

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 7 PM  
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse  
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA

### Attending:

Vice President: Melissa Ribley  
Secretary: Karen Wyeth  
Treasurer: Teri Personeni

Board Members:  
Charles Green  
Vicki Testa

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin  
Membership Chair: Mary Johnson  
Sue Brusin

Pre-Meeting to Consider Support of Rice's Crossing Project: The Board discussed Karen Schwartz's letter of support for a grant application by the Bear Yuba Land Trust for an equestrian staging area and a trail extension suitable for equestrian access in their Rice's Crossing project. Willie Brusin explained that some of the trail already exists. It will total 4 miles one way when completed. The parking area will be five acres. He proposed that GCTC will contribute \$1,000 and the letter of support. GCTC will be involved in the design of the parking area and the trail extension. The Board approved it unanimously. Karen Wyeth will sign the letter and send it to BYLT to include in their proposal.

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 8:07, following the saddle fitting presentation. Melissa Ribley filled in for Karen Schwartz in her absence. Mary Johnson announced that there will be new T-shirts and she can take orders for them. Melissa welcomed new members and guests.

Approval of the Minutes of the May and June Meetings: Minutes were approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Teri Personeni reported that the balance on 6/9/15 was \$27,966.39. On 7/14/15 it is \$27,422.40.

### Forest Service Report:

Cable Trail - Willie Brusin reported that the Forest Service will relocate the trail because they found a spotted owl nesting site. It will probably be built in the fall of this year.

Lone Grave - Fifty more maps are needed at the GCTC equestrian staging area. Sue will put the maps out.

Skillman - Willie, Sue and Irv Mazur are working with Jet Lowe, Joe Chavez and Paul Hart to produce a new map for the Skillman and Burlington Ridge area. They will be checking the existing signs on Wed. Willie worked with Cory Richardson on the potable water at Skillman Campground. The line is plugged to three of the faucets. Also, the horse water trough by the steel corrals has been stolen. Cory wants to put posts in the ground and attach the troughs to the posts. Willie asked the Forest Service to replace the trough. The GCTC Skillman workday will be Sat., July 25.

United Trails Day - It will be held in Oct. and chaired by Irv. We may be working on the Omega Scenic Overlook multi-use trail and the Pioneer Trail above Upper Burlington Rd.

Rice's Crossing - Willie and Sue met with the BYLT to give advice on the equestrian trailhead and the existing trail. GCTC has been asked for a letter of support and \$1,000 to add to a grant that will fund extending the trail 2 miles and building the staging area.

Bear Valley - Willie and Sue reaffirmed the need for an equestrian trailhead near Zebright Mine Rd. BYLT will take possession of the Bear Valley PG&E land in 2016.

Loney Meadow - Willie and Sue plan to attend the BONC Tahoe National Forest workday planning session for the maintenance and reconfiguration of the Bowman Mountain Trail on July 29.

#### Old Business:

Updates of 2015 Calendar Events:

Poker Ride - Linda L. reported that GCTC made about \$1,400. It was cold with some rain, but everything still went well.

Skillman Work Day - July 25 - It will be led by Vicki Testa and will involve trimming along trails. Linda Lanzoni reported that more trimming needs to be done on side trails in the Lone Grave area.

Royal Gorge Day Ride - It will be held July 18. The ride will go up to the ridge with a steep climb and narrow trail along the ridge. Horses should be in good condition and experienced.

Little Lasier Campout - Mary Johnson reported that it was very well-attended with all 11 sites full, and that both camp and trail improvements were made. California Land Management is still in charge. Irv Mazur plans to go back up in to continue trimming and invited others to join him.

Loney Meadow - Teri Personeni will be the leader and will arrive Thurs. It will be a dry camp. Water can be hauled from a nearby creek for horses. Participants must bring their own drinking water. The work day will be Sat., Aug. 15, starting at 9:00, finishing at 1:30. She invited people to come for the day if they didn't want to camp.

BYLT Celebration of Trails Day - Karen Wyeth reported that there was good interest in the GCTC booth with our maps being of greatest interest. We received one new membership and sold T-shirts. It was a good opportunity to connect with other trail groups and provide information about GCTC. We should continue to participate annually and attend as individuals to show that equestrians are an important part of the trail community.

Pioneer Trail Ride Celebration - GCTC Board will be reviewing how to hold this event within our guidelines as a non-profit organization.

East-West Trail Meetings - These meetings have been started by Supervisor Richard Anderson to complete a trail that will connect Truckee with Nevada City, extending the Pioneer Trail past Lake Spaulding. GCTC members will attend these meetings and will encourage other equestrian organizations to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary