

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – March 18, 2025

In Attendance: Patricia Vallentyne, Teri Cook, Gloria Garland, John Wagoner, Laurie Wagoner, Denise Robinson, Robby Robinson, Alex Krevits, Jane Smith, and Debbie MacDougal.

Meeting Called to Order: Denise Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Veggie hors d'oeuvres were served.

Minutes:

- A motion to approve the amended minutes from February 18, 2025, was made by Gloria G. and seconded by Teri C. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Laurie Wagoner presented the financial report, including beginning and ending balances.
- A \$100 donation will be made to Yosemite Gateway Art Center for the holiday party.
- An additional \$25 (Venmo) was collected from the Raffle Ride.
- Gloria G. will be reimbursed \$75 for raffle thank-you letters, postage, and Raffle Ride advertising.

Education:

- The unit is searching for a new Education Chair.

Public Lands:

- The Merced River Trail Community Working Group (MRTCWG) meeting, originally scheduled for March 5 at 11:00 AM at the Development Services Conference Room, Government Center in Mariposa, was canceled due to a lack of quorum and financial issues.
- Hensley Lake: Patricia has reached out to management to discuss participation and signage installation during Public Lands Day in September. Teri C. and Patricia V. will recon the trails this month and perform trail maintenance per the MOU with Hensley Lake.

Membership:

- Laurie Wagoner reported one new membership this month. The unit membership list is being updated.

Saw and First Aid Training:

- Crosscut Saw: May 17 & 18 at Kokanee Work Center, Huntington Lake.
- Chainsaw: May 31 & June 1 at Kokanee Work Center, Huntington Lake.
- First Aid Training: April 12 at 8:00 AM at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis. Phone: (559) 297-0706.

Rendezvous 2025:

- Event Dates: April 11-13 at Rolling Hills Casino Equestrian Center, Corning.
- Registration packets are available online at BCHC Rendezvous and from Denise Robinson.
- Leave No Trace (LNT) Instructors Needed: Please contact Denise if you can help at robnden76@gmail.com.

Volunteer Hours Reminder:

- Gloria Garland reminded everyone to track and report all hours, including prep work and reconnaissance rides.
- Please submit hours monthly to office@cvacupuncture.com.

Raymond Parade:

- The parade is on April 19, 2025.
- Six unit members have expressed interest in participating. Contact Denise if you can participate at robnden76@gmail.com.

Calendar Updates:

- September 1: SFP will participate in Public Lands Day at Hensley Lake (signage installation and trail maintenance).
- May 2: Heritage Days at Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds. Kids' cards are not required. Volunteers are needed.
- January 2026: Officer Leadership Training – The state is looking for a host location. Possible unit co-hosting was discussed.
- Wilderness Rider LNT Master Course Training: To be held this autumn, date TBA. Contact Denise for details at robnden76@gmail.com.

New Business:

- Beth Killer shared information about Central California Animal Disaster Team training:

Volunteer Orientation & Team Training for Animal Care and Evacuation During Natural Disasters

Date: April 5, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Mariposa County Fire Dept, 4802 Hwy 140, Mariposa

Announcements from the Floor:

- Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- April 15, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM