

Sierra Freepackers Board meeting June 15, 2021

Attendees

Kelli Land

Patricia Vallentyne with Mary Odell

Denise Robinson Howes

Robbie Robinson Howes

Mary Odell Schmidt

Laurie Wagner

Victor Pedroza CSHA TT state chairmen

Marlise Rohrer

Gloria Garland

Meeting started at 6:33 pm

Welcome from Patricia.

Minutes: Kelli

Motion to approve minutes by Marlise.

Motion second by Mary

Vote to approve.

Treasurer report: Laurie

Membership renewal, auction monies of \$235

Education: Denise

Leave no trace (LNT) elements at Kelty meadow camp next week.

Be prepared and get hang tags out for camping.

Public Lands: Patricia

Couple of things, Merced trail south fork association contacted us for info on LNT they are doing a float and a booth 4th of July. Patricia sent them info about LNT.

Funding for trail with federal government great American outdoor act... money to spent on trails contact McClintock office to get him to sign off letter. Next steps contact him again to further support full funding of the trails.

Membership: Laurie

1 renewal

Old business:

Kelty meadow is ready for us not camp in now, 3 work projects to install pump also cleared out a trail on the trail, sat June 8 all day with a tractor and bucket cleaned up branches and sticks in the camp site, camp 2 is not cleared. John and Mary fixed corrals. Patricia states June 11 cleared sights 9 and 10 with kids to clean and used this to educate the kids.

Fresno Flat days. Most of the left over tack went to auction. A few things kept for raffle prized for poker ride in January, \$234.15 was received for auction done at Fresno Flats.

South fork camp pack trip, Denise and John went in successfully packed in and packed out the trail crew came home June 14 went beyond camp to Merced River, did approx. 5 miles of trail clearance. Some bear boxes left behind coordinating pick up of those thru Cori.

Nedler grove trail clearing Monday cleared tress from all the way to visitor center 36 trees removed, good crew a lot done, one of the campground loops cleared a huge tree and cleared trail to bathrooms and from the camp site, one camp site could not get cleared of one large tree over a camp ring, will be ready to open for next year. We are being asked to continue to clear trails in the area. John wants us to think about rebuild roof on the buildings in Nedler. Forest service in support of us helping. Cori to set up a meeting with archaeologist to see what is needed wood to do repairs.

Memorial Day LNT at snow play for 2 hours. People were receptive, talked about their concerns, talked about bear awareness.

Kiosk at Ahwahnee hills need hasp and lock needed, Gloria suggestion to put in temporarily needs water seal on the wood, paint the back inside and put some notices for future for the park. Mary suggested go on state website on rattle snake and bears for flyers. Mary states, looks like brushing started on the back park boundary. Gloria states lots of work in the back area. They have found several large rare cross bred oaks they are working on preserving. Hope to be able to use the chips on the trail, also talk in Dog Park as well. Volunteer agreement is being re-establish.

New business:

Victor Pedroza and Maria Hines chairperson state championship for TT event goat meadow snow play area, September 25-26 are here to find what we are doing and how they can help to prepare the trails for the competition. Patricia reported on the issues, logging going on in areas hit hard with mono winds. Maria last conversation with Cori last week to talk about permits, she does have approval from all supervisors for the event. Update from rides for season and how many riders to expect on CSHA TT website. This year has seen jump with so many riders and new riders. The season kick started in riverside TT. There were 80 riders at last weekend's TT. State championship expects 70 riders as a number for people coming to event. There will be 40 – 50 vehicles expected. What Patricia will be doing after Kelty meadow project is take pictures of trail conditions. Maria wanted obstacles on the trail, we can leave some logs to roll back on to trail for obstacles. Mary how long do want trails to be for TT. Maria stated for sat 5-mile, Sunday a 3-mile trail. Victor asked what shape is the dispersal area? Patricia still rough no vehicles in there right now. Mary something to need to do is reserve the place signs how to keep people out of there ... Denise suggested to talk to park to not send people into the area. Maria stated they will have committee members up there on Tuesday to keep the park open for competitors. Denise signage to post on main highway forest service endorsed area closed to such date days before event

and contract Cori for info for signage will give grounds to stand on to ask campers to leave. Mary asked if they want to help cleanup weekends or weekday. Maria weekends are better for maximum help and multiple days in advance to plan. Maria will round up people for dates play, Victor asked BCHC about Insurance for work party, as BCHC need to be member, Victor states many CSHA members are already members. We can get an open day per Mary for non-members to participate.

North fork parade, more info needed, parade will be July 3rd. Patricia will find out more info and post.

Mary question, for the Kelty meadow how many coming? Patricia says varies all week. Patricia will put out a day use notice for those who are not able to camp 8:30 saddle ride out at 9. Mary suggestion should be day off day people are coming and going on Friday. Patricia doing breakfast and dinner, bring your own lunch items, bring own plates and utensils. Different people are doing desert.

Laurie asked about the shirts who owes what? Patricia has account of who needs to pick up and owe.

Mary asked about what we own of the saddles donated to sell. We owe half what we got for the tacks stuff. Laurie will get check from Gloria from the saddles, then get the funds dispersed.

July meeting 20th hope to be at the library.

Patricia moved to adjourn second by Gloria, meeting adjourn at 7:40