

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Road
Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President	Laura Duncan
Vice President	Melissa Ribley
Secretary	Mary Lundin
Treasurer	Teri Personeni
Past President	Karen Schwartz

Board Members:

Fran Cole
Charles Green
Merv Kril

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Laura Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:02. She introduced Stacy Guerrero, a member who will be teaching line dancing to the group after the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Willie Brusin moved and Merv Kril seconded that the minutes be approved.

3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Teri Personeni reported the balance was \$29,877.26 as of 6/30/16. Willie Brusin moved and Jan Munsinger seconded that the treasurer's report be approved.

4. Forest Service Report

See attached report.

A. Willie and Sue Brusin resigned the Pioneer Trail at the Overlook Scenic area.

B. The Cable Trail tractor work will probably resume in October. The continued tractor rental will cost GCTC another \$1,100 which was already budgeted. BONC will finish that work and also the Power Line realignment of the Dascombe Trail. Willie reminded us that the trails constructed by tractor should not be used until after it rains.

C. Willie reported that the horse water at Skillman Campground has been repaired. Linda Lanzoni said there is a problem with the large trough in the common area. Willie will have the campground manager look into that. The campground is in good shape and we are encouraged to use it.

D. Paul Hart realigned a portion of the Dascombe Trail by Rock Creek Road. That workday will be Wednesday, August 24th. Fifteen volunteers will be needed to complete this part of the trail.

E. The Loney Meadows workday has 8 volunteers at this point per Teri Personeni. More are needed. The Port-A-Potty will be towed there by Gale Lear. We will be able to drive to the worksite. We were reminded that this is a dry camp and only horse water is available at the creek. Don Soto has a water tank available if anyone wants to tow it there. Sue will bring the club banner to display. Meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

F. Willie will accompany TNF and BONC to review the alignment of the Bowman Mt. Trail.

G. Don Soto will construct the Gold Country Equestrian Staging Area sign board. The trail map should be up by the end of the year.

H. No update available on the mapping of the Burlington Ridge trails.

I. TNF has a permit for a 17 mile one way non-motorized trail from Forest City to Downieville. We will check into this in the future.

5. Old Business

A. Poker Ride Review-Jeff Foltz

There were 101 participants this year. Gross proceeds were approximately \$4675.00. The net proceeds were just under \$4000.00.

B. Celebration of Trails review/Merv Kril

The sponsors reported low attendance at this year's event. Two new memberships were obtained. Merv thanked Susan Van Steenkiste and Mary Johnson for their help in putting together the GCTC booth.

C. Three year strategic plan

Jeff Foltz will chair this committee, with Fran Cole and Helen Harvey. Members are still needed to assist.

D. Skillman update

The forest service reported that no changes will be made to Skillman Campground any time soon. The logging is probably not going to happen in September as previously planned. September is a good time to camp locally and we need to use Skillman as a horse camp. Merv Kril mentioned that Loon Lake is no longer considered a horse camp due to non-use by equestrians.

6. New Business

A. Youth Trail Build Program

Ideas for outreach to youth included camping with youth, publicity geared to Penn Valley Rodeo Assn. members, having a booth at the PV Rodeo and Nevada County Fair, reaching out to Girl Scouts and Eagle Scout projects, CA Conservation Corp or Americore projects. It was noted that the Placer County has a youth horse program.

B. GCTC T-shirt purchase

Mary Johnson and Fran Cole are looking into vendors. Mary is ready to place an order that will include ladies style shirts as well as the traditional ones.

C. Frank Smith ride fundraiser

A members only ride in the spring is being looked into. BYLT had a ride on this ranch off Hwy. 49 that was well received.

D. Fund raising ideas-Merv Kril and Carol Scurria

Several ideas included having a trail symposium and information about local trails for non-horse users. Also having a mentor program for new members, contacting previous members to see why they are no longer current members to help encourage membership.

Allyn Carman informed the group that she will provide a barn tour at the Draft Horse Classic for club members. Meet at the Horse Show Office at 1:00 on September 24th.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 for refreshments and line dance instruction by member Stacy Guerrero.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary