

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 2018

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported an increase due to the fantastical success of our recent tack sale, as well as membership renewals.

Membership: Laurie reported membership renewals from September and October; but no new members for those months.

Education: Denise didn't have any news to report but with the veritable windfall to the budget we discussed needed items for the unit. At the top of the list is new wheels and axles for the water trailer at Granite Creek. Replacing these will save licensing fees for a whole new trailer. To be discussed again.

Public Lands: Bob absent. Mary mentioned a recent email from BCHA recommending we watch current legislation for two items: the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. BCHA recommends we contact Congress to support both bills as they are important for maintaining trails.

Old Business:

1. AHRP Work Day: Several members participated in not one but two work days at AHRP recently. A good bit of clearing and flagging took place; there are new blue flags on hazard areas, such as partially buried wire so avoid those areas. There was some discussion about confusion between hiking trails and riding trails. The hiking trails are not to be shared with horses. Gloria wanted to post signs to prevent confusion but we did not get that grant. She proposes splitting the cost of the signs with AHRP. To be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business:

1. Mustang Matt: Laurie discussed preliminary plans to bring Matt to the YLP Equestrian Center this January. Proposed dates are January 19-20 or 20-21. Two one day clinics, private lessons, number of participants, deposit required, and total cost were discussed. Motion was made to move forward with clinic; Laurie to send deposit of \$550 to Matt. Flyer to be designed and posted on social media ASAP.
2. Camp Fire Donation: BCHC asked individual units to donate to the victims of the recent Camp Fire. There are two ways to donate: individually (PayPa-link on BCHC site) or as a unit. Motion made to donate \$300 as a unit made by Cathy. Seconded by Karoline; all approved. Laurie to send check to Lynn.
3. Christmas Party: Yippie! Our party is planned for Sunday, December 9 from 12:30- 4. Plan on a short meeting, officer elections and the fun of a gift exchange! Please bring a main dish and either a dessert or a salad. Unit to provide drinks and paper goods. Gift exchange loot limit \$20.
4. Election Nominations: The offices of President and Secretary are up for election this year. Anyone interested in holding these offices please let Cathy know. Elections will be held at the Christmas Party meeting on December 9.

5. Addition: Denise brought up the opportunity to hold a Treasure Hunt ride as a fund raiser after recently attending a nice ride held by the Red Shank Rider unit of BCHC. Ideas were discussed at length. General consensus is positive!
6. Addition: Discussion brought up about moving forward on the second kiosk we are refurbishing and repairs needed for the new kiosk we put up at Fish Camp.

General Discussion/Announcements:

None.

The next meeting will be Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 in the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m; motioned by Cathy, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Seslowe