

General Membership Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 PM
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President Helen Harvey
Vice President Bernie Molloy
Secretary Cathy Chase
Treasurer Cathy Scott (absent)
Past President Laura Duncan

Board Members:

Jamie Cameron

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 7:00 p.m. New member Laura Rice welcomed.

B. Changes or additions to agenda

None.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

March 12, 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved with motion from Bernie Molloy and second from Barry Vaccaro. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Helen Harvey read summary of GCTC Treasurer's Report dated 5/14/19. Checkbook balance of \$40,392.03 as of 4/30/19. Online registration began for the Poker Ride and also for vendors to rent space for the Pines to Mines Tack Swap. Poker Rider receipts through 4/30/19 are \$2,217 and Tack Swap \$385.77. Membership dues 9/1/18 through 4/30/19 total \$7,322. Barry Vaccaro motioned and Bernie Molloy seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson

No report as Mary is on vacation.

F. Old Business

1. Poker Ride – Elicia Kamberg & Jeff Foltz

Elicia said campsite sold out right away. Thanked Laura Duncan for fantastic job in obtaining prizes. Jeff said pretty well set with volunteers but could use extra help reading the poker hands. Teri Personeni will drag ride. Sue Brusin rode the entire ride route and noted there are lots of rocks so riders should be advised that horses need shoes or boots. Laura Duncan noted that people have been generous with donations; she suggested that some volunteers could arrive late to help with cleanup needed by Debbie Molloy. Flyers can be downloaded and printed out, and Laura will ask Jaede to send out as attachments to all members.

2. Pines to Mines Tack Sale – Laura Duncan

Date is June 9. Spaces are filling up (\$25/space; \$35/commercial space). Laura encouraged members to sign up for a space and suggested sharing space/cost with another member. Teri

said GCTC will have a booth and donations for sale. Bernie noted that leftovers will be donated to Horses Honor.

3. **Trail Patrol** – If anyone is interested, please let Helen know this month.
4. **Skillman Guided Rides** – set for July 20 and August 24.
5. **Skillman Camp Host** – Needed. Camp for free with duties of providing maps, check restrooms. Must sign up ahead of time so Heather with Forest Service can be advised.

G. New Business

Placer Land Trust Presentation by Justin Wages, PLT Land Manager

Justin gave an overview of the Hidden Falls Regional Parks Trails Expansion program. Hidden Falls is owned & managed by the county. He noted he was not speaking for county, just PLT. He provided handouts of properties PLT manages. There are maps and info on the expansion available on the PLT and HF websites. Talked about Laursen Bear River Preserve and Taylor Ranch Preserve. Trail easements to be obtained by the county to access PLT properties. Trails will be multi-use. The land is still a working cattle ranch. The new superintendent is an equestrian and she rode the property. There are monthly docent-led outings for hiking and biking. They will try to add horse rides this year.

1. Calendar Updates

- a. Skillman campground work day May 15 (depending on weather).
- b. Skillman trails work day May 29 (probably)
- c. Celebration of Trails – Linda Hartman will do set up along with Wyeths; Pamela Swartz will bring Icelandic horse.
- d. Ride with a Kid – Helen Crawford organizing for June 22.
- e. Little Lasier Meadow work/camp July 19-July 21
- f. Penn Valley Rodeo Parade organizers said they need 2-4 pooper scoopers on May 18 and asked if anyone from GCTC available/interested. No one expressed interest.

2. New Overarching Group for Equestrian Issues in Nevada, Placer & El Dorado Counties – bike park at the overlook, Hidden Falls expansion, Folsom Parks.

3. Hidden Falls Expansion – Jeff Folz

Jeff said the county has a master plan for trails from Tahoe to the valley which has been in the works for many years. There is a legacy program dating back to the 1990's to acquire property. Hidden Falls is 1,200 acres. Placer Land Trust has 2,800 acres. Conservation trail easements will connect. Twilight Ranch may be a parking/staging area. Jeff and others attended the last Parks Commission meeting and they were outnumbered by those opposed to the expansion. Help needed. Attend meetings, write letters to commission, write letters to the editor. Jaede commented that five years ago 100 equestrians attended on the original expansion at Hidden Falls; makes a difference. Sonja Conklin said she previously worked as Planning Commission Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for Loomis and stressed the importance of showing up to these public meetings. Helen Harvey said she is keeping track of who plans to attend upcoming meetings so she can advise of any changes, cancellations, agenda, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Cathy Chase, Secretary