

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:31 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

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

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported a decrease due to payments out exceeding payments in.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members but there were some renewals.

Education: Denise reminded members present to be safe with fire. Fire hose is still available (donated by Denise, cut by John) for members to cover their tow chains.

Public Lands: Patricia discussed the funding problem for FS and suggested members contact representatives so funding will be dispersed to FS as well. She will follow up with members on how to contact their rep.

Old Business:

1. Snow Play Work Day: June 21. Trail was cleared to Mariposa Grove, then from there to Buffin Meadow. From there the group worked until they bumped into Larry Knapp and his nephew working the pack station trail towards Buffin. 27 trees in total were removed. At this point the trails out of Fish Camp are in pretty good shape.
2. Granite Creek Corral set up: On June 27 members put up the corral panels at Granite Creek; they are in good shape for the year.
3. Biledo Work Day: On July 2 members cleared 16 trees. On July 4 members returned to Biledo and cleaned up trash and talked LNT principles and who we were to visitors in Fish Camp and Biledo.
4. Logger's Jamboree Parade: On July 6 three members represented the unit in the Logger's Jamboree Parade in North Fork. At less than 1/4 mile, it was reported by Denise to be the fastest parade in the West! Though short, a good time was had by all participating!

New Business:

1. Mariposa Mountain Rider Trail Ride: Scheduled for August 10 at Kely Meadow. Cathy will be leading this combined ride for the MMR's and Sierra Freepackers. Meet at the pull out on the right side of the road just before Knapp's. Meet at 9 and be ready to ride at 10. Space is limited so please consolidate; can meet at Sears' in Oakhurst to combine rides. This will be a moderate 3 hour ride. Mary suggested we do a recon ride before to make sure the trail is clear. This is scheduled for Wednesday July 31; meet at 9:30; same place.
2. Granite Creek: Work party scheduled for July 20-26. Final count looks like 17 will be attending at various times throughout the week. Projects for the week were discussed; reminders for members to provide their own lunch for the week; and dinner for Saturday night. Patricia will be cooking breakfast and dinner but that won't start until Sunday. Denise discussed her disappointment in the unit for failing to move forward in dealing with the water trailer and the imperative need for replacement/repairs. The lack of cooperation among members for this project that needed to be done in a timely manner was a main concern. As a unit we need to support each other and be more aware of needs. On their own, and at their own expense, she and Robbie retrofitted the existing trailer. They replaced the tires, fixed the floor and covered it with linoleum, and made other

necessary repairs. Karoline made a motion that all expenses be reimbursed; seconded by John. All approved.

3. Shaver Lake Horse Camp: Cathy received an email from the SJSU reminding members that the horse camp at Shaver Lake is available for members; you have to be an associate member of that unit. There is no water but there is a port-a-potty. Cost is \$10/night. More information about the camp can be found in the SJSU newsletter.
4. Addition: Pump at Kelty: Mary got in touch with Amy about the nonworking pump at Kelty. Amy said she thought Larry would be willing to assist with the cost of replacement. Discussion about cost of pump and our contribution. Members felt that we should not be liable for pump replacement costs. Denise made a motion that we limit our contribution to installation and maintenance of the pump seasonally. Seconded by Sharon and John. All approved.
5. Addition: Mary needed proof of CPR for members that took the crosscut saw training provided by the FS. Some members still need to take CPR training; but those that provided proof to Mary already have had their information sent in by her to FS.
6. Addition: Next meeting to be rescheduled from third Tuesday to second Tuesday in August due to multiple members being involved in the Wilderness Rider/Master Class in Granite Creek.

General Discussion/Announcements:

None

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m; motioned by Denise, seconded by Karoline.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe