

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 7 PM
Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells Road
Grass Valley, CA

Officers in Attendance:

President Laura Duncan
Secretary Mary Lundin
Treasurer Teri Personeni
Past President Karen Schwartz

Board Members:

Fran Cole
Charles Green
Merv Kril

1. Meeting was called to Order at 7:08 by President Laura Duncan.
Guests Russ Grossman and Member Lisa Calder were introduced by Irv Mazur. They are trainers and proposed having a clinic for GCTC members. Any issues members would like covered in a clinic should be emailed to Irv, Russ or Lisa. If the clinic takes place, it could be held in Grass Valley.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
Willie Brusin moved and Susan Pinsker seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
Teri Personeni reported the bank balance at \$28,807.73 as of today.
4. Forest Service Report
See attached report.
 - A. BONC members cleared the Hallelujah Trail prior to their ride on May 15th.
 - B. The process of mapping the trails in the Skillman area is continuing with Vickie Testa using Jet Lowe's GIS equipment. Waiting on final map before printing.
 - C. The grant for the Rice's Crossing project by BYLT will add another 6 miles of trail which will bring it to 9 miles. The grant review meeting will be held in June. GCTC allocated \$1,000 when the grant was written.
 - D. Cable Trail Update: Willie reported that the trail machine was delivered to the site on Thursday, and is already being operated by a member of BONC. It is estimated the cost of the trail machine will be \$2200 for a month's rent, which will be split with BONC. (Willie assured a member that this is a very reasonable price for a month's rental.) Willie asks for 30 GCTC volunteers on Saturday to do trail finish work. The meeting place has been changed to meet at the road to the green gate. The plan is that this trail will be completed by the end of May. USFS has insurance that will cover volunteers from GCTC on this project.
 - E. When the Cable Trail is completed, a new information board with the new map will be installed at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead by GCTC. Paul Hart will provide dimensions for the new trail board to replace the missing one.
 - F. The Bowman Mountain Trail plan update is being developed by Paul Hart. It may require a NEPA report.

Willie explained that the thinning being done by the Forest Service at Lone Grave is for fire prevention due to the increase in the amount of homes in the area.

5. Old Business

A. Poker Ride update-Jeff Foltz

Sign up sheets for food donations were available at the meeting. Entertainment will be provided by Irv Mazur on saxophone and Fran Cole on accordion. So far, 50 entries have been received. Mary Johnson will deliver panels for corrals to be used for campers. Linda Lanzoni has requested help erecting them.

B. Three year strategic plan

No action has been taken on this item yet.

C. GCTC credit card update

Teri Personeni has obtained a credit card for club purchases. If a member needs to purchase items for the club, they may contact Teri.

D. Skillman update

Laura met with Karen Hagen of the Forest Service. No closure of Skillman Campground is imminent. There are not enough FS employees to complete the logging at this time. Skillman is a "group" camp and the FS "allows" us to inject money to make improvements. Forest Service noticed public interest in the Skillman Campground Facebook page created by Jaede.

E. Pioneer Work/Camp/Trail Ride May 19-21/Karen Schwartz

This will be the 1st Annual Pioneer Trail work/camp/ride for GCTC. Debbie Maloy will coordinate the group evening pot luck meals with GCTC providing the meat dish in lieu of the normal workday lunch. Wednesday the 18th is still the scheduled workday to get the campground ready to open to the public. No horses will be at the workday on Wednesday.

6. New Business

A. Meet current BONC president Jamiel Fox/Karen Schwartz

Jamiel Fox was introduced at the beginning of the meeting. He is the current president of BONC. He looks forward to continued cooperation with GCTC.

B. Payment for Celebration of Trails participation

The Celebration of Trails is the same day as Poker Ride, which is our main contribution to the day. Merv Kril and Carol Scurria will represent GCTC at the event. Teri advised that payment of \$30 for our participation has been made.

C. Renewal of ACE membership

The board authorized renewal and payment for continued membership. Jaede is the executive director.

D. Tevis volunteers for Deadwood vet check-Karen Schwartz

Tevis is on July 23rd. Volunteers are needed. Contact Karen.

E. Lone Grave Port-A-Potty

The Port-A-Potty will be placed during May-October and paid for by Wild West Endurance Ride (1 month) and the remaining months by GCTC. President Laura Duncan reminded us that there is concern about toilet paper litter, which should be disposed of appropriately when there is no Port-A-Potty available.

F. Additional fund raising-Merv Kril

Merv shared a few of his ideas about fundraising in addition to the Poker Ride. Suggestions are listed in detail in the April BOD minutes. A member suggested an additional 2nd Poker Ride due to date conflicts with the annual ride.

G. Prior to formal action, BOD authorization by Email for rental of trail equipment
The membership was advised of the BOD's unanimous vote by email to authorize the rental of the equipment for trail building. Teri Personeni motioned and Merv Kril seconded verbally tonight and motion was carried.

H. USFS Cal-Ida trail project

The Forest Service has asked if there are any interested persons who would like to be contacted about this proposed multi-use, motorized single track trail in the Downieville area. They may contact the Camptonville FS District office.

I. Phone Tree Discussion

The Phone Tree currently has 16 volunteers. Irv Mazur has had to make calls when volunteers have not. Discussion was held whether or not to continue with the Phone Tree. Jaede noted a professional study showing that they are very effective. Willie told of a club workday when it not used and 6 volunteers came. The next workday the Phone Tree was utilized and there were 30 volunteers. It was decided that the club would continue its use.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10. Refreshments were served.

Submitted by Mary Lundin, Secretary.