

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Association Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.
Grass Valley, CA

Attendance:

Karen Schwartz, President
Kathy Southgate, Treasurer
Karen Wyeth, Secretary
Jeff Foltz, Board Member
Vicki Testa, Board Member

Others attending:

Helen Harvey, Past President
Willie Brusin, Forest Service Liaison
Sue Brusin
Mary Johnson, Membership Chair

Call to Order: Karen S. called the meeting to order at 7:02. The Board unanimously approved Jeff Foltz to return to the Board. The meeting time was changed to 6:00 pm in the summer. The Board will review meeting time for winter when appropriate. An email regarding the time change should be sent to the membership one week prior to the meeting. Membership forms should be reviewed to see who has volunteered to be on the Board in order to fill the empty position.

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes were approved with some modifications.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of the end of March is \$22,912.81. We received a check for \$1,000 from the Keen Grant for the signs in the Lone Grave area. There will be a large trail map sign at the 5 Mile House, but it will have to wait for final approval of the trails in the area by the Forest Service. This may happen in the fall or next year. The Cable Trail has been reflagged to have three switchbacks. The California Trails and Greenways Foundation has sent a letter of requirements. Karen S. will keep the original, with copies to Willie and Jet Lowe. The bush brusher has been purchased. The State of California requires that a form RRF-1 be filed every year. GCTC hasn't done it before.

Forest Service Report:

Willie's Report is attached. Additional comments are below. Karen S. said she would send Karen W. a copy of Willie's report.

United Trails Day - Willie and Irv Mazur will meet with Joe Chavez to plan United Trails Day. The proposed date is June 1. The Woods Riders want to spend \$600 for a cater-

er. GCTC will be responsible for \$200. The Woods Riders want to advertise and have about 100 people attend.

Pioneer Trail reroute - Willie and Joe have to be recertified to work with prisoners

Grading work by David Higbee - The Board approved \$600 for grading done by David.

Other comments - Irv purchased a hedge clipper that is being stored in Willie's garage. Willie suggests that it could be raffled or given as a prize at the Poker Ride. It is too light duty for trail work. There are nine trees down in the upper Burlington area. On May 24, a run is scheduled for Chalk Bluff to Upper Burlington on the Stanton Trail.

Old Business:

Replacing Board members - Karen S. will contact prospective Board members. We also need a publicity officer.

Membership - Mary reported that there are 185 members, 116 individual and 65 family. (This doesn't add up. Is this correct?) Mary sends an information packet to every new member. We received a \$200 donation from the Gold Country Gaited Horse Club with new membership. Willie added that we can put up a toilet again at Lone Grave on May 1, since Live Wire (a fencing company in Marysville) and Wild West are helping to pay for it. 47 phone books were handed out at the last meeting. Helen will send a pdf of the phone book to Jaede for distribution.

Website - Helen hasn't heard anything from Merrill Kagan-Weston about the schedule for migration.

2014 Calendar update - The date for Loney Meadows will be for one week, if people want to stay that long, from 8/23 to 8/31. The work day will be on 8/24.

Poker Ride - The certificate of insurance was sent to the Forest Service. Linda should have a list of timing for advertising. An email should go out to all who volunteered.

Nevada County Horsemen - They have proposed to have a joint event. Desensitizing to bicycles and motorcycles is a possibility, or a trail clinic. But members who are professional trainers can't be paid to do this, according to our by-laws.

Archive review - Mary Johnson will contact Karen S. and Karen W. when she can schedule a new date.

Work Day Coordinators - Carol Scurria and Merv Kril will coordinate the Cronan Ranch ride on May 4.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary