

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2024

In Attendance: Patricia Vallentyne, Gloria Garland, Teri Cook, Denise Robinson, Robby Robinson, Lee Smith and John Wagoner.

Meeting Called to Order: Patricia Vallentyne called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Minutes:

- **October 2024 Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Denise Robinson and seconded by John Wagoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Patricia V. reported the beginning and closing balances.
- Expenses:
 - PO Box rental: \$150.00
 - Grant receipts and a list of recipients have been submitted to Debbie McDougald SNF, by Laurie W. for reimbursement.

Education:

- Denise R. reminded everyone to be cautious with acorns due to potential health issues for horses.

Public Lands:

- **Range of Light Proposal and Unite the Parks:** Updates were discussed.
- **Merced River Trail Plan:** Wendy Brown presented a letter emphasizing the importance of equestrian access and multi-use trails. This letter was shared with the Mariposa Board of Supervisors, MRT Planning Committee, BLM, and Mariposa Irrigation Department.

Unfinished Business

- **Raffle Ride:**
 - John W., Anne, and Gary Bates completed a pre-ride trail reconnaissance.
 - Observations: New jumps and illegal trail modifications were noted. Volunteers will map these issues and submit them to Hensley Lake staff.

- Planning: Volunteers are needed for the planning committee and on 1/1/25 for pre ride set up and take down. Members are encouraged to collect raffle donations. Posters and “Save the Date” flyers are available.
- Patricia V. and Teri Cook will promote the raffle ride and sell tickets at Tractor Supply soon.

New Business:

Holiday Party – December 8, 2024 (1:00 PM–4:00 PM):

- Location: Yosemite Gateway Art Center, 40982 Highway 41, Oakhurst.
- Activities:
 - Elections for the next term.
 - Potluck and gift exchange game. Please bring a dish to share!

Election Nominations:

- Nominations for president and secretary are open for the upcoming election.

Unit Hours (BCHC Only):

- Members are reminded to submit all hours (e.g., reconnaissance rides, unlogged work hours, shopping, equipment use, stock use, and travel time) to Gloria at office@cvacupuncture.com as soon as possible.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Date: December 8, 2024 - 1:00 to 4:00
- Members are encouraged to submit agenda items.