

BCHC Sierra Freepackers meeting May 18, 2021

Meeting start 6:41

**Attendance**

Kelli Land

Patricia Vallentyne

Laurie Wagner

Denise Howes Robinson

Robbie Robinson

Gloria Garland

Shay Perryman

Marliss Rohrer

Welcome from Patricia

Sharon Seslowe

Karoline Waggle

**Minutes:** Kelli

Motion to accept minutes Gloria. Motion second by Marliss. Vote to approve minutes as presented.

**Treasurer:** Laurie

Membership x 2. Reimbursement for granite creek food from last year. Money forms Patricia for yard sale.

**Public lands:** Patricia

nothing to report.

**Education:** Denise

LNT foundation stressing fire safety. Campfire permit can be obtained from wildfire.org Fire permit are good until end of the year. Fire safety big on the list and bears. With last year's fires they will be looking for food.

**Membership:** Laurie

New member Shay welcome

**Unfinished business**

Kelly meadow horse camp pump is installed. The huge trees at back of camp have been removed. Lots of limbs and sticks need to be gathered and moved out of the camp sites. Laurie for commented for John overflow on water is working. Small repairs to corrals and fence are needed. Denise did not walk around exclusion fence. Patricia's said there

is a small repair at water trough end and tree on fence that needs removing Also lots of trash. This is a non-horse project

Camping in Kelty meadow is June 22 to 28..

Only camp open on Sky Ranch area is Grays Meadow, rec.org can make reservations for this camp. Patricia will put up signs that will announcing trail crew in the camp

Patricia met new law enforcement hire ,Justin Hailey. He asked to take license plates and pictures of car will call into dispatch to ask them to leave.

Patricia will need head count by June 10 for who is going on Kelty meadow camp trip. Have to be members to participate. Gloria asked is this on the insurance and will verify it is on the list

Patricia states lots of trees down, people are in camps, forest service has not enough man power to ticket everyone. Camps are closed because of safety issues.

Fresno flat flea market was a success. Talked to lots of people. The raffle and tack sale took in \$297

Eastern Madera county recreation has list of non-profits in the area. Yosemite south gate trail cooperative is working on putting in a bike park trail at Hensley Lake. Gloria stated will be nice improvement if they maintain and upkeep trails.

Shay commented the parks loves these sort of partnerships they had made presentation at Ahwahnee hills park. Talked about how can the trails are maintained with all users in mind. She will learn more about them as she had not heard of them to date.

Gloria talked about their presentation at the Ahwahnee hills park. They were short on planning; great ideas come with better planning.

Gloria documented what was going on at Hensley with bike trail damage that is not wanted to at Ahwahnee hills. Encouraging bike group to be more involved with helping fix the problems and making talking points on safety

### **New business**

Contacted by Cori on needing packers May 26 to pack from Yosemite at the Wawona side of the south fork Merced trail to bishop creek crew of 10 pack in food and tents. They may need resupply June 9 and pack out on June 15. Need helpers. 3 miles of trails. Patricia asked Denise if she would spear head project. Denise will be contact, thinks it may take 2 or 3 trips to get the job done. Laurie volunteer John to help out.

Nelder grove has lots of damage during mono winds. This past Friday cleared trees that were blocking road. Restrictions due to endangered species list, several environmental groups suing so work is slow due to restriction on chain saw work to be done to only a 2 hours a day. No dates yet. Will post when we can know dates and more information.

Memorial Day weekend at snow play area, opportunity for some LNT education. Looking for suggestions and comments. Last year, Went to camp on Friday late afternoon. Went to campsite handed out trash bags and water and talked LNT and fire safety. Denise suggested bear safety. No port-a-potties, also teach potty situation. Mt Raymond road not open big trees down, contract with loggers to log and clear the fallen trees. Dates sat morning or Friday evening 5 pm May 28 to go to snow play to do LNT. No horses just talking to people. Denise what info needed, water bottles, trash bag. Sharon has a flyer to bring and hand out. Fire safety paper and info on bears.

Patricia asked about further business. Next meeting will be before leaving to Kelty meadow. Should be able meet at library. Gloria commented meetings should still be zoom type meeting. Discussion that we can also meet outside of library. Gloria commented CDC recommendation does not over ride city county state mandates.

Karoline motion to adjourn. Laurie second motion. Meeting Adjourned 7:26 pm