

SIERRA FREEPACKERS MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Miller at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library.

Minutes: Motion to approve the January minutes as presented made by Cathy, seconded by John. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie reported on the unit balance.

Membership: Laurie reported no new members; but some members renewed.

Education: Denise reminded the unit about the importance of check lists to review before each trip: first aid for trailers, tack room and your tack as well.

Public Lands: Patricia absent; nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Bass Lake Work Day: Work Day was January 24; several members worked hard to remove many downed trees. Next work day will be February 28; meet at 10:00 at the Wishon Boat Ramp. Bring lunch and PPE's.
2. State Board Meeting: Cathy and Denise attended. There are new LNT hang tags specific for stock use which are now available. Denise passed out tags for members present. The cost per tag is 0.25. Cathy reported the law suit with Tahoe NF is ongoing.
3. AHRP Kiosk: The installation of the kiosk went well. It is empty but Gloria is working on filling it up. The next kiosk will be for Deb McDougold.

New Business:

1. Rendezvous: Coming up fast! Cathy has raffle tickets available for those wanting to purchase them; this year the prizes are a form fitting pack saddle and a pack trip. Tickets \$5.00 each. Discussion followed as to who was going and assorted arrangements.
2. Volunteer Award Day April 28: The annual FS volunteer award dinner will be in Clovis in April. Our unit was nicely recognized last year. Mary wants any information from the dinner for an article for the local paper.
3. Addition: Grant - Mary completed the paperwork for the \$1000 grant; funds to be used to aid in purchase and subsequent outfitting of the trailer. This is a "matching funds" grant; we already came up with enough funds from the Poker Ride. The unit is wanting to partner with Minarets HS FFA to help with shelving and storage inside. We should know mid April if we get the grant. Some additional discussion re: advertising on the trailer to generate additional income.
4. Addition: John reported he had two additional banners made to be used for work party days; bringing the total number of banners to 4. He suggested we reimburse Gloria for the cost if we can get the amount from her. Mary said she would find out from Gloria what the cost is. Members present agree the cost should be reimbursed.
5. Addition: Strategic Plan: Cathy reported additional news from the state: The BCHC strategic Plan has been worked on; every unit is asked to vote on it by mid March. Cathy will send it to all members via email to read.
6. Addition: Sharon brought in a catalog and asked about if members would be interested in ordering unit shirts. General consensus very positive. Discussion as to color and logo. Laurie to check with her seamstress neighbor lady about cost, logistics, etc and report back.
7. Addition: Kelli reminded members that an Equine Dental Clinic will be next Thursday, 2/27 in Mariposa.

8. Addition: Mary asked if anyone had kids or knew of any (member) kids that would be interested in holding the banner in parade events. Discussion but not very many options for available kids.

General Discussion/Announcements:
None

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Oakhurst Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m; motioned by Karoline, seconded by John.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Seslowe