

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – September 16, 2025

Called to Order: 6:32 PM by Denise Robinson

In Attendance:

Patricia Vallentyne, Teri Cook, Gloria Garland, Denise Robinson, Robby Robinson, Lee Smith, Bill King, and Beth Killner.

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the August 2025 minutes (with corrections) was made by Lee Smith, seconded by Patricia Vallentyne.

Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

- To be announced.

Education

- To be announced.

Public Lands

- **Hensley Lake:** Patricia will stay in contact with park management regarding Sierra Freepackers' participation in **National Public Lands Day** (September 27).
- Project ideas and workday tasks were discussed. The group is awaiting the official trail survey before moving ahead with trail marking.
- Patricia and Teri documented areas needing work and shared photos.
- A flyer for the event was posted on the unit Facebook page.
- Odd trail markers with bicycle stickers were noted and reported to rangers.

Unit Work Projects

- **Mariposa Trails:**
Bill King and Beth Killner discussed upcoming trail stewardship projects for October and beyond.
Volunteers are needed for trail work and to help **pack tools and supplies** to the ACE trail crews.
For project dates and sign-up information, visit: mariposatrails.org
- Sierra Freepackers will share Mariposa Trails updates and cross-post open trail info for hikers and equestrians.

- **Upcoming Trail Work Dates:**

- Oct 1–8
- Oct 15–22
- Oct 29–Nov 5

Volunteer Hours & Reminders

- Please **track and report all volunteer hours**, including planning and recon rides.
Send totals to: **office@cvacupuncture.com**

Other Business

- **Public Education Day:** Scheduled for **November 15, 2025 (1:00–3:00 PM)** at **Yosemite Lakes Stables**.
Coordinators: Laurie Wagoner and Annette Deneuve.
Presentation will include guest speaker **Dr. Mero**.

Calendar Updates

- **Nov 15, 2025:** Community Education Event with Dr. Mero – Yosemite Lakes Stables (Free, open to the public)
- **Jan 2026:** State Officer Leadership Training – possible co-hosting opportunity
- **Mar 20–22, 2026:** Rendezvous in Ceres, CA – Volunteers needed (contact Denise)

Announcements

- Please send any **agenda items for the next meeting** to Denise at **robnden76@gmail.com**.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – Oakhurst Library, 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:26 PM