

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes: Motion to approve the February minutes as presented made by Mary, seconded by Laurie.
Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported on the unit balance.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members. Renewal membership unknown.

Education: Denise reported on Planning a Pack Trip; as this is the time of year to begin to prepare. She provided handouts on Planning a pack trip and Gentle Use for Stock Users. John discussed an email he received asking for input for upcoming sawyer training. Emphasis on swampers, as this group suffered the highest injury rate. John discussed having a 10' exclusion zone around the sawyer within which no one may enter unless the sawyer says it's ok. Cathy to make up a list of rules we can review for trail work days. This topic to be discussed at Rendezvous as well.

Public Lands: Patricia reported Madera County is taking over Manzanita Lake and making it a regional park.

Old Business:

1. Bass Lake Work Day: On February 28 members met to do more tree removal at Bass Lake. 40-50 more trees were removed. Issues that came up were members not using all required PPE and workers not being unit members. Issues to be addressed prior to next work party.
2. Rendezvous: The Rendezvous, originally planned for March has been postponed until end of May. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase; current plans are to hold the raffle at the end of March as originally planned.
3. Volunteer Award Day April 28: The annual Forest Service Award dinner is planned for this date; may be rescheduled due to current conditions. Will be revisited next meeting.
4. Trailer Grant: Mary completed the grant paperwork and got it turned in on time. We are waiting to hear if we will be awarded the grant. Mary thinks we should hear by April 1.
5. Unit Shirts: Laurie talked with her friend; she is able to do the logo work if we want to get shirts. Laurie is looking at Land's End Business as well as Levi's and Wrangler brand shirts.
6. Addition: Mary brought up the Youth Card Requirement if the unit is doing an activity where children are involved and no parent or guardian is present. Discussion as to what types of activities this might mean; and subsequent requirements.
7. Addition: Mary mentioned JoDee Collins is having a clinic April 4,5. If interested, contact Joe Kaminsky with the SJSBCHC.
8. Addition: Mary mentioned we have some money in the State Education Fund available for use. We can use it if the money goes towards something educational; like the purchase of hang tags, coloring books, handouts. Think about ways to use the money!
9. Addition: Mary mentioned we have two leftover Share the Trail signs. She suggested contacting Shay over at Hensley to see if we can put one up there. Unit consensus in agreement.
10. Addition: Our packing demo scheduled for April will have to be cancelled.

New Business:

None

General Discussion/Announcements:

None

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the Oakhurst Library (Pending).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m; motioned by Laurie, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe