

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – August 20, 2024

In Attendance: Patricia Vallentyne, Teri Cook, Denise Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Lee Smith, and Brianna Sainz

Meeting Called to Order: Patricia V. called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Minutes:

- Motion to approve the July2024 minutes with clarification about the Debbie's grant was made by Lee Smith and seconded by Teri Cook. The minutes passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer Report: To be presented later.

Education:

- Denise R. reminded us that it's deer season and to wear orange and make noise. She reported from the BCHC board meeting to expect dues increase, Rendezvous in April at Corning.
- **Membership:** Welcome to our new unit member Kristoffer Von Bonsdorff and Adriane de Wolf

Public Lands:

- Patricia V. attended a meeting of the Eastern Madera County Foundation to learn more about the Oakhurst River Trail.

Unfinished Business:

- Raffle ride at Hensley Lake 1/1/25: Patricia contacted head Ranger Shawna Pole who said she would supply her with an MOU for the unit to review for this meeting, but she did not. She will continue to reach out to Hensley Lake management to create an MOU for the unit. Denise reported that the BCHC said that we cannot advertise raffle on social media. Patricia to confirm with BCHC, Lynn about raffle rules.
- Clover Meadow Project: We used the new tools to successfully clear the trail. Denise reported on the trails she and other members reconned.
- Chainsaw Certification: Debbie M. informed us of an upcoming chainsaw certification through the Prather office – she will keep us informed.
- Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park: Patricia to give a sample of volunteer agreement to AHRP board.
- Denise expressed concern that members aren't attending meetings and suggested a potluck or advertising that desert will be served on the meeting announcements.
- Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Brianna Sainz seconded by Robbie Robinson

Next Meeting: Sept 2024, at Oakhurst Branch Library at 6:30 PM.