

## **SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES**

December 15, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:37 p.m. This meeting was partially attended in person and partially attended via Zoom, set up by Vice President Gloria Garland.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the November minutes made by Karoline seconded by Laurie. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurie reported on the unit balance.

**Membership:** Nothing mentioned.

**Education:** Denise reported on Volunteer Appreciation Awards by the SNF. Of note was that Cathy Miller and John Wagner both received Chief Awards for hours of volunteerism. The Freepackers were said to be the second highest (after Stewards of the Sierra) volunteer group working in the SNF. Denise also brought up an important safety tip: Be aware of trail conditions and weather conditions before you go. It's important to remember this especially this time of the year.

**Public Lands:** Patricia reported on a virtual meeting she attended by SNF on OHV use. Discussion was about how to mitigate OHV impacts on the environment and use of porta-potties. (Unfortunately, many of Patricia's comments were garbled and hard to understand over the background noise of the zoom meeting).

### **Old Business:**

1. **Poker Ride:** This ride has been cancelled due to Covid-19 for safety reasons. Considering rescheduling in March/April depending on weather and status of Covid at that time.
2. **Bass Lake Work Day:** Several members participated in a work day at Bass Lake clearing approximately 20 trees. Trail at this point in good shape.
3. **Volunteer Hours:** Mary mentioned she needed all volunteer hours, especially WR hours turned in to her as soon as possible.

## **New Business**

1. **Elections:** Patricia was nominated for President; Kelly was nominated for Secretary. Both ran unopposed and are duly elected for two years.

4. **Club Ride January 1st:** Weather permitting, Denise suggested the unit still hold a fun ride on January 1; either at Hensley or 607. As long as it was not presented as an organized event at Hensley, some members of the group felt it wouldn't be a Covid/safety issue. /Cathy to send out an email to members. Ride to be limited to members only; but people will be allowed to join at the time.

5. **Unit saws:** Sharon asked why the unit didn't have a unit chain saw. Patricia said she would donate a saw; Terry said he might have a saw to donate as well.

6. **Donations for Poker Ride:** Kelli asked what to do with donations already given for the poker ride. Consensus was for members that had already accepted donations to just keep them for now stored safely.

7. **Award:** Cathy was awarded a quilt made by Laurie for her years of service as unit president.

General Discussion/Announcements:

Sherri Mount memorial donation: Unit agreed to donation of up to \$100.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m; motioned by Cathy; seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Seslowe