

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:35 p.m. The original date of September 15 was cancelled by President Miller due to lack of topics but then rescheduled for September 22 after President Miller received feedback from other unit members.

Minutes: Motion to approve the August minutes with corrections for the misspelling of Marliss's name as noted by Mary Odell. Motion made by Karoline, seconded by Laurie; corrected minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported on the unit balance. She also mentioned she had not received a Bill of Sale for the new storage trailer. Mary and John did not get one at the time of the transaction.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members; only revenue generated for membership renewals.

Education: Denise reported, in the wake of the Creek Fire, to be careful with fires. And when told to evacuate, don't hesitate to do so.

Public Lands: Patricia had nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Snow Play Labor Day Weekend: Several members met to dispense information to campers in the area. Numerous contacts made.
2. Saddle Donation update: Gloria absent; no update on status.
3. Trailer: Discussion on storage of items. Suggestion to meet on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 at Cathy's house. Bring all items to be stored. Will be able to see what fits and how best to get items secured.
4. Shirts: Laurie gave an update on the status of the unit shirts. In sum, they are being worked on.
5. Fun Rides: Denise brought topic back up from last meeting. She stated the purpose of the group was not fun rides but volunteer trail work as BCHC is a service organization. Her feeling is that if we want to do fun rides, they should not be under the umbrella of BCHC. In other words, the unit should not organize fun rides. Sharon brought up that in point of fact, historically the unit did organize fun rides, so what was the difference now? Mary offered that fun rides were ok to organize as long as something educational was offered. Consensus of group is divided. Some members still want fun rides but agree that should not be the focus of the group. Additional topic leftover from last meeting in re: timely notification to unit members, brought up by John. John felt advance notice for trail work was not necessary. He feels that if someone tells him about a downed tree, he will just go out and take care of it. Cathy stated smaller groups are better for trail work anyway. Others commented that trail work should be taken care of immediately so trails remain open. Some group members strongly feel adequate notification should be provided to all members for all events and work.

New Business

1. Kelty Pump: With the Creek Fire and the closure of the SNF, it might be difficult to access the pump at Kelty for winter removal. Without consulting the group, Mary immediately took out her calendar and selected dates with Cathy that would work for them, and instructed Cathy to contact Cori for access. Sharon pointed out that Mary's plan didn't consider other unit members. Cathy then asked who else would be interested, and further stated it would be short notice and likely a week day, Denise stated she would like to be

included in the event.

2. Corrals at Granite Creek: Tear down date TBD. Some discussion as to purchasing additional chain and locks. Further discussion on where to store them.
3. Marliss' Poll: The results of the poll Marliss took in an effort to determine the interests of the unit were discussed. Not all members participated, and not all members were contacted. John asked what we learned from the poll; in general it appears we do want to have some rides for fun.
4. Rendezvous: Mary brought up that the Rendezvous will be in Tulare March 25-28 next year, and asked if unit members would be willing to help put it on. Consensus of unit was positive.
5. Elections: Laurie asked what offices were up for election this year. Offices will be President and Secretary.
6. Marliss made a motion for John to buy 2 lengths of chain and 1-2 locks for the panels at Granite Creek. Motion seconded by Denise; motion passed.

General Discussion/Announcements:

Kelli brought up that if we were going to have a poker ride this year it was time to begin the planning. Cathy stated she would contact Hensley to reserve the site.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Karoline volunteered to hold the meeting at her house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m; motioned by Denise; seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe