

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:35 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Minutes: Motion to approve the December minutes as presented made by Laurie; seconded by John. Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported a decrease as a deposit was sent to Matt Bischoff for the clinic.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members but several had renewed.

Education: Denise didn't have any news to report; but brought in and donated some nice old firehose we can use on our trailer safety chains. The hose is an excellent way to prevent sparks from causing fires on chains that may be too long and drag. John to cut into lengths.

Public Lands: Bob provided a summary of legislation pertaining to bikes in the wilderness (HR 1349). He reported the bill died in congress and there are no new bills on the table.

Old Business:

1. Mustang Matt: Laurie reported the clinic train has left the station and there's no turning back! Rain or shine! Final details were discussed including snacks, help, start times, insurance obtained, Matt sale items, and available space.
2. Spring Cove Trail: On December 20 several members did some tree removal on the Spring Cove Trail (well actually only the road; never made it to the trail due to the number of downed trees...) 35 trees were removed. Eventually the last of the dead trees will fall....John mentioned we still need more cedar trees for the kiosks.
3. New Year's Day Ride: There was a nice turnout for the ride down Road 607 in Raymond; we even had Dave and Thelma join us with their mule team and carriage. Also had some new members join at the ride!
4. State Board Meeting: The next meeting is February 9 in Santa Nella.
5. Officer Training: The next officer training will be in Bakersfield on February 23.

New Business:

1. Calendar: Events for the year were planned. Current plans include but are not limited to: January 19-20 Mustang Matt Clinic YLP Barn; January 26 Log stripping at John's; January 27 Trail Trials at YLP; February 9 State Board Meeting; February 18 Presidents Day Ride at San Joaquin River Gorge; March 16 Ride at Eastman Lake (meet at Raymond Bridge); March 29-31 Rendezvous in Norco; April 20 Raymond Parade; April 27 Pack Clinic AHRP; May 3 Heritage Days/Coarsegold Rodeo; Memorial Day Weekend Mule Days 150th anniversary; Early June Kelty Work Party; July 6 Loggers Jamboree Parade; July 20-27 Granite Creek; Mid August Pack Trip Granite Creek; Early September Rancho Del Oso beach camping trip; December 15 Christmas Party. Whew! Busy year. And meetings are the third Tuesday of every month.
6. Addition: Gloria talked about the Firewise Grant and suggested the French Trail as the project site as it fits the parameters of the grant. This grant is due February 24. Mary to provide information to Gloria and she will write up the grant. Thank you Gloria and Mary!
7. Addition: Website GoDaddy vs Weebly: Gloria to follow up questions about membership.
8. Addition: February 2 is Ted Fischer's tack sale; lots of items available; proceeds to benefit his family.

9. Addition: Mary reminded all that any unreported hours need to be to her by February 1. Her preliminary assessment has the unit at a donated work hour value of \$157,843. Well done, all!

General Discussion/Announcements:

None.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m; motioned by Karoline, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe