

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:32 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Minutes: Motion to approve the August minutes as presented made by Karoline; seconded by Terry.
Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported a decrease due to various expenses.

Membership: Laurie reported no renewals and no new members.

Education: Denise brought a fat stack of LNT hang tags she obtained and shared them around. They can be purchased on a LNT website; or are available for free from BLM and FS.
We all need to be aware of the principles and share the information with those we meet on trails!

Public Lands: Bob James absent. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Heritage Days Parade: Unit participation was meager due to many conflicting events, so we did not ride. Patricia did participate and picked up poop for another equestrian group.

New Business:

1. Public Lands Day: Plan to meet at Hensley where we normally stage on 9/22 at about 8:00 a.m. Mary will send an email about final plans and time. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Be prepared to trim trees and pick up trash.
2. Tack Sale: This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at the True Value parking lot. Be there to help set up by 7:00 a.m. All monies collected from the sale will go towards SFP Education Fund; and are tax deductible. Laurie to create tax deduct. forms; collect one from her if you need it. Any items unsold will be taken to BB tack sale in Madera first Saturday of November. If your items don't sell and you want them back you need to collect them from True Value at the end of the day. Cathy, Mike, Sue and Karoline have volunteered to sale sit from 7-10; Mary, John and Laurie will sale sit from 10-1. Gloria will send notices to YLP, SNO and other social media sites. Get items you plan to donate to Cathy no later than the week prior to the sale.
3. AHRP Work Day: Gloria reported AHRP was awarded a grant from CalFire and work is ready to start: trails, environmental improvement; removal of ladder fuels, etc. We need to think about projects we can assist with so we can lobby for some of the funds. We certainly can be involved with the large education component. A work party date has been scheduled for October 20; meet at 9:00. Bring flagging tape, pruners, and lunch. Additional discussion on kiosk we need to build; need to gather cedar logs. Tentative dates for log collection were tossed around; nothing calendared.
4. Addition: Eastman Lake: Mary mentioned Eastman needs work. She responded to an email from them that we would be available once the weather cools.
5. Addition: Grants: Discussion about the Every Day Capacity Building Grant and whether we want to go for it; the last application is due mid November. A grant meeting has been scheduled at Gloria's office on October 15 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this grant.
6. Addition: Denise said the panels at Granite Creek were ready to be removed and stored for the winter. That date has been scheduled for 9/24. Meet at 10:00 at Granite Creek.

7. Addition: Denise was asked by Deb (FS) to get specifics for FS wilderness reports: miles, hours and such. Call or email her by this Friday if you have hours to report.

General Discussion/Announcements:

John reported the panels at the YLP barn were ready to be replaced and was looking to schedule a date. He will coordinate with YLP and get back to the group.

Denise reported she had a bathroom install (Yippie!) date for the potty at GC: 9/24...just in time for panel removal!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m; motioned by Karoline, seconded by John and Terry together.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe