

Sierra Freepackers Meeting Notes – Dec. 8, 2024

In Attendance: Patricia & Don Vallentyne, Gloria Garland, Teri Cook, Denise Robinson, Robby Robinson, Lee Smith, Jane Darwin, Jane & Wes Smith, Laurie & John Wagoner, Wendy Brown, Ally Jean, Marlis and David Rohrer, Kelli Land

Meeting Called to Order: Patricia Vallentyne called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM during the unit's Holiday Party at the Yosemite Gateway Art Center.

Minutes:

- John Wagoner motioned to approve the November 2024 minutes, seconded by Laurie Wagoner. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Laurie Wagoner reported the beginning and closing balances.
- New checks were ordered, and internet and web fees were paid.

Education:

- Denise Robinson announced her decision to step down as the unit education chair to assume the unit's president position. Officers are not permitted to hold more than one office at a time. Because I am a member of the BCHC State Board as co-chair of Education, and as President of our unit I cannot vote at the State Board Meeting representing our unit. Therefore Patricia has agreed to perform as Unit Director so she can vote at the State Board Meeting representing our unit.
- A new unit chairperson for education is needed.

Public Lands:

- Patricia Vallentyne discussed issues related to the Range of Light Proposal. A public meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025, in Clovis. She will continue as the unit's public lands representative in 2025.
- The MRT plan letters were also discussed.

Unfinished Business:

- Raffle Ride – January 1, 2025: Preparations are underway, and donations are being collected. Members will recon and mark the trail, as well as hide painted rocks (prizes) before the ride.

New Business:

- Unit Hours (Non-Sierra National Forest Hours):

- o Hours for trail work, recon rides, meetings, letter writing, donation collections, and mileage need to be submitted to the state.

- o The date range is February 2023 to February 2024.

- o Submit hours ASAP to Gloria at office@cvacupuncture.com.

- Elections:

- o Denise Robinson was nominated and unanimously voted in as interim unit president.

- o Gloria Garland was nominated and unanimously voted in as secretary.

- Outgoing President Recognition:

- o Patricia Vallentyne was presented with a handcrafted leather-bound notebook by Kelli Land and a quilt made by Laurie Wagoner.

Agenda items for the next meeting are requested.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Oakhurst Library