

FINAL
General Membership Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7 PM
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

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

Board Members:

Helen Crawford - absent
Karen Hayden - absent
Greg Sherr - absent

Administrative Members:

Laura Duncan
Mary Johnson
Jaede Milosovich

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Bernie Molloy at 7:07 p.m.

B. Changes or additions to agenda - none

C. Welcome to new members - Jeri Amendola, Robyn Armstrong, Tracey Cunningham.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 10, 2020 General Meeting minutes – Valerie Logston motioned to approve and Joyce Radell seconded. Motion passed.

E. Approval of Treasurer's Report – Cathy Scott

Checkbook balance as of May 11, 2021 is \$40,054. Major expense was a payment of \$3,100 to outreach design and consulting firm for Hidden Falls Expansion. Andi Duncan motioned and Laura Lester seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

F. Forest Service Report – Mary Johnson

1. **Lone Grave Map** - is near completion and down to final edits. GCTC has money allocated for a map at the large Kiosk at Harmony Market and at the GCETH. Also the Forest Service has allocated \$5,000 for printing handout maps. Maps will also be available on Avenza and the GCTC website. Paul Hart and staff have placed some new directional trail signs in places along the Lone Grave trails. That will continue once the

map is finalized. The map and trail signs will only show the authorized trails in the area.

2. **Gravel for Gold Country Equestrian Trail Head** - the road into the trail head is in serious need of gravel and grading. TNF does not have funds for this. GCTC is approved to conduct work on the trailhead through our Cost Share agreement with TNF. Mader's Grading and Paving was contacted to review the site and give a proposal to conduct the work. The proposal from Al Mader to do the work is \$3000. In addition, the road will need 1 to 3 loads (truck and transfer) of appropriate gravel at approximately \$900 per load. The work includes: correcting the drainage on the road from the parking area to Conservation Road, grade and place 1 ½ inch AB base rock as needed and compact with a smooth drum roller, grade and compact parking area. No additional base rock to be added in the parking area. Equipment to be used includes: 305 excavator, 260 skid steer, 2,000 gallon water truck, steel drum roller, traffic cones and signage. The work expenditure was approved by the Board. Parking areas and access roads need to be closed for three days. Currently the dates are June 1-3, 2021. GCTC members will be notified of the closure dates.
3. **April Work Days** - April 17 was a very successful work day in the Lone Grave area clearing trails and working on 2 re-routes.
4. **Trail Maintenance** - The NCWR (Nevada County Woods Riders) cleared downed trees on the Pioneer Trail/Hallelujah and motorized trails around Skillman.
5. **Skillman** - The water system Skillman will be turned on with help from Jeff Hartner, Willie Brusin and Barry Vaccaro. There is a possibility that the campground loop road will receive some much needed gravel by the forest service.

G. Old Business

1. **Purchase of a Projection Screen** - Prior to Covid the board discussed purchasing a projection screen to be used at General Membership Meetings. Cost is under \$300. Valerie Logston made a motion to approve the purchase. Joyce Radell seconded. The motion passed.

H. New Business

1. **New Trail Incident Reporting protocol** - Jaede Milosovich gave a presentation on how to report trail incidents using your computer and/or your cell phone. On either your computer or cell phone go to the GCTC website (**Gold Country Trails Council.org**). On your computer, click on MORE on the Menu bar, then IN THE NEWS, then INCIDENT REPORT. On your cell phone, click on the Menu bar (3 lines in top corner),

scroll down to IN THE NEWS, then INCIDENT REPORT. No report equals no problems to the Forest Service.

2. **2021 Poker Ride Cancelled** - Bernie Molloy reported that Nevada County Health Department follows State Guidelines limiting outdoor gathering to 50 people. This restriction would limit the quality of our event and the Board agreed to cancel the ride this year.
3. **Members only Ride to replace Poker Ride** - Laura Duncan and Jaede Milosavich suggested a members only 3 day camping event at Skillman in lieu of the Poker Ride. We are going to offer different experiences to choose from...horse camping, docent-guided ride, self-guided day rides on marked trails.
4. **Celebration of Trails** - Bernie Molloy will organize GCTC's participation in this event. He will man the booth in Nevada City on Friday. He is looking for someone who would be willing to bring a tacked horse. Saturday will be a kids hike as well as 1 or possibly 2 guided rides out of Lone Grave.
5. **Upcoming work days and calendar changes** - May 19 is clean up day at Skillman. Bring rakes, loppers, and wheelbarrows. Lunch will be provided. Be there by 8:30 as work starts at 9.

Work at Little Lasier Meadow Campground is scheduled for June 25-27. The campground is reserved. No camping fees will be changed the week prior or after

6. **Trail Patrol Orientation and Upcoming Club Ride** - Orientation training will be this weekend at Lone Grave starting at 10:30. The GCTC Day Ride scheduled for May 22 will be out of "Overlook." Please RSVP to Jamie Canon.
7. **Lone Grave Port-a-Potty** - Last year the Forest Service required daily sanitation of the port-a-potty. That service was not available so no port-a-potty was provided. Mary Johnson will check with the Forest Service for current rules. We are aware of one provider in Nevada County. If anyone knows of others, please contact Bernie Molloy. Placement of a Port-a-Potty at Empire Mine was suggested and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Andi Duncan, Secretary