

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Teleconference

**Officers:**

President: Bernie Molloy  
Vice President: Jamie Canon  
Secretary: Andi Duncan  
Treasurer: Cathy Scott  
Past President: Helen Harvey

**Board Members:**

Helen Crawford McDermott  
Karen Hayden  
Greg Sherr

**General Members:**

Laura Duncan, Past President  
Jeff Foltz  
Mary Johnson, Forest Service Liaison  
Jaede Miloslavich

**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

Meeting was called to order by President Bernie Molloy at 7:03 p.m.

**B. Changes or Additions to Agenda**

None

**C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

October 13, 2020 Board of Directors minutes – Jamie Canon motioned to approve and Cathy Scott seconded. Motion passed.

**D. Approval of Treasurer's Report - Cathy Scott**

As of 12/08/2020 the checkbook balance is \$43,420.26 which includes \$3,571.17 in reserve for Pines to Mines. Membership dues for October/November totalled \$4,041.38. Website renewals accounted for 90% of the total. Donations for this same time period totalled \$366.94. This came from four individuals plus Wells Fargo Community Support and Amazon Smile.

Expenses this month included \$504 for 24 months of website hosting. Jaede asked for and received a non profit discount which should be adjusted soon.

Future expenditures include the GCTC sponsored dumpster at Skillman and Insurance premiums for GCTC Directors and Officers. The dumpster was locked by Mary Johnson in early November. It is on vacation hold. The final bill in 2020 once prorated should be about \$72. Waste Management is still adjusting it. Total costs for the 2020 season July thru early November is estimated at \$1,139. Service will resume in 2021 with the first pick up on May 26. This date is flexible. The annual insurance premiums for the Directions and Officers liability (\$950 last year) and the General Liability Insurance (\$777 last year) will be paid in December or early January.

The \$500 donation to the Nevada County Veterinary Disaster Response Team which was approved last month was discussed. Due to potential internal changes affecting NCVDRT, all action will be temporarily tabled. Andi Duncan and Cathy Scott are researching if this can be done in a similar fashion to the money that was earmarked for the trailer.

Another possible donation on behalf of the Bear Yuba Land Trust was discussed. Laura Duncan was contacted by them to see if GCTC would be interested in making a donation. GCTC has made past donations but they have been equestrian project oriented. It was agreed that Helen Crawford McDermott and Greg Sherr would act as liaison and work with BYLT to determine what, if any, equestrian donation might be made.

Cathy Scott provided a full financial report, copy of checking and credit card account statements, reconciliation and activity reports, and membership PayPal report (total 12 pages). Also, summary page of balances, anticipated spending, and membership and donation income. .

Andi Duncan motioned to approve and Jamie Canon seconded approval of treasurer's report. Motion passed.

- E. Forest Service:** Mary Johnson states that Skillman is officially closed, the gate and dumpster is locked and the water has been shut off. Barry and Suzanne Vacarro cleared logs and put up new wooden trail signs. The Tahoe National Forest dumpster at Skillman was compromised by a bear(s). The horse trail at Harmony Market which cuts through the picnic area is to be rerouted. Paul Hart agreed. Matt Freitas (BONC) checked with the store owner on November 28 but the work has not been completed. On December 4 work was done on the Yuba Rim Trail. More on this in new business.
- F. Membership Report:** Cathy Chase was unable to attend but provided the board with a membership update. There are presently 235 plus paid members. There were approximately 200 individual/family renewals and 35 new members. Per Jaede we have approximately 400 members on the GCTC distribution list. It was discussed that Bernie will send an email to those members who have yet to renew and encourage them to do so. (As per subsequent discussions the Membership Chair is responsible for renewal reminders). Cathy Chase is working on streamlining the import of JotForm data and adding in all the mail-in data. Mary Johnson thanked Cathy for all her hard work.

#### **G. Old Business**

1. **Effect of COVID-19** on upcoming events. We will continue with small work groups and teleconferences for the near future. The 2021 calendar will be discussed under new business.
2. **Thank yous to Helen Harvey and Mary Johnson** for small work groups. Everyone expressed their appreciation for the work they have done and the groups they have organized. Mary said that they orchestrated the work but the members stepped up.

#### **G. New Business**

1. **Thank Jamie for her service:** Jamie was thanked for her work on the Board and for stepping up to fill the vacant VP position.
2. **Welcome Greg Sherr:** Greg was welcomed as our newest Board Member.
3. **Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) meeting/trail work update:** Helen Crawford McDermott reported that the last BYLT meeting was "good for horses." Helen says the trail at Rice Crossing is great and riders should check it out. Jamie Canon, Helen Crawford, Mary Johnson, and Cathy Scott volunteered. An area around the tree(s) in the picnic area was cleared so riders can tie their horses. It was noted that the website and sign posts do not show that the trails allow for horses. Helen will mention this to Sean. The parking area is gated and a combination is required

for entry. On the BYLT website you can pay a \$5 annual fee for the combination. Currently there is shooting two Wednesdays a month.

4. **Review GCTC 5 Year Strategic Plan:** Jeff Foltz recently reviewed the GCTC Strategic Plan and pointed out that some of the goals had been achieved while others are outdated. He suggested that now would be a good time for the Board to review and update. There was much discussion about how to do this in respect to Covid and social distancing. Since the original Plan took considerable time to create, it was felt that revisions would also take time and doing this via a teleconference wouldn't be practical. Helen Harvey suggested that Bernie review the Plan to identify areas for change and we could check back in the spring. Helen Crawford McDermott volunteered her cabin for a possible meeting place.
5. **Report on Top Hand Ceremony:** On November 28 Helen Harvey received the Top Hand Award perpetual trophy for all the hard work and effort organizing, directing trail work teams and clearing trails. Photos were taken and a newspaper article was submitted to The Union. Laura Duncan and Jaede Miloslavich were thanked for organizing
6. **Volunteer hours update:** Susan Donnelly submitted 2,095 volunteer hours to the Forest Service for their fiscal year November 2019 through October 2020. Helen Crawford McDermott suggested that at \$15 an hour this equates to a \$31,425 contribution. Susan Donnelly is stepping down from this position and we need someone to assume this position. Bernie will email the entire membership to find someone interested in assuming this responsibility.
7. **Set up calendar for the next year:** Due to Covid, it appears that April 2021 will most likely be the earliest start date for group GCTC activities. It was suggested that we could roll over most dates, meetings and workshops from the 2020 calendar to the 2021 calendar. Group rides will commence in April or perhaps May, depending. Jeff Foltz suggested 2 different dates for the Poker Ride. The second date can't be any later than early August due to fire restrictions and ground wasps. Mary Johnson will create a draft calendar and send it out to the Board. Laura Duncan said that the Board should be thinking of ways to keep members engaged.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

***Submitted by Andi Duncan***