

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7 PM

Nevada County Horsemen's Clubhouse

10600 Bubbling Wells Road

Grass Valley, CA

Officers:

President	Laura Duncan
Vice President	Melissa Ribley
Secretary	Mary Lundin
Treasurer	Teri Personeni

Board Members:

Fran Cole
Charles Green
Merv Kril

Past President
Karen Schwartz

Members: Mary Johnson, Willie and Sue Brusin, Linda Lanzoni

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Vice President Melissa Ribley. President Laura Duncan presided shortly after.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion was made by Merv Kril and seconded by Charles Green. Minutes were approved.

1. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Teri Personeni reported the bank balance on October 11, 2016 to be \$28,409.23. A donation of \$500 was received and a Thank You note will be

sent to the donor. A discussion of incumberances, such as the \$1000.00 for the Cable Trail, were briefly reviewed. Mary Lundin moved and Merv Kril seconded, and Treasurer's Report was approved.

1. Forest Service Report

See attached report

- * Sue and Willie and Jeff Harter will ride the Bowman Lake Trail tomorrow to make decisions for the 2017 workday on that trail. Jeff will be bringing his horse to carry equipment to the work site. Use of the FS jackhammer is planned, and a crew supplied by Paul Hart.

- * Willie suggested members have business cards to hand out to interested parties, similar to one he received from another trail club. Mary Johnson handed out our existing cards which display our name, address, web address, Mission Statement, and a place for the member to write in their own name. They will be available at general meetings.

- * The Pioneer Trail plaque at the Bear Valley Bridge was reattached by Willie, Barry and Suzanne Vacarro, and Mary Johnson. The trail was also cleared and re-marked.

- * Don Soto is working on the Gold Country Trailhead map board frame. Jet Lowe will email the FS logo to use on it.

- * Willie will get the tractor to the Cable Trail worksite after it rains. That trail and a portion of the Dascombe Trail by the power lines will be finished but cannot be used until the 2017 season.

- * Paul Hart and Willie would like to see a committee formed that would have face to face meetings involving GCTC, TNF, BONC, Woods Riders, and BYLT for the purpose of keeping all groups apprised of trail work. Fran Cole expressed concern that the groups would not necessarily be kept up to date on all issues. Willie explained that

this is the sole purpose of this proposal.

- * The crew from TNF worked on their day off to help make the United Trails Day 2016 a success. Willie suggested that they be invited to the November Thanksgiving dinner meeting, along with BONC and Woods Riders. He also suggested that GCTC write an official letter of thanks to the TNF workers that they could use as a reference in future pursuits.

- * Order more green arrows as well as stickers for the Cable Trail.

* A proposal for the Mexican Mine Trail Project has been received. This trail is non-motorized, from Forest City/Alleghany to Downieville.

1. Old Business

A. Poker Ride review/Laura Duncan

The date for Poker Ride will be June 3, 2017. The cleanup workday will

be Wednesday, May 24th.

B. Three year strategic plan/Fran Cole

No new activity recently.

C. GCTC T-shirt purchase/Linda Lanzoni

Linda is now in charge of the club t-shirt orders and supplies. She found the best source to be the one we currently use. Ladies styles, including tank tops, are available in our colors. Ball caps might be considered in the future. A motion to authorize up to \$1100 to purchase shirts was made by Teri Personeni and seconded by Melissa Ribley. Motion carried.

D. Trail Coordinator position

This position is best for someone who does not work on the trail workdays but is able to coordinate with the leaders who do, including

Heather at the FS. The pre-work safety talk notice needs to be added to the position description. Mary Johnson will give a list of members who indicated an interest on their membership form. Willie pointed out that BONC and Woods Riders are not FS volunteers, therefore not covered the same way by the FS.

E. Frank Smith ride fundraiser

Laura spoke to Frank Smith who is agreeable to the fundraiser on his ranch. It was decided that April is a good month for this ride. Discussion about opening this event to the public to increase revenues was discussed. Due to the small parking area, it was decided

that this first ride would be open only to GCTC members. Funds raised will go toward the Mines to Pines project as the participation contribution from GCTC. It may be necessary to “pay with registration” to limit the number of participants. Fran Cole has experience with running fundraiser rides and will help with planning.

F. 2017 Officer nominations update-Karen Schwartz

Susan VanSteenkiste has expressed an interest in being on the board. Other than Mary Lundin wishing to stay on the Board but giving someone else the opportunity to be Secretary, no other members have stepped forward. Fran looked up term limit rules for board members and found that as long as an election is held each year, members can be re-elected. Our bylaws state that the President can only hold 2 consecutive terms.

G. Insurance coverage for additional activities update

Teri is researching coverage options, and possible changes in carrier. The Directors and Officers coverage needs to be renewed in January. Teri will give an update in December.

1. New Business

- * Speaker Schedule/Melissa Ribley

Melissa asked for guidance regarding the type of speakers/presentations wanted at the general meetings. She tries to limit them to those that benefit members' education and not for sales pitches. She was advised to continue this way. No speaker will be included in the November Thanksgiving meeting. The meal will be served at 6:00.

- * Raffle item-member ride/Teri Personeni

A member would like to donate a hand made horse item to raffle at the November meeting. It was suggested that the members be notified that they are welcome to donate new items for the raffle.

- * New logo offering-Nicole Schoppe

Nicole was unable to attend tonight. Her offering will be placed on the December agenda. It was decided that the t-shirt order would go ahead as planned with the current logo.

- * Skillman corral donation-Linda Lanzoni

Linda met 2 ladies who would like to donate money for a new corral at Skillman Campground. Since Skillman is an ongoing project regarding new corrals, Linda will let them know that she will contact them when the new corral situation is sorted out.

- * Rent increase for use of NCH clubhouse-Charles Green

Due to the rent for GCTC being less than that charged to NCH members for use of the clubhouse, effective January 1, 2017 the rent will increase from \$30 to \$50. Teri will look into whether we currently pay only for the general meetings, or general and directors' meetings.

Jaede is recovering from surgery and will be back in one to two weeks. Currently Pam Warmack is handling the email notifications. Laura also reminded us to contact the Sunshine Person if we know of any members needing a "bit of sunshine."

1. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.