

Minutes Sierra Freepackers Meeting 10/18/22

Patricia Vallentyne, Gloria Garland, Kelli Land, Mary Odell, Denise Robinson  
Robby Robinson, John Wagner, Teri Cook

Call to order at 6:38 and greeting by Patricia

Minutes of previous meeting; Motion to accept minutes as presented by Mary  
Second by Gloria, Vote to approve minutes as presented

## Reports

Treasurer's report Laurie no treasurer report

Education Denise— public education of the state meeting  
Wilderness rider's ideas for rendezvous for presentation

Public Lands Patricia - Will present our eligible object at the Sequoia-Sierra Objection Meeting.  
Objections sited are: Outside of Pacific Crest Trails there is no mention of horses in the forest plan. Also  
sighted was white paper from USDA about horse campgrounds.

Membership; Laurie - no new membership. Denise made a poster for posting for membership social  
media copies to put out in the community.

## Old business

Trail work Fish camp Mary reported the unit took out 15 trees. The trail is cleared to the green gate park.  
Goat meadow loop has 3 trees down.

State BCHC meeting Patricia and Denise attended the meeting.

## BCHC B.O.D. MEETING

- a. *Treasurer's Report* – Lynn Joiner Only one unit per year can have a poker ride. Don't try any work a rounds the BCHC is under scrutiny and will be in danger of losing non-profit status if we found in non-compliance. We can have raffles.
  - b. *1<sup>st</sup> VP Insurance* Release Form If you don't sign a release form you will not be covered by the BCHC insurance. New form will have an "in case of my demise statement." *If claiming Bchc hours form has to be filled out.*
  - c. *2<sup>nd</sup> VP Public Service* – Alyssa Alvarez
  - d. *VP Membership* – Chip Herzig membership is up 10%
  - e. *VP Education* – Stacy Kuhns – Wilderness Rider Training June 2023 interviews thru zoom.
  - f. *VP Public Lands* – Troy Patton – Items from morning meeting Lucy Bendendore letter on public land issue as an individual, good to be writing as groups, but even better to write as individuals not associated with a group with pointing out your concern,
    1. *VP Youth Education* – Tammy Bozarth Need to take an online mandatory reporter class in addition to finger printing. Must be completed by Jan1, 2023
    2. *Webmaster* – Jacque Murphy working on updating update of Website
  - g. *Member Communication* – Alyssa Alvarez
    1. Volunteer Hours for 2021 we have the most hours for 2021 for the whole state. Phone App for Volunteer Hours too expensive. Discussion about putting together an entry for the Rose Parade in the future year.
  - h. *Sawyer Updates*– Michael Lewis mending issues with forest service.
- I. **Old Business**

- a. Second Reading BCHC Bylaws – approved updates on bylaws to conform with CA laws
- b. Information on Investing Funds – Update Lynn funds invested in a credit union at 5% for now

## II. **New Business**

- a. Update on Education Fund 501c3 - President
- b. Future Rendezvous – Stacy Kuhns at March 24-26 at California Ranch Co. in Temecula
- c. Approval of Policy #1022 Making Changes to Bylaws approved
- d. Approval of Amendments to Youth Policy #1019 and #10182a approved
- e. *Election of Officers for 2023*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dr. Jamie Wilson  
 Secretary – Susie Patton  
 VP Public Lands – Troy Patton  
 VP Membership – Chip Herzig  
 BCHA National Director – Randy Hackbarth

Public lands day 9/ 24 Eastman Lake: Teri, Patricia and Sharon participated in public lands day. The horses made the day special for the kids and gave us a public presence

Kiosk at Clover Meadows; Cori will need help to put up items in the Kiosk that are heavy

### **New business**

SNF volunteer agreement; don't do any work until we have a volunteer agreement signed. Head Ranger for the Bass Lake Dist. Jennifer Christy has asked us to call L.E.O.s Melissa Wise Justin Hailey to report violations of VC 21759. An accumulation of reports will get attention and make change. Gloria suggested a sign adverse event report to with a number.

Wendy Brown not here, but did write to AHRP board who responded sent with a letter, Summary of the letter of response from the board

The board responded to the queries and concerns from the equestrian community.

- 1) The park's fuel mitigation has delayed finishing the northern trails in the park. Phase 2 of the project will be establishing the northern park trails and revamping of the trails in progress as the trails are reestablished and updates will be
- 2) The board recognizes equestrian use and welcomes equestrians in the park
- 3) Trailer parking will be again accessible
- 4) They recognized website issues and will address those issues.

Gloria commented board meetings will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 6 pm. Gloria will commit to participation on the AHRP board until the horse trails are completed.

Nominations for President and Secretary; Patricia willing to serve again.

### **Announcements from the Floor**

New Year's Day ride discussed Gloria time short for planning on January ride.

Ideas for future fundraisers discussed we need a 90-day lead to use Hensley Lake for a fund raiser. *Ideas presented; scavenger hunt, chili ride, treasure hunt, trail trial*

### **Agenda items requested for next meeting**

Christmas Dinner

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mary Second by Teri motion approved to adjourn

Next meeting November 16