

April 19 2022 Minutes Sierra Freepackers meeting

Call to order at 6:35 by Patricia and greeting

Patricia Vallentyne  
Kelli Land  
John Wagner  
Mary Odell  
Denise Howes  
Robbie Howes  
Gloria Garland  
Karoline Waggle  
Wendy Brown

Minutes of previous meeting  
Motion to approve by Karoline  
Second by Mary  
Vote to approve minutes as presented approve

### **Reports**

Treasurer's report Laurie not present  
Membership renewals deposit \$77.10 and \$66.50  
Checks paid out for \$85.00, intern scholarship \$500  
Deposits donations \$100 from Jane Smith, Donation for \$5000 for shingles from Patricia Seibold trust,

Mary suggest send thank you to Jane. Mary and Patricia will put out a thank you on talk of the hill and Sierras Freepackers for donation for shakes

Education: Denise reported on the packing demo for Kerman 4H they enjoyed demo and made a \$100 donation. There were 14 kids that attended.  
Noting Mariposa trail days brag booth and pack demo for education, course gold rodeo kids' day is April 29 for education opportunity.

Public Lands: Patricia had a discussion with Cori about the White paper (Official position from the USDA on horse campgrounds for horse campers only. Cori was unaware of this. She sent her a copy of the paper and Cori said she would review it with the District Ranger and set up a meeting to discuss it.

Discussion was held on Ohv and horse camp signage.

Kelty meadow campground got funding from the G.A.O.A. to improve the entrance and put in a culvert in 2023.

Sierra and Sequoia Forest Plan Revision Update section on Sustainable Recreation includes making capital improvement the south gate area and notes it is used as an overflow area for dispersed camping from Yosemite. Referencing to snow play and upper part of summit camp.

Membership Laurie not present 2 memberships renewals. New members, Nelly Colvard-Preston and Michelle Odell and family.

## **Old business**

Mariposa Trail days June 4, Wendy reporting on packing demo, Gloria needs to send letter to insurance to cover the event. Wendy had request from Mariposa Mountain Riders for who BCHC uses for insurance.

Brag booth set up at the art park in the morning. Each group will be allowed to briefly speak about their organization on the stage. Denise and Mary volunteered to do packing demonstration using iron mules in the afternoon at the second location.

Wendy met with landscape architect at the Jerseydale Campground working on reinstate horse camps, open to suggestions made.

Wendy reported that the Mariposa Mountain Riders are having a scavenger hunt type event ride on May 15 open to public. Mariposa Mountain Riders offered a free membership for someone from the Sierra Freepackers to lead them on trail rides.

AHRP update: Gloria reported that work has stopped on back part of park. Discussed a Volunteer agreement between the Sierra Freepackers and AHRP Patricia will send the agreement example of federal volunteer agreements to Gloria. She mentioned that there is form to report negative incidences in the park. AHRP is looking for new board members.

Nelder Grove update: Patricia went up to look at things for grant she is writing. The padlocks were cut on the buildings, Cori was called and padlocks were replaced. She applied for a grant for \$3000 from the Sunrise Rotary. On May 10 she will give a presentation to them about the Biledo Cabin. Scenic by way committee is giving \$2000 to go towards shakes for the cabin. John asked for Patricia to ask about shared costs agreement with the SNF.

Raymond Parade was a success had a great turn out even though it was raining. There were lots of positive comments about our unit. Special note was made that we practice our LNT by picking up our horse's poop.

## **New business**

Flags do we want a unit flag? Are we happy with the banner? Group agreed to keep the banner.

Kid's day at Coarsegold rodeo Grounds April 29: The Rodeo Committee would like us to bring an animal for demo. Mary will go and do demo.

Annual camping/ work trip Kelty meadow. Trail to clear to Texas flats.  
Need to take a look at the camp and put in the pump. Questions last week in June 22-29 for work party camp.

Announcements from the Floor, Trailer needs new tires on it. John suggested to call fast tire will come to the house and do the tire changes.

Agenda items requested for next meeting  
Pump at Kelty next meeting  
Update on mariposa trail days.

Next meeting May 17  
Motion to adjourn by Karoline and second by Gloria  
Meeting adjourned at 8:0