

Board Meeting Minutes
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL, INC.
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Lane, Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

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

Board Members:

Helen Crawford
Karen Hayden
Mary Johnson

General Members:

Jeff Foltz
Jaede Milosavich

A. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 7:00 p.m. .

B. Changes or additions to agenda

None.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

April 9, 2019 Board Meeting minutes were approved following motion by Bernie Molloy and second by Karen Hayden. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Laura Duncan for Treasurer Cathy Scott provided 1- page report with bank balance of \$41,734.34 as of 5/31/19.

Move to approve report Bernard Molloy, second Karen Hayden. Motion passed.

E. Forest Service Report - Mary Johnson (complete report attached as PDF)

1. There will be a change in writing of the MOU between USFS Tahoe National Forest and GCTC. The special use permit gives us Skillman campground free of charge for our annual Poker Ride.
2. Additional corrals (three) pending at campsites (see later agenda item).
3. **Rice's Crossing Equestrian Parking:** Signs have been added, and gravel and gates (12 ft)
4. Dispersed camping in the highway 20 corridor is limited to 14 days on USFS property. Caltrans, however has a 100 ft easement on both sides, so CHP responsible for enforcement in that easement, not USFS.
5. Improvements on the rec.gov website that indicate horse corrals are available at Pack Saddle campground
6. Hwy 20 re-alignment still pending
7. rec.gov website undergoing other improvements
8. Lone Grave July work day was a success. Large tree removed from Zig Zag trail
9. July 19-21 still set for Little Lasier workday.

10. Discussed possibility of grading Lone Grave and Skillman access rd. Skillman needs a heavy road grader. Hansen Brothers possibly? Owner is horse person and has helped in the past.

F. Old Business

1. Skillman Camp Host: See attached sheet: Jaede is developing a schedule for signing up to be a host. Weekends especially wanted. Going to review USFS campiest guidelines and possibly adopt them. Will have several GCTC camp host orientations
2. **Guided Ride Organizer:** Laura Duncan volunteered to organize.
3. **Loomis Tack Sale:** Raised funds for Pines to Mines. Raised \$975 in space rentals and a \$79 donation. Total \$1,054. Board to consider donating additional money, perhaps matching Tack Sale funds.
4. **Kids ride:** Still waiting for sign ups.
5. **Pines to Mines Trail.** Stalled because of SPI property corner on route. Bridge grant funds approved. Route currently exists, but includes USFS roads.
6. **Poker Ride:** A success. Raised about \$4,500 net. A lot of work, and really wearing out Jeff Foltz and the core of volunteers who have been doing it. Maybe not worth the effort.

G. New Business

1. Committee needed to review other options for fund raising besides the Poker Ride, which is VERY labor intensive and need more volunteers. Possibly scale down Poker Ride to a Fun Ride. Jeff Foltz and Bernie Molloy, and possibly Jaede's husband will form a committee to examine options.
2. Bernie Molloy brought up Mary's idea about switching to biodegradable plates, silverware, and cups, and totally eliminating non-biodegradable plastic items. Work day volunteers will be asked to bring their own water bottles, and GCTC will supply 5 gallon jugs of water. Motion to eliminate all non-biodegradable made by Bernie Molloy and seconded by Karen Haden. Motion passed. Leah to explore having bottles with GCTC logo to sell along with apparel.
3. Refunds for Poker ride will not be given, nor can they be converted to membership. However, we will examine the possibility of hardship memberships for members going through hard times. the club had a hay bank for members during the crash 10 years ago. Laura Duncan to work on possible guidelines.
4. Membership fees: staying the same for now. Too much money in the bank to ask for increase from members. Possibility of having a capital improvement fee or something like that in the future for specific projects.
5. Placer County parks and trails master plan. Hidden Falls expansion is delayed by neighbor opposition. Awaiting environmental reviews. Another round of community involvement (letter writing, meeting attendance, etc.) may be needed in August or September. Placer and So. county GCTC members helped in the efforts so far.
6. Mary Johnson researched costs for additional corrals for Skillman and Little Lasier horse camps. There is room for two at Skillman and at least one at Little Lasier. After discussing costs and options for "portable 12 foot or 16 foot panel corrals set in concrete (\$2,100 to \$2,800), Bernie Molloy made the motion to authorize the purchase of three 16x16 panel corrals, two for Skillman

and one fore Little Lasier. Karen Haden seconded. Motion approved. Corrals to be installed with a small space between, so corrals do not share a common panel. Mike available for installation.

Meeting notes recorded by Helen Harvey & Bernie Molloy.