

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC

Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2015

Board of Directors:

Karen Schwartz – President

Melissa Ribley – Vice President

Teri Personeni – Treasurer

Willie Brusin – Forest Service Liaison

Members: Linda Lanzoni, Sue Brusin, Sharon Silver, Gail Plakos

The meeting was opened by President Karen Schwartz at 3 p.m. at the Nevada County Horsemen Lodge.

Those present introduced themselves.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$27,309.49 in the checking account. Income from January 1 through February 9 was \$1273.82. The odd amount is due to charges by Pay Pal of 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. Expenses were \$2269.35. We had a net loss of \$-995.53 for that period.

Gail Plakos, Linda Lanzoni and Fran Cole will check with CPA's known to them about an audit of our financials as is required by the Federal government to keep our 501(c) 3 in order.

The board discussed changing the dates of our fiscal year to be more in line with the norm. This item was tabled until after the audit when we can ask a CPA about an appropriate year-end.

Karen S. circulated a form, which will be given to donors of \$250 or more as per Federal regulations.

USFS Report: Willie Brusin - Liaison

1. Willie discussed the joint meeting between Bear Yuba Land Trust and GCTC. He has made arrangements to take Shaun Clarke, BYLT Trails Coordinator, to the Gold Country Trailhead, Pioneer Trail and Washington Overlook to introduce him to the area and the needs there.
2. Willie will meet with Paul Hart who is the new Public Services Officer for the Tahoe National Forest to review the progress on the environmental report on the Cable Trail and the maintenance work needed at the water crossings on the Pioneer Trail near Lange's crossing on February 19, 2015.
3. GCTC will write a letter of support for the Off - Highway vehicle grant and mail it to Joe Chavez. This is in support of increased trail use enforcement. Willie and Sue Brusin will attend the Open House presentation of the Off-Highway grant at the Tahoe National Forest Office on February 12, 2015.
4. Willie requests that we re-authorize the expenditure for the hire of a trail machine for the Cable Trail re-route. We had originally authorized up to \$2000. That was withdrawn when the project was no longer accessible for us. He is asking for \$5000 at this time. It is likely that the USFS will hire Zachy Anderson for this project.
Request approved
5. Sue Brusin will select and chair a committee to determine the relocation of trail signs in the Lone Grave area.

Old Business:

The board agreed to change the membership year to January 1 through December 31. Dues paid for the current year will be good until December 31, 2015.

The board will review the progress of the new website in August to be sure it is being handled the way we want.

Attending:

Fran Cole

Charles Green

Ride: Chair – Linda Lanzoni

It was agreed to not receive payment for the Poker Ride through PayPal, as it is too confusing to keep track of the camping fees.

The date chosen for the ride is May 16, 2015. Linda will secure that date for us from the USFS.

Since that was the date of our Skillman Campground workday, that date has been changed to Wednesday May 13, 2015.

Skillman Campground: - Linda Lanzoni

Linda presented a map of the campground with the proposed changes, which include additional corrals, and the relocation of most of the BBQ pits and many of the picnic tables.

Willie, Vicki and Melissa each took a copy of the map to provide feedback at the March 10 general meeting.

Non-profit status:

Fran Cole presented a copy of our Articles of Incorporation, which had not been able to be located for some time.

Karen discussed a checklist of Legal Compliance. She is searching for 5 previous years of minutes.

The 990 Form must be approved by the Board before filing.

Karen will look into our profile on the non-profit website.

The Board decided not to provide a port-a-potty at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead this year.

The calendar will be updated to show the new date for the Poker Ride as May 16, 2015. The club ride date will be changed from June 12-14 to a date to be decided at the March general meeting.

Karen offered that she would lead a group if anyone wants to attend the East Bay Hills ride. This is not a club ride.

A brief report was given on the joint meeting with BYLT. Those who attended were all very positive about future cooperation between our two groups.

Several members had complained about the quality of the sound system at the last meeting. Charles Green offered that we could use the NCHI sound system. He will get instruction on usage and a wireless and a wired microphone from Don Daniels.

Sharon Silver announced that she has someone who would like to take over as club historian. She would like the Board to provide a list of what is expected from the person serving in that position.

She also suggested that the club consider some remuneration to Mary Johnson for the use of her trailer and utensils at the Poker Ride.

Teri Personeni asked for a key for the P.O. Box.

Submitted by: Teri Personeni, Acting Secretary