

May 17, 2022 MINUTES Sierra Freepackers meeting

Call to order at 6:30 and greeting by Patricia

Attendees

Patricia Vallentyne

Kelli Land

Gloria Garland

Laurie Wagner

John Wagner

Denise Robinson

Robby Robinson

Mary Odell

Sharon Seslowe

Wendy Brown

Bill King Mariposa trails

Beth Kellner Mariposa trails

Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to accept minute as corrected by Mary

Second by Laurie

Minutes approved by vote as corrected

From Robby Correction Robby and howes to Robinson

Wendy change in Old business request for insurance change from mountain riders to mariposa trails.

**Reports**

Treasurer's report - Laurie

deposits for membership packing clinic donation and Sierra vista scenic bypass for shingles

Education - Denise June 4 mariposa tails demo. Kids day with 4 members so all the help we can give.

Public Lands - Patricia - Bill King Mariposa Trails and Beth Kilnor Mariposa trails presentation and grant they are applying for. Trail begins in

Yosemite off alder creek, historically 18 miles trails to south fork Merced is goal for mariposa trails. Other trails are included with the idea of building on the past work on the CCC group and wants to build on the work done in the alder creek area. Sierra Nevada Conservancy they will be going for a grant for a 5-year project with crews to finish these trails to open them up for horse traffic as well as all trail users. Mariposa Trails asked if are we interested to continue to 1 – 3 times a year to pack for work crews' food. They also want to find out improvements on these trails to make them usable with horse traffic. Bishop Willard peach tree bar, devil gulch, have had horse camps. Where to put hitch rails, and were to have access to these trails for horses.

Denise suggested to contact forest service and learn how to build trails. Suggested Debbie McDougal to talk to them to find out who can help learn to build the trails properly.

Mariposa trails is looking for a Letter of support that will support mariposa trails in applying for this grant money. we can help with camping, what improvements for horse camps, parking what expected of the trails by the end of June.

Beth suggested for us to talk about what it looks like to have pack animals and what needs are. Goal to be able to have trails that come all the way to the park into mariposa for horses.

Membership Laurie no new members.

## **Old business**

Mariposa Trail days June 4 morning go to the art park to setup the brag booth. Afternoon will be on the lot next to mercy ambulance and 10<sup>th</sup> st on highway 49. Talk about LNT, how to balance a load, how to tie a box hitch.

Denise brought up needing a poop up for shade Denise made motion to purchase a popup before mariposa trails day. John second motion

Amending the motion to have Gloria shop online and Costco,

Unit to buy a pop up and gloria will be in charge of shopping and purchasing of the pop up.

Vote on motion is approved.

Nelder Grove update – Brenda Nagle and Patricia gave presentation to sunrise rotary regarding the shingles. Very interested and voting on a request for grant of \$3000.

John talked to supplier for price won't be honored, have not heard from vendor as to price .

Total funds for the shingles We have \$7000, Cori at forest service has \$4000

another grant Patricia has applied for another \$3000

Bob James been contacted about miller up north if they can be contacted, Patricia will work on contact,

Talking with cory about historical restoration project, requiring that it be repaired to historical state, can there be other materials to be used.

Mike king suggested,

Find out what code is archeology is using how much wiggle room for variance for the roof material,

Gloria has a source she will talk with that is archeology that might have some insight on how to get a variance on the roof material.

Annual camping/ work trip

National forest has new vendor for camping

Can't use Kelty with new reservation vendor have to pay to use it.

We can use Texas flat and still allow us to do what is planned to clear,

Asked about clover meadow there was confused response. Forest service really wants to us to work on camps off Skye ranch.

Kelty a horse camp mm Patricia needs to JenniferKristy district range for bass lake district to talk about making Kelty a horse camp. There is chain of command of getting to the right person to talk to about.

Patricia and Mary will be checking out Texas flats to check out camp.

According to dept of ag, horse camps designated only have a horse in the camp no other campers allowed in that camp.

Going to push thru Kelty being horse camp

Texas flat closed to 2024 to do repairs

### **New business**

Pump at Kelty Meadow John states need to get another pump. Will need to find a pump to run off solar.

Patricia will check with husband to look into what is needed to set up a new pump.

### Announcements from the Floor

Mary asked about fish camp, there need for maintenance, not as bad as last year, trail towards white chief, meadow loop, trail across the road from.

Memorial Day weekend, leave no trace in fish camp. Saturday late in the day to catch campers in fish camp.

Patricia has some saddles that she took to the auction and sold them with monies to donate.

### Agenda items requested for next meeting

Next meeting June21

Denise motion to adjourn John second

Vote to adjourn meeting.

