

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:32 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

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

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported a decrease due to payment to the YLP barn for hosting the MM clinic; and account fees.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members or renewals.

Education: Denise reported she was giving a class at the Rendezvous: Travel and Camping on Durable Surfaces. Cathy will be giving a class as well: Leave What You Find.

Public Lands: Bob not present. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Pack Clinic: Planned for April 27 at AHRP. So far there seems to be a good response. Mary posted flyers on social media. Denise mentioned she received a call from a former member that wants to help; general discussion seems like a good idea so Denise to follow up. Denise's brother Dave has made some iron mules; Denise will be bringing her sawbuck and Cathy her decker. Cathy and Mary will be bringing pack animals. Group present decided to meet after Rendezvous at AHRP to iron out final details: mock run through and program set up. Run through date to be April 5 at 10:00 at AHRP. Additionally, Deb McDougal (FS) and Kathy Rhode are also having a pack clinic in Clovis March 24. They will be emphasizing hitches, not so much load building.
2. Eastman Lake Ride: The ride was beautiful with lots of wildflowers; but there are a lot of trees down. Mary talked to Morgan from Eastman Lake to discuss tree work and trail improvements; he welcomed our help and will email sign in sheets to her. Work day for tree removal was planned for April 4; meet at the Raymond Bridge at 10:00. John and Cathy will be bringing pack animals and saws; a tentative plan for leapfrogging from tree to tree was discussed.

New Business:

1. Rendezvous: March 29, 30, 31 in Norco. Call Cathy if you want raffle tickets! Discussion about travel, who is going, what is needed, table decorations (Sharon to take this on); unit raffle item (to be purchased at Rendezvous). Gonna be a great time!
2. Raymond Parade: Date is April 20. Wear a white shirt, blue jeans. Burgundy scarfs are available as well as burgundy saddle blankets. Cathy to send in entry; discussion tabled for next meeting.
3. Firewire Grant: Gloria is still waiting to hear if we got the grant; final list will be out March 22..keep fingers crossed....
4. Addition: Mary: We need to update and make sure emergency list is filled out and in place for all work days. Mary to send out email to remind people to do this. The forms are online; just download, fill them out and bring updated information to the next ride/work party.
5. Addition: Cathy received an update from BCHC about internship program funding. The goal was almost reached but not quite, so BCHC wants to extend the deadline to March 26. Mary moved we agree to extend the date to March 26; seconded by Karoline. Motion passed. Cathy to send info back to BCHC.

6. Addition: In attendance at the meeting were members from Mariposa Mountain Riders. They were interested in planning another joint ride for later in the summer. Ideas were discussed for date and location. Tentative date August 10; most likely the Kelty loop.
7. Addition: Mary mentioned we need to plan a work day for the French Trail; and suggested May or early June; after the snow melts but before it gets too hot.
8. Addition: John mentioned he still needs to get cedar trees for the remaining two kiosks from the Bass Lake Spring Cove area. Work date to be determined after Rendezvous.

General Discussion/Announcements:

None

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m; motioned by Denise, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe