

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019

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

Minutes: Motion to approve the January minutes as presented made by Mary; seconded by Cathy. Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported an increase due largely in part to the success of the Mustang Matt Clinic. Laurie mentioned we needed to donate back to YLP and recommended an amount of \$100/day for \$400 total. Mary made a motion we donate that amount back to YLP for the use of the facility; motion seconded by John. Approved by all members present.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members but there were some renewals.

Education: Denise didn't have any news to report; neither she nor Cathy made it to the State meeting due to snowy weather. Mary mentioned she had completed the insurance forms necessary for the State and they were ready to be submitted.

Public Lands: Bob not present. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Mustang Matt: General discussion on the overall success of the clinic. We were so lucky to have dodged the rainy weather (by mere minutes) but lots of discussion on the necessity of a covered arena for next year. Ideas were put out and various locations mentioned. Those that participated really enjoyed it; and a hearty thanks for the heroic measures Laurie went to to pull it off! Well done, Laurie!!
2. Pack Clinic: The unit is planning a Pack Clinic demonstration at AHRP on April 27. Gloria provided a template pack clinic flyer by email, which Denise downloaded and had made some changes to which were good. Denise to chair pack clinic planning and will finalize details. Laurie to provide snacks. Cathy recommended different individuals speak about different topics; including pack saddle types, load balancing, different hitches and LNT principles. Other plans and details to be tabled until the next meeting in March. Denise to make updates to flyer and send it out via email for comments.

New Business:

1. Leadership training: To be held in Bakersfield on Feb 23. No one from unit attending.
2. Eastman Lake Ride: Planned for Saturday, March 16. No tools! just a fun recon ride! Parking at the bridge is limited so buddy up. Bring a lunch, meet at 10:00 am.
3. Volunteer Hour Sheets: Mary brought sample volunteer hour sheets and also provided instructions on how to properly fill them out. Some exciting discussion followed but generally everyone understands how to properly fill them out. If in doubt, call Mary or better yet, look up the information on the BCHC website!
4. Internship Program: Cathy talked about the internship program sponsored by BCHC and last year's intern. BCHC wants to do the program again this next year and is looking for units to donate to the cost of sponsoring the intern; a \$5000.00 fee. After some discussion we decided not to donate.
5. Addition: Robbie tried to use the Weebly people for our website but was thwarted by them on many levels; so went ahead and just renewed with GoDaddy. Thank you Robbie for getting this done!
6. Addition: Mary heard from Bridget at the YLP barn with plans for the panels. Those that worked on the project to replace them will have the option to buy 4 at a time for \$50.00 per panel. Give your name to Mary if you are interested in being in the drawing for the panels.

7. Addition: Laurie brought up (for Gloria) that the Firewise grant is online for voting. Vote early and vote often; can vote everyday!

General Discussion/Announcements:
None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m; motioned by John, seconded by Karoline.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe