

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL
General Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.
Grass Valley, CA

Attendance:

Karen Schwartz, President
Melissa Ribley, Vice President
Karen Wyeth, Secretary
Teri Personeni, Treasurer
Willie Brusin, Forest Service Liaison
Mary Johnson, Membership Chair
Helen Harvey, Past President
Irv Masur, Phone Tree

Board Members:

Fran Cole
Charles Green
Vicki Testa

Call to Order: Karen Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:08. She welcomed several new members and a guest.

Approval of the Minutes of the April board meeting: Minutes were approved.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: As of this meeting, Teri reported a bank balance of \$27,119.06.

Forest Service Report: Willie Brusin reported that the specialists doing the environmental review for the Cable Trail are satisfied with the trail alignment. They will submit their reports to Paul Hart of the Tahoe National Forest. Paul will complete the NEPA process and then be able to give authorization to build the trail. GCTC has volunteered to pay for the trail-building machines.

Skillman Campground - For the work day on May 13 we will rake the camp sites and fire pits, a chain saw and chipper will be there, and we will transport tree sections to White Cloud. Cecelia and Cory (Forest Service employees) may be there. Linda Lanzoni will set up a meeting with them to review the Skillman Campground plan after the Poker Ride.

Trail Signs - Trail signs have been taken down around Skillman during the past several weeks. They will be replaced. Willie wants us to call him if we know signs have been removed. The trail system is now cleared for use. Six manure signs have been printed and given to Cory, who is in charge of camp maintenance.

Lone Grave - Melissa said that the porta potty at Lone Grave will be cleaned twice a month. YBONC put in a second one for their event. Call her if more cleaning is needed. There were complaints about about the location and a request to put it back where it was two years ago. Melissa will see if it can be moved.

Old Business:

Membership - Mary Johnson reported that there are 192 memberships, which is the highest ever. Website bugs with membership applications have been resolved. The Facebook site will be up this week. Jaede reported that there are 285 on our email list.

Poker Ride - Linda Lanzoni reported that there are 24 riders and 5 campsites reserved. Sharon Silver will organize the food. Sharon reported that volunteers have offered all desserts. We need appetizers and side dishes. GCTC will provide salad. Karen Schwartz said that next year we will schedule the Poker Ride for June 4. The parking volunteers should be there at 7:30. Others should be there at 8:00 to 9:00. The Amateur Radio Club of Nevada City will cover the ride for emergencies.

Day Rides -

Spenceville - Jamie Canon reported that the Spenceville ride was beautiful.

Cronan - The ride was cancelled due to a conflicting bicycle event.

Royal Gorge - Trail boss is needed.

Camping -

Running I - Jaede presented a video of the sensory experience at Running I in Dunnigan. It offered excellent obstacles and opportunities to desensitize horses.

Pioneer Trail Ride and Camp update - members can camp Tues. and Wed. nights. Day rides Tues., Wed., and Thurs. will be generally half-day rides.

Little Lazier campout - Mary Johnson has a sign-up sheet for this campout June 26 to 28.

Bear-Yuba Land Trust Celebration of Trails on May 30 at Tahoe National Forest headquarters - Karen & Harry Wyeth, Jaede Miloslavich and Karen Schwartz will be there to represent GCTC.

New Leaders - Debbie Malloy will be our camp cook, Pamela Warmack is the Publicity Chair. We still need a Historian.

Website Update - The new web site will debut May 8.

The meeting was adjourned for Morris Older's presentation on the East Bay Hills Trail Ride Fundraiser to support the Bay Ridge Trail.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary.

