

July 19 2022 Sierra Freepackers meeting

Call to order at 6:34 and greeting by Patricia

Patricia Vallentyne
Kelli Land
Gloria Garland
Denise Robinson
Robbie Robinson
Mary Odell
Sharon Seslowe
Marlise Rohrer

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve by Mary Second by Gloria Minutes approved as presented

Reports

Treasurer's report Laurie no report
Education Denise nothing to report
Public Lands Patricia

Patricia wrote a letter of support for the Mariposa trails project grant and emailed a copy of the letter to all the SFP members. Wendy also wrote a letter of support.

Patricia's attended a virtual meeting on the new Sierra/Sequoia national and gained a better understanding of the 499 pages for the Sierra plan. Dean Gould's overarching concept is that the SNF is no longer being just administered by the Forest service but jointly by the forest service and its "partners". This means that we need to insist on having input on the development of the Travel Management Plan and Sustainable Recreation to make sure Equestrian interests are represented.

Patricia is working on a letter with the comments of concern of equestrians not being addressed on the new forest plan.

Patricia has been attending Zoom webinars on building sustainable trails. Some of the basic principles for building sustainable trails were covered

Because of the fire she has only pursued a meeting with Jen Christy (Bass Lake District ranger) through text

Membership Laurie no new members

Old business

Nelder Grove update: John not here, but he has measured the cabin and got a bid for \$16,000 for cedar shingles for the entire roof.

Patricia has talked to Paul at Fresno flats with their roof replacement. They are using an alternative firesafe cedar like roof shingles. She is hoping for a lower bid and will take this to the forest service and sell the idea.

Gloria texted Jeff Aiello from PBS and program Outside Beyond the Lens for a shout out for the work being done on the Biledo cabin on the upcoming program on Nelder Grove. Brenda Nagle of Friends of Nelder Grove also asked him.

Annual camping/ work trip at Texas flats. Many challenges getting everyone there and weather. We met Sheri Sinclair in holder near the camp. She let Patricia park the trailer on her property until she could get her truck repaired. Trail is clear and is rideable. It is mile and half to Kelty and also connects to Fresno doom and then to Nedler grove. A good place to trail head from is park at Fresno dome and do the trail from there.

New business

Trail work: we will try to get to snow play after the first of August. See what is needed to be done and decide how to move forward.

Patricia checked in on the Kelty meadow pump and cleaned out the algae. One of the corrals needs a new rail. Overall camp is good condition with a lot of non-horse campers.

Announcements from the Floor

Denise announced that ranger Debbie McDougald asked for help at Clover Meadow. She needs help packing a group on the 7th and 14th. We can camp there. Some light maintenance around office and tack room as well as some trail work. Denise would coordinate a trip there

Agenda items requested for next meeting
Denise motion to adjourn meeting. Second Mary.
Meeting adjourns at 7:23

Next meeting August 16