

June 21 2022 Minutes Sierra Freepackers meeting

Call to order at 6:39 and greeting by Patricia

Gloria Garland
Patricia Vallentyne
Kelli Land
Mary Odell
Denise and Robby Robinson
Wendy Brown
John Wagner
Terry Cook
Sharon Seslowe

Minutes of previous meeting corrected spelling of Kelnor to Kellner and poop up to pop up. Motion to approve Minutes as corrected by Mary by Second by John minutes approve as corrected

Reports

Treasurer's report: Laurie 2 deposits and rebate from renewal of membership

Education: Denise discussed the LNT principle of Plan and prepare ahead in conjunction with the upcoming unit camping trip

Public Lands: Patricia announced that the public comment period for the new Forest Plan for the Sierra and Sequoia National Forest. Patricia will be commenting on horses being squeezed out of the forest. She will reference the white paper from the USDA on horse camp use. She is still pursuing a meeting with Jennifer Christy Bass Lake Dist. Ranger.

Membership: New member Hazel Zepeda

Old business

Mariposa Trail Days was pretty successful. The comment most heard from the public was that they didn't know there was a group that did that. Good exposure, suggestion to do the iron mule packing demo at our booth to draw in more people. Wendy thought the event brought all the different trail organizations together.

Nelder Grove update: John stated that cedar shingles can be used. He will measure roof and get a bid. Mary suggested updating to donors on the progress of the project John will work on the getting final measurements and follow up with the bid.

Annual camping/ work trip: Patricia commented on the dilapidated condition of Texas Flats. She emailed Cori about the conditions and has not received a response yet. Denise will bring a porta-pottie/ shower stall and Patricia will bring one as well. The unit plans to open up the trail between Kelty and Texas Flats so we don't have to ride on the roads. Patricia will bring some of the unit tools.

Pump at Kelty Meadow is in and running. John suggested cleaning around the back flow line down in the creek.

New business

Trail work: the trails need to be cleared from the snow play to area. Denise and Mary suggested a weekend work party.

Wendy reported that Mariposa Trails to incorporate equine camping in Jerseydale. We discussed the loss of staging area at trailhead in that area. Suggested Mariposa Trails composed letter to send to get forest service to see how this area can be opened.

Announcements from the Floor

Agenda items requested for next meeting July 19

Motion to adjourn by John second by Gloria, approved.