

## **Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – February 18, 2025**

**In Attendance:** Patricia Vallentyne, Gloria Garland, John Wagoner, Laurie Wagoner, Denise Robinson, Robby Robinson, Lee Smith, and Annette Denevue.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Denise Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the amended minutes from January 21, 2025, was made by Laurie Wagoner, seconded by Robby Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Laurie Wagoner presented the financial report, including beginning and ending balances.
- A \$150 contribution to the BCHC intern program will be made from the unit's treasury fund.
- The final total from the Raffle Ride was reported. Great job, everyone!
- A \$50 donation will be made to the Oakhurst Library.

#### **Education:**

- The unit is searching for a new Education Chair.

#### **Public Lands:**

- **State Meeting Report:**

- Patricia Vallentyne and Denise Robinson attended the BCHC state meeting.
- Changes to the bylaws and the new harassment policy were reported.
- Club memberships are now open to other trail and equestrian organizations.
- The youth membership program has been discontinued due to DOJ restrictions but youth may still participate with a parent/guardian as part of a family membership.

- **Trail Work Updates:**

- BCHA leads in volunteer hours in national forests nationwide!
- The Sierra National Forest has no budget for clearing non-motorized trails this year, making our volunteer efforts more critical than ever.
- Several members have already contributed to trail work. Thank you to Gary and Anne Bates, Jane Smith, and Beth Killner for reporting their hours!
- Sponsorships from major horse industry vendors were suggested.

- Patricia is researching grant opportunities for trail maintenance and the Billidoo Cabin project in Nelder Grove.
- Grants for repairing or replacing Clover Meadow Ranger Station were discussed.

### **Membership:**

- Laurie Wagoner reported that state and unit membership lists need updating.
- Several new members signed up at the Raffle Ride.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **Rendezvous 2025:**

- Posters were shared and are being distributed locally.
- Event dates: April 11-13 at Rolling Hills Casino Equestrian Center in Corning.
- Registration packets are online at [BCHC Rendezvous](#) and available from Denise Robinson.

#### **Volunteer Hours Reminder:**

- Gloria Garland reminded everyone to track and report all hours, including prep work and reconnaissance rides.
- Please send hours in monthly to [office@cvacupuncture.com](mailto:office@cvacupuncture.com).

#### **Raymond Parade:**

- The parade is on April 19, 2025.
- Denise Robinson will send an email to gauge participation.
- Contact Denise if you can participate.

#### **Announcements from the Floor:**

- Unit members will attend the **Merced River Trail Community Working Group (MRTCWG)** on March 5 at 11:00 AM at the Development Services Conference Room, Government Center in Mariposa.
- **Calendar Update:** SFP will participate in **Public Lands Day at Hensley Lake on September 1.**
- Agenda items are requested for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2025

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 PM