

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Minutes: Motion to approve the October minutes as presented made by Gloria, seconded by John. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported for both September and October.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members. There were membership renewals in September.

Education: Denise had nothing to report. Cathy mentioned a chainsaw accident reported wherein a swamper was injured. John reminded everyone that swampers need to be at least 6 feet away from sawyers.

Public Lands: Patricia reported that BCHA joined with two other groups to sue the Tahoe National Forest for failure to provide a public hearing prior to TNF allowing E-Bikes on trails. Further, there were no EIR's or public comment period prior to the decision. Hope is this will call attention to the E-Bike issue and let other NF's know they should have public hearings, EIR's and comment periods (follow proper channels) when making these decisions.

Old Business:

1. Wawona Ride: Held on November 2; all went well. 11 riders joined, the group split into two groups; one followed the shorter flatter meadow route; the other went up the Mt. Savage/PGE loop.
2. Hensley Recon Ride: Several members rode Hensley looking for a reported downed tree. One tree found that may need work which will be planned as soon as the weather allows.
3. Enclosed Trailer: Members present had a good discussion about the needs of the unit for an enclosed trailer. Discussion included size and budget. The possibility of finding a used horse trailer that could be donated was also brought up. The possibility of funding via grants was discussed, with Laurie suggesting we contact Karen Kroske for assistance. Finally, Patricia made a motion that we establish a Trailer Fund prior to purchase. Motion seconded by Cathy. Laurie suggested a budget be set at \$3000, then we decide what size/type of trailer to purchase. A second motion by Patricia was put forth to set a budget of \$3000; seconded by John. Annie then made a motion we hold a fundraiser to begin gathering funds for the trailer, seconded by Cathy. Gloria mentioned she had items in storage suitable for sale. Cathy suggested we turn our annual New Year's Day Ride into a Poker Ride. She then made a motion to do so, which was seconded by Annie. A committee was formed to plan the Poker Ride (members Cathy, Denise, Kelli, Sharon and Gloria). Cathy to contact Hensley for permission and any needed requirements.
4. AHRP Kiosk: Gloria gave a brief update; the finished kiosk we have should be installed at AHRP. She will attend their next meeting later this week. Follow up next meeting.

New Business:

1. Merced River Trail: Wendy not present. Cathy read a letter (attached) Wendy wrote summarizing the status to date.
2. Intern: Not present

3. Chainsaw and CPR Class: Cathy reported on both classes being offered December 12/13 by the Sierra National Forest. Denise mentioned they will have more classes later for those that need to recert. Members interested in December class include Kelli, Robbie, Patricia, and Gloria.
4. Officer nominations: VP and Treasurer. Cathy reported that the two offices will be open for elections during the December meeting. Laurie expressed interest in retaining the Treasurer position. Discussion for VP ensued. Kelli mentioned she would be interested in the Secretary position should it become available. Elections will be held at the next meeting.
5. Christmas Party: Our annual Christmas Party will be held here at the Oakhurst Library on December 15 at 1:00. Everyone is invited! Bring a main dish and EITHER a salad or a desert. We will also have a fun gift exchange; gift cost should not exceed \$20. Mary will send out a reminder email!

General Discussion/Announcements:

None

The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 at the Oakhurst Library.  
It's our Christmas Party/Election of new officers meeting! Come have FUN!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m; motioned by Denise, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Seslowe