

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:35 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

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

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported an increase due to membership renewals.

Membership: Laurie reported four membership renewals and one new member.

Education: Denise reported on campfire restrictions in the SNF; and reminded everyone to check your campfires!

Public Lands: Bob James absent. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Granite Creek Work Week: Denise reported on trail conditions as a result of Lyon fire: Isberg trail is open but Mammoth is closed. The work week at GC went well. Everyone thanked Patricia for the cooking. Mary is logging hours. She also got a call from Gary and Ann Bates about tree work at Bass Lake. She reminded members that chain saws are not allowed to be used in the SNF until after 9/1.
2. By Laws: Cathy made a single word change and provided new copies of the by-laws for members to review. Total changes include when the unit votes for new officers and who takes office when. Next steps are for the unit to vote then to the state board for finalization. Patricia motioned to approve by-laws as amended; seconded by John. All approved.
3. Wilderness Rider Refresher: Mary attended the refresher and returned suggesting we needed a unit budget allocating funds for specific uses. There was some discussion and the outcome was that Laurie prepares a budget at the end of every year anyway with funds allocated so no changes will be made at this time.
4. Tack Sale/Fundraisers: Ideas were brought up for how the unit can raise funds. Some ideas included raffle tickets for gift cards or an actual gift sold at events we are already present at; possible poker ride. The next community event (sale) at True Value is on October 13; ideas were discussed on the logistics of the event. Cathy and Mary mentioned it is the same day as the State meeting. Cathy also recommended selling tack at the auction outfit (B & B)(?) in Madera. To be discussed at next meeting. For the poker ride, two sites were mentioned: Hensley or AHRP. Members think AHRP might not be large enough for a ride. Gloria reminded members we needed to plan a trail day over there so we maintain our presence. A tentative date for trail work at AHRP was scheduled for October 20 at 9:30.

New Business:

1. Heritage Days Parade: Scheduled for September 15, in Oakhurst. Cathy to check on where we are to park; the Sierra Star lot has been sold. Cathy to follow up with an email to members.
2. Public Lands Day (addition). Mary mentioned this event is scheduled for September 22; and reminded members to get there early as parking may be challenging. Plan to park at the boat launch lot. We will be doing trash pick up and trail repair.

General Discussion/Announcements:

-Gloria reminded the unit the third and final deadline for the Every Day Grant is fast approaching on November 15. A meeting for the grant committee was scheduled for Monday, September 10 at 1:00.

-Mary mentioned anyone who is interested in the Wilderness Rider Program needs to be prepared to interview at Rendezvous in Norco in March. Details about the Wilderness Rider Program were provided for new members present.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m; motioned by Terry, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe