brusin, Helen Harvey, Karen Wyeth, Vicki Testa, Rafe Little, Kathy Southgate, & Mary Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by incoming president Karen Schwartz. New members of the board were welcomed, as well as special thanks to Helen for her service as past president, and to Jeff. Minutes of the previous general meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: The current bank balance is \$21,800, with the increase due to membership dues and \$500 from the raffle. Pioneer Trail has been the major expense. Kathy is preparing the year end tax filing for 2012 and 2013. Mary said that form 990 is not filed and the insurance bill is due Jan. 19, 2014. Any reimbursed costs for board members should be submitted. Forest Service Report by Willie: Jet Lowe, on behalf of YBONC, has submitted the Keen Grant Proposal for 2014. The NEPA study may cost \$5,000. The Forest Service will provide \$1,500; other clubs will provide \$1,500. YBONC is requesting that GCTC provide \$2,500. Jet Lowe of YBONC expects to hear if the grant is approved by Jan. 14. She will let GCTC know if it's approved.

Willie proposed meeting in Dec. with Joe Chavez, YBONC, and Heather Newell (Joe's replacement as public service officer) to clarify GCTC's role and responsibilities. Back Country Horsemen's Assoc. is asking for a letter of support for changes to the Emigrant Wilderness Area that includes Kennedy Meadows. This is an action to change the designation from wilderness to primitive area proposed by Tom McClintock. Bob McGee is the Public Lands liaison for this project. Willie suggested that we find out more information and consult with Joe. Primitive areas are easier to manage. United Trails Day in 2013: Seven people worked on the Hallelujah Trail cutting brush down. Stumps remain and will be pulled at a separate time. BONC volunteered to do this work. The next United Trails Day will be in May. BONC, YBONC, GCTC & Woods Riders will participate. Woods Riders want to have trails across from Skillman improved. Wind storms have blown down about 30 trees on trails above Burlington, primarily on the trail to Bear Valley, requiring lots of work before the Wild West and Poker Rides. Two people are chain saw certified. Not much is down in Lone Grave. Laings Crossing: Sue said that the trail is in bad shape below Bowman Rd. and will need two work days. PG&E won't let people use the snow park area in summer, but Karen S. should contact BYLT to see if that's in the acreage they are requesting. Thirty trailers could fit there.

**Old Business:**

Advertising in newsletter: A motion to limit advertising to members was approved. Unfilled committee chairs: publicity and trail ride unfilled. Irv should be asked if he will chair the United Trails workday committee.

Mary and Karen S. will review policies and procedures to make sure they're up to date. Karen S., Karen W. and Mary will meet after the New Year to review archives.

Helen will update the membership directory during Jan. & Feb. Meeting location for future: Rafe will look into the Elks & VA buildings. Next board meeting will be

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**New Business:**

Wilderness First Aid: Jaede asked if GCTC would pay for renting the Grange or the Annex for 2 days.

So far 15 people are interested. We need information from Jaede about cost and whether there's a limit on numbers. Change in website management: Stephanie Hensey will oversee the transition from the former web manager to the new one. Gigi Lawton and Pat Gibbs have volunteered to manage our website. Jaede requested the use of the GCTC logo to put on a "Leaving Only Footprints" flyer for educating riders to pick up manure at trail heads. Approved. Calendar for 2014: The draft calendar was modified. Willie will prepare a large calendar to display the 2014 calendar at the January general meeting, but will not be able to attend the meeting. Karen S. will arrange to get the calendar to the meeting. Next board meeting is 2/10/14 at 3:00 at the Memorial Park Annex building. Karen S. will make the reservation and obtain the key. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Wyeth, Secretary