

Gold Country Trails Council  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
May 13, 2014  
Golden Empire Grange  
11363 Grange Court, Grass Valley

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Karen Schwartz at 7:00.

Members present included:

President: Karen Schwartz

Vice President: Melissa Ribley

Treasurer: Kathie Southgate

Board Members: Jeff Foltz, Vicki Testa

Members: Willie Brusin (Forest Service Liaison)

Absent:

Secretary: Karen Wyeth

Past President: Helen Harvey

Membership Chair: Mary Johnson

President Karen Schwartz welcomed visitors and new members and asked them to stand and introduce themselves.

Karen inquired about approval of the minutes of the April executive board meeting and confirmed that the minutes of the board meeting had been distributed to the board members and for publication in the GCTC newsletter.

Karen asked Treasurer Kathy Southgate to report on GCTC finances. Kathy provided a detailed report dated 4/30/14 and stated that the current working balance is \$23380.24 with cash flow of \$4121.94. She also reported that she has filed all the necessary state and federal forms required back to 2008. She recommended that our accounting procedures be changed "Expense these costs when they are paid" to better track the actual cash flow and to reduce the time demands on the Treasurer.

Old Business:

Forest Service Liaison Willie Brusin summarized his report dated 5/13/14, including the following items:

Grouse Ridge: TNF will purchase signs, and Mike Castle will place them on the trails. GCTC may assist with this project by transporting the necessary materials to each location via mule or horse.

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Lone Grave: Jeff Foltz reported that 17 members worked at the Lone Grave Workday to clear brush and re-route local trails.

Jet Lowe is waiting for the completion of the environmental field study, scheduled for some time in 2014, on the Cable trail re-route before the trail map can be completed.

Pioneer Trail: Construction on the proposed re-route of the section of the trail near the Washington Overlook is now awaiting approval by the Washington Ridge camp administrator for the use of the conservation camp crew at a cost of \$225 per day.

Skillman: Melissa Ribley discussed the Skillman Workday scheduled for the following day to clear brush and clean corrals. Robert Ribley, Willie Brusin and the camp host will install new fire rings.

United Trails Day: The proposed date for United Trails Day is now 10/11/14 and will involve a multi-use trail on the north side of Highway 20. Skillman will serve as the staging area, and about 100 volunteers are expected from BONC, GCTC, and the Woodsriders. The cost of the BBQ meal will be split among the three groups.

In the future, campers at Skillman will be required to bag manure in black plastic bags to be placed in a dumpster.

Misc.: Irv Mazur reported no significant progress regarding developing coalitions with local trail groups and the Nevada County Horsemen.

Helen Harvey arranged the purchase of a brush cutter for use at trail workdays.

Old Business:

Karen reminded members that we continue to have one unfilled board member position and asked members who are interested to talk with her after the meeting.

Membership Chair Mary Johnson was unable to attend the meeting. She reported to Karen that several new members have joined recently.

Karen reported that Past President Helen Harvey was unable to attend the meeting but is continuing to work on the migration of the GCTC website.

Teri Personeni will confirm the dates for the Loney Meadow camp/work day, which she is coordinating, with Karen.

Poker Ride Coordinator Linda Lanzoni announced that Sharon Silver has volunteered to coordinate the food contributions for the Poker Ride. Diana Culver has volunteered to do the publicity. More volunteers are needed to hand out poker cards during the ride. A \$5 discount

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will be offered to those who pre-register for the ride. Linda said more corrals are needed for those who camp overnight at the Poker Ride.

New Business:

Karen asked for a volunteer to do publicity for GCTC events.

Karen reported that Janie Canon has volunteered to serve as Trail Ride Chair and will coordinate with Trail Bosses to arrange the pre-ride, provide GCTC trail etiquette information to riders, and to maintain possession of the first aid kit.

Karen asked Vice President Melissa Ribley to provide an update on the status of the PortaPotty at Lone Grave. Melissa reported that the PortaPotty is in place and that she and Kathy have contacted the company in Yuba City that has offered to pay for it after June.

Karen asked for any questions or announcements. Teri announced that the Nevada County Resource Conservation District will be offering a seminar series on horse property management.

Karen announced that the Tevis Fun Ride fundraiser is scheduled for the weekend of July 4th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 for refreshments, followed by a presentation on GCTC member Fran Cole describing the fight to end soring of Tennessee Walker show horses .

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Schwartz, (acting as Secretary)

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