

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – February 20, 2024

In attendance: Patricia Vallentyne, Teri Cook, Gloria Garland, Mary Odell, Lee Smith, John Wagoner, Laurie Wagoner, Denise Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Marlis Rohrer, and Sharon Seslowe.

Patricia V called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Minutes: Mary O. motioned to approve the minutes from January 2024. Robbie R. seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Laurie W. reports a beginning balance and an ending balance. Expenses included \$239.88 for GoDaddy website renewal and a donation to Friends of the Library. Laurie has been investigating CDs for club funds.

Education: Denise R. reports that preparations for the Rendezvous are in process. Sharon S. and Denise R. have created table decorations and will teach classes. Denise R. reported on the state education meeting, covering topics such as New LNT rebranding, packing standards, and the Wilderness Rider Program. The new Manzanita Riders Unit needs educational materials, and surplus SFP unit educational materials will be donated.

Denise R. motioned for a donation of \$50, which passed unanimously.

Public Lands: Patricia discussed the proposed Range of Light National Monument and its possible impact on local outdoor use.

Membership: New members welcomed to the unit are Lee Smith & Jane Darwin and Sheena & Jerry Daniels (Associate)

Unfinished Business:

BCHC Rendezvous: March 22-23 at Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres. Raffle tickets are available for sale, and several unit members are participating in the trail trails competition.

MOU Hensley Lake: Patricia V. has had several conversations with Ranger Shawna regarding SFP trail work and trail safety issues. Topics discussed include improved signage and the misrepresentation of multiuse trails as closed to horses on TrailForks.com and other databases.

BCHC BoD Meeting: Patricia V. and Terri C. attended. Topics discussed included a membership rate increase of \$5 in 2025 and a new national chainsaw registry. The SFP annual report was cited as exemplary.

Cowboy Days 3/14/24: Mariposa Historical Museum. The unit will host a packing demonstration.

Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024