

Minutes Sierra Freepackers meeting January 18, 2022

Call to order at 6:33 by Patricia and greeting

Attendees

Patricia Vallentyne

Gloria Garland

Kelli Land

Mary Odell

Denise Robinson

Robbie Robinson

Sharon Seslowe

Laurie Wagner

John Wagner

Gary Bates

Anne Bates

Barbara Wilkins new member

Gil Guerrero guest speaker from Yosemite National Park

Minutes of previous meeting motion to approve minutes by John

Second by Gloria

Motion approved minutes as presented

Reports

Treasurer's report Laurie 3 membership renewals, paid checks: for Gloria for over payment, postal expense Kelli, and Teri for Rendezvous raffle prize

Poker ride \$1185.27 profit

Education Denise nothing to report

Public Lands Patricia

[2023 State Off-Road Vehicle \(OHV\) grant funding.pdf](#). Current application proposals reflect needs informed by prior years, upcoming projects being planned, and comments from a December OHV Stakeholder meeting. Written comments may be submitted beginning Wednesday, January 5, 2022 to: Sierra National Forest, Attn: Jody Nickerson-Powell, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611 or email: jody.nickerson@usda.gov. Comments regarding the OHV funding proposal should be received by end of day Monday, February 7, 2022.

Guest speaker Gil Guerrero a packer from YNP to talk about the stable and ability to park at the stable and the difficulty equestrians have finding accurate information from YNP. Patricia will research the issue and write a letter. Individual letters should be also written

Membership Laurie

Old business

Poker ride was a success fun had by all. Some awesome raffle prizes from the community and members

AHRP update Gloria park board has decided to do the park bicycle trails in house. They are not ready for us to do anything on horse trails

Volunteer hours turn in hours to Mary ASAP

Nelder Grove, John talked to Cori about Nelder Grove, found a maker for the shingles \$2650 a square, 4 squares \$10,600 to do roof the Nelder Grove project. Discussion of various grants: Mary discussed BCHA \$1000 grant funds matching to go towards shingles for historic building, John suggested going to San Joaquin unit and see if they can contribute. Laurie motioned to use funds from our account \$1000 to match funds for the grant that will Mary apply for from BCHA Motion second by John. Vote approved

New business

Patricia will talk about the Priority Objectives Seven objectives form the core of BCHA's strategic plan monthly and the actions the unit can take to implement these objectives.

Calendar discussion: Raymond is doing their parade this year and there is interest in doing the parade. Review calendar and send in suggestions or additions

10 Year Trail Plan Sharon talked on a 10 Year trail plan a Federal program to open trails and connect communities to local trails. An overview program to get communities and volunteer groups together and work together to keep trails open. It is something to watch and consider this program for our own trail community.

Gloria discussed more promoting of what we do online and in the community. She asked the group and to collect picture write, narratives about what we have done. Sshe will post to social media. Laurie suggested need a sign out that states Another Trail Cleared by Sierra Freepackers. Take a picture of the sign at our projects and post it on FB. Mary offered to cross post our FB post to other community FB pages.

From Wendy Brown Mariposa Trail Day June 4th, they would like a packing demonstration to take place in the large vacant dirt area up town and space at the Art Park to set up brag booth, with some time at the mic to talk about what the Backcountry Horsemen do to keep trails open for all. We can talk about trail etiquette, safe hiking, and "Leave No Trace" practices. Wendy can add a cowboy poem or two as they relate to trails and encourage people to get out there.

Fire Wise Grants, Gloria discussed applying for \$500 and possible way to use the funds

Announcements from the Floor

Laurie has registration for the white trailer and will get that paid.

Horse campgrounds, Denise suggested we need to put pressure on forest service to get our horses camp back into use. Patricia stated that BCHC is pushing to make horse campgrounds, horse only.

New Volunteer with SNF Patricia agreement our responsibility is wide open as to the trails they want us to maintain.

Announcements from the Floor

Denise asked about packing demo with Kerman 4H March 27 is a possible date. Need to ask if need to be background checking and finger printing to be done for them.

CSHA doing Benefit trail trials Aug 27 -28 looking for work on trails and volunteers for judges. Also need donations from participants on ride, March 26 Turlock region 4is CSHA Trail trial clinic

Agenda items requested for next meeting

Denise motion to adjourn meeting, Laurie second meeting adjourned 8:29 pm.

Next meeting February15, 2022