

## **Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – September 17, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Patricia Vallentyne, Gloria Garland, Teri Cook, Denise Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Lee Smith, John and Laurie Wagoner, and Sharon Seslowe.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Patricia V. called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **Minutes:**

- A motion to approve the minutes with amendments from August 2024 was made by Laurie W. and seconded by John W. The minutes passed unanimously.

### **Reports:**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Beginning and closing balances were announced.
- A motion was made to approve reimbursement payments to Patricia V. and Lee S. for tools and equipment purchased while we wait for SNF grant funds to arrive. The motion was made by John W. and seconded by Denise R. It passed unanimously.

#### **Education:**

- Denise R. informs us that the BCHC State meeting is in October. Denise R. and Patricia V. will attend. A new educational pin and brochure program will be enacted.

#### **Public Lands:**

- Patricia V. and Teri C. attended the Yosemite Access meeting.

#### **Membership:**

- Welcome new members, James and Ruby Laber.
- **Unfinished Business:**
- **Raffle Ride at Hensley Lake 1/1/25:**  
Patricia has pursued the MOU and, after many phone calls and emails, has finally received a response from the Army Corps of Engineers. The MOU is in process. Volunteers are needed for the planning committee, and unit members are asked to start collecting donation items for the raffle. A weekend getaway in 2025 has already been donated, but more items are needed. Trail ride posters and “save the date” advertising are in process.
- **AWRP Public Lands Day:**  
The Friends of Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park were approached by letter and email offering our services. The BOD has declined our offer of volunteer trail maintenance and help with signage. They did not provide an explanation.

**Biledo Cabin (Nelder Grove) Inspection:**

Patricia V. Dave & Thelma Howse, Jerry Harbottle and Ranger Cori Hyath inspected the cabin to assess the roof. Measurements were taken, and a possible source for shakes/shingles in North Fork will be contacted.

**New Business:**

- **Holiday Party Relocation:**

The annual holiday party needs to be relocated due to changes in Madera County's community room rental and use policy. Gloria will investigate an alternative location.

- **SNF Hours:**

Due ASAP to Gloria at [office@cvacupuncture.com](mailto:office@cvacupuncture.com).

- **Pledge for Center of Excellence:**

The unit agrees to pledge \$150 to the intern project.

- **Website Updates:**

Updates discussed include the inclusion of new pictures, BOD information, user-friendly access, and the addition of a second website administrator.

- **Mariposa Trails:**

Patricia V. attended the Mariposa Trails Strategic Meeting.

**Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.**