

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – April 24, 2024

In Attendance: Patricia Vallentyne, Teri Cook, Gloria Garland, Mary Odell, John Wagoner, Laurie Wagoner, Wendy Brown, Kevin Barry, Denise Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Jane Smith and Brianna Sainz

Meeting Called to Order: Patricia V. called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes from March 2024 made by Odell, seconded by John Wagoner. Minutes passed unanimously.

Reports:

- **Treasurer Report:** Laurie Wagoner presented the report, indicating a beginning and an ending balance.
- **Education:** Denise R. shared information on The LNT training program presented at all Rendezvous and encourages members to complete the training. Information is included in Rendezvous programs.
- **Public Lands:** Several unit members attended the Ahwahnee Hills Park Meeting in March discussing the inclusion of bicycles in the park while maintaining a safe place for horses to ride.
- **Membership:** Laurie W. The unit welcomes two new members Brianna Sainz and Debbie McDougald and three expired members.

Unfinished Business:

- Mary reminded everyone to keep track of all hours, including preparations for workdays and reconnaissance rides.
- Raymond Parade report
- Letters to the Yosemite Superintendent Muldoon regarding parking, stables and trail access were discussed.
- Sept. Fundraising: Gloria is still attempting to reach out to Kathy Pettit. The unit selected Sept. 14th as a potential date. Jane S. suggested a local arena as a venue possibility and even an event at Ahwahnee Hills Park.

- Unit members are encouraged to get their kid's cards so we can participate in educational events for youth. Denise will contact Fresno Flats regarding a Dutch oven cooking and packing demonstration in May or June, possibly during Heritage Days.
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New Business:

Kids Heritage Day at Coarsegold Rodeo 5/3

Announcements from the Floor:

- We are sad to bid farewell to Mary Odell and Karoline Waggle. Wendy Brown read an original farewell poem to wish them well on their new adventures.
- Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.
- Mary O identified multiple downed trees along the Grizzly trail area

Next Meeting: May 21, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM