

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Golden Empire Grange

11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Officers:

President: Jamie Canon
Vice President: Helen Crawford McDermott
Secretary: Mary Lundin
Treasurer: Cathy Scott
Past President: Bernie Molloy

Board Members:

Miriam Lytle, absent
Laura Simmons
Teri Personeni

Administrative Members:

Mary Johnson, Forest Svc. Liaison
Toni Owen, Membership Chair, absent

Members attending: Jaede Miloslavich, Linda Lanzoni

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Jamie Canon

B. Changes or Additions to Agenda

Items 7 to 10 added to New Business

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Teri Personeni made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022 BOD meeting as written. Helen Crawford seconded and motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Cathy Scott reported that the bank balance is \$8000 more than this time last year. \$10, 571 is reserved for planned projects. Outstanding bills to be paid include \$59 for insurance for the tack sale held during the July meeting, and \$311 for the port-a-potty used at the Loney Meadows workday. Approximately \$1500 will be paid to Rock Art Signs for trail signs that have been ordered.

A question was asked if we have personal property insurance coverage for the \$2000 to \$3000 in tools. Cathy will check into that when we purchase a tool trailer.

E. Forest Service Report- August 9, 2022 Submitted by Mary Johnson

Work days: GCTC completed successful work days at Loney Meadows on July 23, 2022 and August 6, 2022 on the Pioneer Trail section near Bowman Rd. The next work days in the Tahoe National Forest are scheduled for September 10, 2022 and October 8, 2022 which is United Trails Day. Paul Hart is working with Scott Rabeneau (NCWR) on the trail work for UNTD. GCTC has been asked if we are willing to provide the lunch. Paul Hart has been notified of the intent and of the work completed prior to and after each work day. GCTC member Barbara Simmons is tracking the volunteer hours for the report that is provided to TNF. It was determined that quite a number of Pioneer Trail signs need replacement and/or updated stickers on the section near Bowman Road. GCTC will order the needed signs and schedule a time for the work to be done. Skillman: It was recently determined with conversation with WM (Waste Management) that they do not require that the manure to be put in bags before putting it in the dumpster. Corrected instruction signs will be made and posted at Skillman.

27 volunteers worked on the Bowman Road trails on August 6th. A workday will be planned to install new trail signs. Helen Crawford has volunteered to take riders on that trail when she rides it. GCTC will provide lunch for all volunteers at the 2022 United Trails Day workday. The cost is split 3 ways between the participating groups. Approximately 100 people are expected.

F. Old Business

1. Tack Sale Results

Lots of people attended the tack sale held during the July meeting. It was a good social event, although not a lot of tack was sold.

2. Top Hand Submissions

The nominating committee will present five to ten names for members to consider for this annual award. A brief summary of their club participation will be provided.

3. Picnic Tables at Harmony Ridge Market-Mary Johnson

Members will be advised of the type of table we hope to purchase to replace the one damaged by the winter weather.

4. Trail Location Software Committee Update-Toni Owen

Jaede said Toni is almost ready to present the process for downloading and choosing GPS apps that can be shared between various apps.

5. Bicycle and Horse Educational Workshop-Jamie Canon

Jamie will continue to research the possibility of an educational workshop for bicyclists and equestrians sharing our trails. She will look into having the Union Hill School's Mountain Bike Program participate.

6. Loney Meadows Workday Recap-Jamie Canon

A lot of hard work was done by 25 volunteers at the Loney Meadows Workday. The Lundeen Camp Trail on the South Lindsey Creek that runs to the dam at lower Lindsey Lake was repaired and reopened, along with a lot of other clearing of trails. Some members camped together for the weekend.

7. Royal Gorge Ride Recap-Jamie Canon

A wildflower filled Spring-like ride was enjoyed by eight riders at Royal Gorge.

G. New Business

1. Large tack sale-Linda Lanzoni

Linda suggested we have a large tack sale with public participation, charging non-members to have a booth. She suggested having it at Nevada County Horseman's facility in the spring. Past tack sales there have been successful. The clubhouse would also be available there. The other option might be the Penn Valley Rodeo Grounds. Having this at the Grange Hall would not be easy due to the steep driveway there when bringing in stock trailers to sell large items like saddles. Jaede will send out a group email survey to gauge interest, as well as possibly having something like a saddle fitting clinic at the same time. Linda will chair the committee to pursue this.

2. Procedure Manual-Jamie Canon

It was determined that the procedure manual review will not take place at this time.

3. Bowman Road Pot Holes-Teri Personeni

The Bowman Road was originally made by cutting trees and applying asphalt over the base. The roots have been rotting out over the years, creating large potholes. Teri's cousin used to fill in those holes. However, this is a Forest Service road and they are the only ones allowed to work on it. Because of the safety concerns of members driving over them to access the Grouse Ridge trails, Mary Johnson was asked to find out who in the FS we could submit a letter to requesting repairs be made for the safety of those traveling on that road.

4. PA System Protocol and conclusion of what to get

It was decided that the club will continue to use the current PA system for inside meetings. A system suitable for outdoor venues can be rented.

5. Bowman Road Trail Work Recap-Mary Johnson

Covered in Forest Service report.

6. PLT's Taylor Ranch Preserve Ride @ Big Hill-Cathy Scott

Cathy Scott and some others were invited to ride at the Placer Land Trust's Taylor Ranch Preserve in order to provide feedback about equestrian use of the eight miles of trail that will hopefully be opened to the public in 2024. It is being built off Bell Road and is currently available only with a docent by invitation. Cattle will be grazed on the land for fire management.

7. Signage for Trails

New signage for trails has been ordered from Rock Art Signs, as mentioned in the Treasurer's report and Forest Service report.

8. Turn Key Web Store-Jaede Miloslavich

Jaede previewed software for an online web store for the club merchandise. This would allow members to buy individual merchandise without a group order. The initial cost would be \$3000 for set up and an additional amount of approximately \$200 for periodic updates. Board members requested that the new merchandise offered have the newest logo with the horse on it. Laura Simmons made a motion and Teri Personeni seconded that the club go ahead with this new software. Motion carried. Sandrine Farrish and Jaede will work with Britt, the software designer, on a committee to continue this process.

9. No E-Bike Signs-Helen Crawford

Helen Crawford showed a picture of “No e-bike” trail signs she saw at Ft. Colins. Since e-bikes are not allowed on all trails, GCTC would like to include these in our upcoming trail sign updates. Mary J. will check with the Forest Service about including these signs.

10. BONC Trails Meeting-Cathy Scott

President Jamie Canon attended a public meeting put on by Bicyclists of Nevada County. She said the meeting was mostly positive about our shared trails in Nevada County.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary