

Sierra Freepackers meeting minutes - March 21, 2023

Via Zoom due to weather conditions

- **In attendance:** Patricia V, Mary O, Denise R, Robby R, Terri C, Laurie W, Karoline W, Mike L, Patty M, Gloria G.
- Call to order and greeting @ 6:40PM
- Minutes of previous meeting: Motion to Accept made by Terri C, 2nd by Denise R, Approved unanimously.

Reports

- **Treasurer report** – Laurie W Reports on the balance Annual accounting fees of \$85.00 were paid.
- Education - Denise R advised that it's time to start conditioning horses as the weather permits.
- **Public Lands** - Patricia V Patricia reports that she attended the Adopt a Trail meeting with NFS which focused mainly on road construction. Antonio Cabrera (forest engineer) was the main speaker. There will be a lot of road work in the forest this summer.

Cori, our contact has been promoted to Dispersed Recreation Manager. We will continue to report to her since they don't have a replacement for her position.

Patricia was able to clarify that all roads in the Bass Lake Ranger district are open to stock use. Discussions of mis labeling of SNF trails by local MTB groups and MTB exclusive trails and routes is creating a potential hazard for other trail users.

- **Membership** - Laurie W - lost a few members this cycle.

Old business -

- **Rendezvous** – Denise R will be our representative and the stage the art show this year. Patricia will source an auction item. Gloria made ballots for voting and ribbon awards for the art show.
- **Packing practice** Mary O reports that our packing clinic will be held on April 1 at the Stagner ranch. Mary will post on social media. This will be an open event.
- **Sawyer certification** – Patricia V is in contact with Cori to set up training. In Region 5 there have been changes to the program training and certifications. This has been delaying our certification process.
- **Raymond Parade** – The parade organizers have invited us to participate in the 35th annual Raymond parade on Saturday April 15th.
- **New business**

– A reminder that youth cards are required for club members working with children (youth specific activities) Finger printing is available at Oakhurst Business Center for \$35. The unit will reimburse members for the cost.

Mary O recently reconed at Eastman Lake and reports that it is "a mess" with extensive ruts. She sent in a volunteer agreement.

Agenda items requested for next meeting.

Next meeting April 18

Adjournment @ 7:44PM