

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2019

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

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

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Membership: Mary reported one membership renewal and said several other memberships were due to renew.

Education: Denise reported she was concentrating her efforts on the upcoming pack clinic at AHRP.

Public Lands: Bob not present. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Eastman Lake: Mary reported she sent a report to Morgan; a total of 8 trees were removed plus the head banger that has thwarted Terry for years. This completes the project at Eastman. Mary also cautioned riders the big water crossing was very large and deep right now.
2. Pack Clinic Planning: Denise reported we are organized and ready for the event. The large barn will be open. The brag booth will be set up there; there will be hand outs and lots of snacks and activities for kids. Iron mules and live mules will be outside. Weather should be good. Set up will be Friday afternoon at 1:00; meet at 9:00 Saturday for 10:00 opening.

New Business:

1. Raymond Parade: Mary brought a copy of the Sierra Star which had a photo of the unit from last year's parade. Meet at 10:00 in the rodeo grounds; wear a long sleeved white shirt, chinks or chaps if you want. Burgundy scarves and saddle blanket covers will be available if you need them. Flag bearers and pack animals were selected.
2. Heritage Days: At the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds Friday May 3. The kids will be there from 9-1; plan on meeting at 7:30-8 for set up. Everything from the AHRP pack clinic should be made available for Heritage Days. General discussion about which animals to bring.
3. Wilderness Rider Candidates: general discussion on WR program and two members who interviewed for the course.
4. Forest Service Awards: The annual FS award ceremony will be April 30 from 6-8 in Clovis at the Veteran's Memorial on 4th street. This ceremony recognizes the many and assorted groups that volunteer hours in FS activities: trail clearing, projects, trash removal. All members are welcome to attend.
5. Addition: Spring Cove Trail Work: Gloria mentioned there seemed to be a lack of communication between the groups clearing trails. It appears the bike group has done some clearing; mostly on the single track trails they use. Cathy confirmed; she spoke to the bike group and they did not do any tree removal on the roads. Gina the campground lady also reminded the group she would like the cedar trees/logs removed from the campground if we could use them we can remove them.
6. Addition: John said the kiosk for AHRP was complete and can be installed. Terry mentioned he would like a map of trails; Gloria said she would create one. Discussion on trail signage; and potentially

naming a trail in memory of Ted Fischer. Mary recommended we invite Ted's wife on sign installation day.

7. Addition: Rendezvous round up: Laurie earned the annual Top Hand Award; Congratulations Laurie! Cathy and Denise both did well with their LNT talks. Denise won 2nd place in the Dutch Oven Contest and the unit won first place in table decorating!
8. Addition: Denise and John discussed cross cut sawyer recertification. There are some issues but people need recertification and some would like certification in general. As more information comes available we will make plans.

General Discussion/Announcements:

None

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m; motioned by Karoline, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe