

Board of Directors Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
December 10, 2024
Mary Johnson's Home
16054 Colfax Hwy, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President: Helen Crawford

**Vice
President: Cathy Scott**

Secretary: Tracey Cunningham

Treasurer: Corrie Silva/Toni Owen

**TNF
Liaison:
Mary
Johnson**

Also
attended:
Jerry
Ridley,
Gail
Anderson,
Kris Van
Roo

Board Members:

Julie McManus

Judy Hayamizu-absent

Mary McMillan

**Past President: Jamie
Canon**

- A. **Call to Order** 1:45
- B. **Changes or Additions to Agenda-**

Change of email address-Toni Owen

Nevada County Recreation Coalition-/Cathy Scott

c. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from October 8, 2024

Moved by Corrie Silva Seconded by Julie McManus

Motion-carried

2. In order for Toni Owen to be added as a signer on the GCTC bank account, an email vote of the Board took place and was approved on November 21,2024. Toni is now a signer on the GCTC account and can get a head start on her Treasurer duties for 2025. In person, Board of Directors approval of the 11/12/2024 General Meeting minutes.

b **Moved by** Corrie Silva **Seconded by** Cathy Scott

Motion-carried

D. Treasurer's Report -Corrie Silva -Current

Balance-\$39,286.92 including \$3,500 for Pines to Mines, \$1500 for a map at Lone Grave and a reimbursement from BONC and Woods Riders for United Trails lunch.

E. Forest Service Report-Mary Johnson-none- see Hoot

Trail-Discussion of other ways to get Forest Service Report to members. After General Meetings, Mary Johnson will send the Forest Service report to Jaede to email to members.

F. Projects Committee Report-Julie McManus -No new

meeting, getting new members, focus on education in schools and riding clubs. One presentation has been made to a youth bike club. Discussion about off season activities.. Ideas included: 4H, Nevada Union Mountain Bike Club and a possible day at Running I open to membership.

G. Old Business

1. Election and Oaths-Helen Crawford-2025 slate of officers and Board members were sworn in.

2. Hoot Trail Update- Helen Crawford-TNF has a new acting supervisor who met with GCTC, Bonc and others from TNF to discuss options for the Hoot Trail. Choices from TNF: make no changes, make some safety changes to Hoot, agree to alternate trail for hikers and equestrians.
Work will begin in 2025. GCTC is waiting to hear what the decision will be.
3. Trail Work Day Lunch Arrangements- Helen Crawford -Helen will send a recruiting email to membership. Discussion of creating a budget.
4. Merchandise Store-Helen Crawford-The merchandise site will post a no-refund policy at check out.
5. Large Maps for Meetings -Helen Crawford-up at meetings
6. Pines to Mines Donation-Helen Crawford-Lengthy and detailed discussion regarding the \$3500 donation being held and the possibility of adding another \$1500 in order to make the donation meaningful and to incentivise other riding clubs, etc. to donate. Key points: aligns with our Mission statement, will benefit members, will facilitate GCTC being involved with education, signage and getting recognition from other parties, will help guide the use of funds. A motion was made to add \$1500 to the Pines to Mines project donation. Discussion.
Moved -Helen Crawford Seconded -Cathy Scott
Motion -Carried 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 abstention
7. Communications Position-Mary Johnson-nothing new
8. Trailer Wrap-Jamie Canon-moved to next Board agenda
9. Porta Potty at Penn Gate-Helen Crawford-discussion
10. Hidden Falls Connector Trail/ Trailhead update-Cathy Scott-Project is moving forward, contract for work has been awarded-work should be completed in Fall of 2025.
11. Trail Patrol Vest update/ purchase approval-Kris Van Roo/Mary McMillan- Acknowledgment and many thanks to Kris Van Roo for all of her efforts with the Trail Patrol.
A motion was made to approve \$1100.79 as reimbursement to Kris Van Roo for Trail Patrol vests and printing.
Moved -Mary McMillan Seconded -Helen Crawford
Motion-carried
A motion was made to approve \$358.56 for 8 additional Trail Patrol vests.
Moved by Mary McMillan Seconded by Cathy Scott
Motion-carried

G. New Business

1. Retreat in January to:

Review /Edit/Approve Strategic Plan-Helen Crawford- the date of January 20th was set. Send Board Members copies of the Strategic Plan and survey results. Helen requested that those be read ahead of the retreat.

2. Definition of Tabled-Helen Crawford-done talking about it-can be brought up later. **Post meeting clarification from Helen-Tables vs. Postponement. Here are descriptions :**

1. Table. If the Board is not ready to vote – be it a lack of information, a sensitive topic people need more time to process or deliberate, or other urgent matters came up – a member may make a motion to “table” the item. The motion needs a second. It is NOT debatable/open to discussion. And then it needs a majority to carry the motion. The important point to remember; however, is that it must be re-addressed at the NEXT official meeting. The Secretary or other member puts it on the next board meeting agenda under old business.

2. Postpone. If the Board is not ready to vote and if there is uncertainty on when it will be ready, then a motion should be made to “postpone until _____ (fill in the blank).” Herein lies the major difference between tabling and postponing; postponing can be defined, but tabling is at the next meeting. Postponing requires motion, second, it CAN be debated/discussed, and a majority vote to carry.

3. New Ideas for 2025-Helen Crawford-moved to next Board meeting

4. Procedures for Approving/Distributing Minutes-T. Cunningham-discussion- action-draft out ASAP with time limit for changes- Tracey will check By-Laws to see if General Meeting minutes must be approved by the General Membership or if they only require Board approval.

5. GCTC named in Trust-Corrie Silva- no action required at this time-documentation was given to Toni Owen as the incoming Treasurer.

6. Black Swan Trail System-Cathy Scott-Brian Bisnett is working with BYLT on granting a public trail easement and potential trailhead at the corner of Hwy 20 and Mooney Flat Rd. It will tie in to the Black

Swan trail, Blue Point Mine, Yuba Narrows on CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Yuba Water Agency Lands.

Julie McManus will try to get information regarding possible GCTC involvement in equestrian parking at the trailhead.

7. Poker Ride 2025-Cathy Scott-Due to cutbacks - Skillman campground will only be available for free to GCTC outside of the regular camping window. Any dates inside the regular season will be charged at the regular rate. There was discussion of options.

8. Special email address for Treasurer-Toni Owen-discussion of the creation of an independent email address for the treasurer to provide continuity - research needed.

9. Nevada County Recreation Coalition-Cathy Scott-GCTC is involved and has been invited to participate in the Fair on 5/3/25.

Announcements

1. Next General Meeting-January 14, 2025 at 6:30p.m.-Helen will be there at 5:30 to help with trail apps & maps
2. Next Board Meeting-February 11, 2025 at 6:30p.m.
3. January 20, 2025 -Strategic Planning Board Retreat-!0:00 a.m. -Toni's home.
- 4.

Meeting Adjourned -4:53

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Bcc	
Subject	

