

General Meeting Minutes

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Officers:

President- Helen Crawford

Vice-President-Cathy Scott

Secretary-Tracey Cunningham

Treasurer-Corrie Silva

Board Members:

Judy Hayamizu

Absent:

Mary McMillan

Bernie Molloy

Past President-Jamie Canon

A. Call to Order -6:35

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Add to Old Business-Loney Meadows/Royal Gorge- Jamie Canon

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from May 14, 2024

Moved by Helen Crawford Second by Corrie Silva

Motion carried

D. Treasurer's Report -Corrie Silva

Club total is \$46,275, Dues for this year totaled \$10,687,

Poker ride took in \$8,207 and netted around \$6,000 -there were about 63 riders.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson -see attached

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F. Old Business

1. Trail Patrol - Kris Van Roo- Discussed the goal of the Trail Patrol - to be ambassadors for Tahoe National Forest. Riders participating in upcoming Confidence Course training will get a certification letter and a vest and will log incidents and volunteer hours for their forest rides. The volunteer hours will be credited to TNF. Members were encouraged to sign up for training- and instructions for finding the Trail Patrol handbook on the GCTC website were given. Kris handed out a Confidence Course requirement list.

2. Pioneer Trail Update-Cathy Scott-Due to the Highway 20 curve straightening project, some sections have to be redone. BONK has the contract to do this work. Tahoe National Forest wants to renew/update a previous agreement with GCTC. Helen Crawford urged GCTC members to get out on the trails and report back.

3. Royal Gorge Ride/Loney Meadows -Jamie Canon- Both activities are in danger of needing to be rescheduled due to smoke, road closures, etc. from nearby fires. Jamie will monitor the situation and keep members posted.

G. New Business -

1. Acceptance of Bernie Malloy's resignation from the Board Moved by Cathy Scott Second by Helen Crawford Motion-carried **Board Only Vote**

2. Approval of Julie McManus as new Board Member.

Moved by Helen Crawford Second by Corrie Silva
Motion-carried **Board Only Vote**

3. Creation of a Fun and Fund Steering Committee-Helen Crawford

Helen discussed the formation of a new committee to help come up with fun activities for the club and ways to earn more, as well as ways to spend more club funds. She will send an email to the membership so that interested members can join the committee.

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Announcements

1. Next Board Meeting - August 13,,2024-6:30

2. Next General Meeting-September 10, 2024-6:30

3. July 13, Royal Gorge Day Ride

4. July 19-21 Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride

5. Helen mentioned recent incidents related to members and their horses: Judy Hayamizu and her horse, Sparky who, before being found, was lost and searched for in the forest for days; Karrie Dunham and the continuing recovery of Chaco, who was injured in a horrific fall during a ride at Point Reyes resulting in a grueling, hours-long rescue. Gratitude was expressed for the GCTC community and their support of these members.

6. An older photo of Jaede and her horse Tito was unexpectedly featured in the Auburn Journal.

7. There will be horse trailer/bike clinics in the future.

8. Donated tickets to an upcoming Clinton Anderson tour were handed out to interested members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30

Ice Cream and a presentation by Lori McIntosh who shared her experience with her horse and Tevis!