SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES

 August , 2017

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library. Mary had three additions for the agenda: 2018 Rendezvous, Website, and Grant.

 Minutes: Motion to approve July minutes as presented made by Terry; seconded by John. Minutes approved.

 Treasurer’s Report: Laurie reported an increase to the balance even with checks paid out due to MDO payments, membership renewals, and Granite Creek food reimbursements.

 Membership: Laurie reported one member renewed and two more new memberships.

 Education: Denise reported on and reminded members that toilet paper and it’s stuff are not to be tolerated or left behind in the wilderness. It’s a big problem in Granite Creek this year.

 Public Lands: Nothing to report; Jay absent.

 Old Business:

1.Montana De Oro: Those that attended reported a fine time was had by all. Delicious food and excellent company. 13 members participated; no accidents or wrecks. Nice outing.

2.Scavenger Hunt Ride: Scheduled for October 7 as a fund raiser for the group. location either Fish Camp or Hensley. Cathy to contact relevant people to see about location requirements (permits and such). Group also considering YLP as a location for event.

3.Heritage Day Parade: Scheduled for September 16 in Oakhurst. Uniform will be burgundy bandana over a white long sleeved shirt, blue jeans and boots. Chaps/chinks optional. Discussed, motion made and approved for matching saddle blankets; group to purchase blankets but individuals purchase bandanas. Discussed staging at end of parade route then ride to parade start. Cathy is contact person; watch for emails updating events.

 New Business

1.Volunteer hours: After reminding members to submit all hours, Mary noted reporting hours (miles) to the state may have been done incorrectly in the past; she corrected prior miles and will clarify at the next state meeting if it’s now being done correctly. Happy to report YTD hour value for work done: $23,417.00 What a great group of hard working peeps!

2.New Safety Protocol: Cathy reported on the new safety protocol which is required to be followed prior to every ride and/or event; and which was well discussed in the last State Newsletter. NSP requires lots of forms; Cathy has tracked down just about all but one. New requirements discussed by members and ideas for how to comply. John passed around a nice item used for “personal emergency information” (medical info). Laurie has experience in knowing what kind of info is required on this form and will work up a sample form we can all use.

3.Pump Maintenance: Kelty meadow pump maintenance discussed and plans for replacement prior to next spring.

4.Labor Day Ride: Cathy would like to plan a Labor Day ride; possibly out of Snow Play; and will follow it up with emails.

5. Addition: Mary reported the 2018 Rendezvous in Red Bluff has been cancelled. The next Rendezvous will be in Norco in 2019. Individual units will be responsible for fundraising on their own.

6. Addition: Website: Robby has been doing an awesome job keeping the website looking good; space is an issue. We either need to cut down on photos or minutes. Conflict is grant people like to se photos; minutes need to be posted.

7. Addition: Grant: Mary found a grant opportunity on the AQHA site, “Step Up Grant”, which will be available August of 2018. There are lots of requirements but looks like a good fit for the unit.

 General Discussion/Announcements:

 The group discussed options for work at Granite Creek next year; consensus is to clean up the Mammoth Trail.

 The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m, at the Oakhurst Library.

 Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m; motioned by John, seconded by Terry.

 respectfully submitted,

 Sharon Seslowe