

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014, 3 PM  
Memorial Park Annex  
415 Central Ave., Grass Valley

Attending: Karen Schwartz, Karen Wyeth, Kathy Southgate, Vicki Testa, Mary Johnson, Willie Brusin, Sue Brusin, Melissa Ribley

Absent: Helen Harvey, Rafe Little, Don Soto

Call to Order: 3:10 pm

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the General Meeting of Jan. 14, 2014 were approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: As of Jan. 31, 2014, the bank balance was \$21,743.60. \$2,484.30 was received during January. The 990 forms were filed, but we still need to file for 2008, 09 & 10. We shouldn't need to file a tax return if our income is under \$50,000. Helen Harvey is spear-heading the purchase of the brusher. Kathy doesn't know if it's bought yet. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Kathy also reported that the additional parking for Hidden Falls Park was approved. It will be at the heliport uphill from the paved parking. This will help to separate horses and people at the beginning of the trail system. GCTC was mentioned as being helpful. They have \$137,000; \$400,000 is needed.

Forest Service Report:

- 1) Joe Chavez requested a letter of support for an OHV grant that would receive green sticker fund money for enforcement on multi-use trails, which should be submitted before the OHV grant application open house on 2/13/14.
- 2) It may be possible to combine the fuels reduction project, the Cable Trail, and the re-location of a short segment of the Dascombe Trail from underneath the power lines in one environmental review. If the Dascombe Trail stays under the power line, we will have to maintain the road. Vicki asked what is happening on Madrone Springs Rd. Willie thought this may be part of the fire safety project setting out marking ribbons. For the Cable Trail, GCTC marked the trail at 8%, but the Forest Service wants BONC to mark it at 5% grade. The location is essentially the same.
- 3) The draft Decision Memo on the Pioneer Trail reroute will be written this month. Both Joe and Willie will have to be re-certified to work with the Washington Crew before work can start. Joe will arrange this. There will be a 30 day public comment period after the Decision Memo is final. GCTC should contribute \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the Pioneer relocation.
- 4) Sue worked with Jet Lowe to put the Lone Grave and Skillman area non-motorized trails into the required GIS format. All of these trails were left off of the official 2013

TNF map, since they weren't in the correct format. The finalized map for Lone Grave needs to be finished before the Keene Grant map is made. The Keene Grant is only for a large sign at the store on Rt. 20.

- 5) Melissa asked Heather **Newell** if the Forest Service will have the same manager for Skillman Campground. It may be managed by the Forest Service, or California Management is negotiating for a contract.
- 6) Parking in the Bowman Rd. area may be at Ziebright Mine Rd., if we work with the Bear Yuba Land Trust.

#### Old Business:

- 1) Future board meeting location - We have not heard from Rafe about location possibilities. The next board meeting will be April 8, 6 pm to 8 pm. We will continue to meet at the present location, but we need to be sure the heat is turned on.
- 2) Membership - Lynne Sullivan has not reported on the phone tree. **Karen S. will ask Jaede to remove the names of members who request no emails from the GCTC email list.** Mary will work on developing a roster that can be sent out electronically
- 3) Website - The board decided that GCTC should have its own domain on the web **and authorized further exploration of this alternative.** The cost should be reasonable, possibly \$100 annually. Helen will report to the board at their next meeting on what would be involved in making the change. Pat Gibbs and Gigi Lawton have volunteered to maintain the site. **Karen S. and Helen will meet with Teri Personeni regarding the change. Karen S. will contact Merrill Kagan-Weston regarding the possibility that one of her employees could perform the migration of the website needed.**
- 4) 2014 Calendar update - We should keep the Robinson Flat campout on the calendar. Robinson Flat is fine for the short rides we do. The Western States Trail should be ready by the date of the Tevis Cup, Aug. 9.

#### New Business:

- 1) Nevada County Horsemen **President** Charles Green has offered to coordinate with us **on unspecified areas of mutual interest.** GCTC focuses on trail riding, but there may be a possibility of sharing their arena for certain events that would be of common interest. **Karen will contact him to encourage further discussion.**
- 2) Unfilled committee chairs - Mary will contact Laura Duncan about calling those who indicated an interest in publicity on their membership forms. A Trail Work Day coordinator is also needed. Melissa volunteered to do the planning and coordinating, but a person needs to be on-site. If the task is split, we may be able to find someone to act as on-site leader. They would need to get tools, put up signs, arrange sign-in, form groups, and give safety talk. We need to get a copy of Forest Service safety guidelines from Heather Newell. Willie can provide details on what work is needed. He may be able to assist leaders.
- 3) Printing costs for Lone Grave maps is \$39 per 100 copies. It's under \$80 for both Skillman and Lone Grave. **The board authorized Willie and Sue to have the maps printed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary