

Lake Don Pedro Trailblazer Minutes of General Meeting

February 13, 2023 5:30pm

Location: Cheatham Residence

Attending: Diana Rapa, Dan Cheatham, Kimberly Cheatham

Discussion:

- Forming a committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer – *Agreed to form a committee*
- Reach out to Mariposa/Tuolumne County for funding or Fire Preventive Crew for downed trees. – *Kim will reach out to see if this is still an option. Previous group had mentioned talking to County for work crews.*
- Attend HOA meeting in Wednesday, March 8th 6:30pm -*Email has been sent to HOA to inform them of our intention of attending and subjects we wish to discuss.*
- Do we want to keep the Trailblazer name? Can't get the username & password for FB page or Website. *User name and password has been received. New posts have been added to get people's attention, using that platform to get those previously interested involved again.*
- Grants from AQHA & Tractor Supply – *Previously a Grant had been issued for the Trailblazers to grade and lay new gravel for specific parks. Also used for picnic tables, BBQ pits, concrete. Etc.. We should start evaluating what materials we need and other areas that need attention, besides just clearing the trails.*
- 2022 we worked 6 days average of 15 volunteer hours each day with a total of 88 hours.
 - We nearly completed the entire Violetta Loop (approx. miles unknown)
 - Maybe we can ride it and track miles or walk part of it and measure it out to calculate miles? *We need to attempt to log how far each trail is, not only for work that has been completed but for hikers & riders to know the distance.*
- Fund raisers / Community Involvement
 - Quarterly rides, BBQs, etc? *We have decided to have a fun day to get people out and introduce ourselves, to encourage people to come see a trail and enjoy what is around us. Date is Sunday, March 5th at 10am. We will sell maps for the trail (and the area) for \$5 and BBQ Hamburgers and Hotdogs, chips and water. \$5 per person.*
 - T-shirts or Swag of some sort. *Diana is crafty and creative, she will help design the shirts. We should sell those and encourage people to wear them while clearing the trails. More people that know who we are and what we are doing and not just neighbors out clearing our yards. Previous years the Trailblazers sold coffee mugs at the Lumber Yard. If we can think of something cost effective that people will want to purchase to help raise more funds.*
- Set a day for each month to clear trails and day each month to discuss needs and plans. – *we can meet on a weeknight so we are not always giving up a weekend. I have asked the HOA if there is a space we can use at the Hacienda, we can go over that at the March HOA meeting. We have a few people that can only work a Sunday or Monday,*

Diana mentioned she prefers a Sunday because she travels Saturday. We can operate multiple groups. We all don't have to work the same day. If a certain day of the week works best, if we can get others to commit to the same day, it would be worth it.

- Start thinking about what day we want to do a Spring ride out and possible a Fall ride out.
 - We can even plan each member offer a guided ride in their area? – *I have had a few people say they don't have horses but still want to help, we have hikers here too, so if we want to plan a couple of hikes, dog walks or something similar to show them the area trails, I am down for that. We enjoy hiking too. We have to think outside of just horse people. Diana had mentioned mountain bikers.... I love the idea but not sure of the rules regarding that, We also don't want to attract the attention of all these mountain bikes and have to worry about them while trail riding. – I wont say this subject is closed, definitely needs more thought and research.*
- **Before March 5th “Get to Know a Trail” event**
 - *Weed eat the trail around Alfier Park – last time we rode this trail, last week, it was muddy near the creek, we need to check that out and devise a safe route for people. Clean picnic bench and clear out trash.*
 - *Grocery shop for BBQ supplies -Kim and Dan can do this and save receipt for reimbursement from tickets and maps sold.*
 - *We have a small portable BBQer we can bring, anyone have another one in case we get a lot of people wanting lunch? We will get to the site early and set everything up. Dan plans on BBQing while we hike/ride. I am going to ride and lead the front, I think Diana will hike. Tina – will your husband join us and will he want to ride, hike or help Dan?*

Meet adjourned at 6:35pm