



## Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

### Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Location: Lake Don Pedro High School Multipurpose Room

Attendees: Terrie Booten, Monica Fay, Jeannie Jenkins, Jane Cloud, Brenda Nathaniel, Ron Hunt, V.P. LDPOA, Joyce Hunt, Eric Forrester, David Reynolds, Steve Alexander & Tracy.

Terrie Booten opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were then made around the room.

Terrie informed the group that scheduled guest speaker, Loren Snider who was to give a presentation on the correct way to prune trees, would not be able to make the meeting. Discussion was then moved to agenda item III under New Business, Update from Owners Association.

Ron Hunt, V.P., LDPOA, informed the group that progress was being made on the design and printing of trail maps for LDP trails. He said that although there is agreement on the content of the map, it is difficult to design a map that will cover the entire subdivision and still be readable and portable due to the size of the subdivision. The map would be very long if printed in a readable format, and if the map was made smaller, it would be very difficult if not impossible to read. The proposed map would cover the entire subdivision except for the T-1 area. Hunt said he will continue to work with Saber Design, Groveland, publishers of the proposed map, to come up with a solution.

It was suggested that a smaller map could be developed and printed for each section of the subdivision, which would create individual, foldable maps for each unit; i.e., M-1, M-2, T-2, etc. The proposed Unit maps would be 11" x 14" and tri-folded.

Dave Reynolds volunteered to work with Ron and Saber Design to develop a more "user friendly" map using GIS software.

Ron informed the group that he is working with other Board members and County officials to open up some of the designated open space parks in the sub-division that have never been opened. Currently there are a number of open space areas that are not being used as parks that could be developed as such with minimal improvements/enhancements.

Ron asked the LDP Trailblazers to assist with volunteer clean up day at El Prado Park on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers can also bring small dumpster items from home to throw away at no charge. Clean up work will also focus on the horse park at El Prado.

To contact Ron Hunt or for more information on the planned clean up day at El Prado Park, call the LDPOA at 852-2312.

Terrie Booten reported that both counties have reneged on painting crosswalks at trail heads/horse crossings. She explained that the counties are concerned that placing the crosswalks will give riders and drivers a false sense of security. Neither county felt that crosswalks are a good idea at this time. However, both counties are willing to put up signage. Mariposa County has agreed to absorb the cost for the signs and will install them. Tuolumne Co. will install them but it will be our cost for the signs.

Jeannie Jenkins suggested that the corner of Banderilla and Ranchito is a dangerous crossing due to fast moving cars and putting up a 4-way stop sign would be a good idea. Terrie has brought that up with Mariposa Co. but further discussion will be required before it happens.

Terrie reported that she met with Darlene Benson/ Mariposa County, and the County has agreed to provide and install equestrian signage on streets. Ms. Benson has requested that our volunteers mark trailheads with a white "X" at the edge of the roadway at trailheads.

Terrie asked for volunteers to help mark the trailheads along Banderilla from Hidalgo across Ranchito to where Banderilla meets Ranchito again. A volunteer work party for this project is scheduled for **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Volunteers will meet at the corner of Hidalgo and Banderilla in front of the elementary school. Terrie Booten, Brenda Nathaniel, Joyce and Ron Hunt, Monica Fay, Steve and Jeannie Jenkins volunteered. Joyce will supervise a burn pile on Mojica off of Banderilla.

In a meeting with Darlene Benson,(Mariposa County) it was requested that volunteers do not write on or mark an easement or trail unless absolutely sure of where the trail head is as indicated by surveyor pins. She has located a couple of easements that were mismarked. When in doubt, volunteers should contact Jane Cloud, Trail Coordinator, of the questionable location and she will compile a list to forward to the appropriate county for assistance.

Jane Cloud passed out copies of a spreadsheet document she developed of LDP subdivision trails in Tuolumne Co. Unit #2. The document lists trails by name (assigned by Jane) and identifies each trail by street address, trail location on lot, trail name, and connection to other trails. The spreadsheet also has a column for "trail comments" which has info on trail/property markers. This document will be shared with the LDPOA for reference as well.

Terrie passed out a copy of "Protocol for Marking Trails in Lake Don Pedro" document for volunteers' information. This document will be presented to the Board for their approval and made part of the procedures related to the trails of the subdivision.

LDP Trailblazer Volunteer Coordinators/Liaisons: Jane Cloud, Trail Coordinator, Diane Chalklin, Easement Liaison; Heidi Russell, member of Parks & Trails Subcommittee, LDPOA; David Reynolds, Liaison for LDP Map project; Eric Forrester, LDPTB website; Jeanne Jenkins, LDPTB meeting location; Terrie Booten, Liaison, Counties & LDPOA subcommittee member of A.C.C. & Compliance Committee.

Terrie further reported that Tuolumne County has agreed to install signage where "we" (trailblazer group) feel are appropriate, but the Trailblazers would be responsible for buying the signs. It was suggested that the cost of the signs be submitted to the LDPOA as a budget item.

Ron Hunt commented that the corner of Villareal and Banderilla could also use a 4-way stop sign. He asked for Trailblazer support should he make a formal proposal to the LDPOA. We have agreed to support that recommendation.

Terrie suggested that requests for signage/stop signs need to be prioritized according to trail usage and perceived danger, and riders/users should flag dangerous street crossings and report them to her.

Terrie reported that there is a County ordinance which addresses the issue of ATVs or motorized vehicles on trails: Ordinance 2234, section 9. 20.030 of the Mariposa Co. & vehicle code 23127 strictly prohibit motorized vehicles on trails. However, Tuolumne County is “unposted”. She further reported that Lt. Diaz with Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Department has agreed to look into the vehicle codes & current ordinance regarding motorized vehicles on our trails. He agrees that it is enforceable but needed some time to review their Ordinances for the appropriate sections that they can enforce. Terrie also recommended the Tuolumne Co. Sheriff’s Posse use our trails as training or general patrol. Lt. Diaz is going to provide us with the contact person for the Posse which is a volunteer organization and not law enforcement personnel.

Terrie reported that the County will not enforce trespassing complaints unless there is a “no trespassing” sign posted on the property.

Terrie reported that one of the 2010 goals of the LDPTB is to identify two to three parks in the subdivision that can be developed as potential park and ride sites. She mentioned a beautiful spot lies between T-3 and M-1 areas within BLM land. She is currently working with a BLM Ranger on this project for development of a parking area, picnic spot.

It was proposed that the LDPTB and LDPOA host a B.B.Q and trail ride on a date in September. A proposed budget for the barbecue portion of the event is being submitted by the Trailblazers for submission to the LDPOA.

Terrie gave a brief presentation on the “Cool Vest.” A cooling vest that provides cooling relief from the hot sun. A “cooling hat” is also available through Stay Warm-Stay Cool Company. For more information, contact Terrie Booten or Joyce Hunt. Suggested retail price: \$55.00 (vest), \$15.00 for the hat although, Joyce as dubbed herself the procurement officer of the group and will find the best deals for items the group wants to buy! So she will research and see if she can find a less expensive cost for the these vests.

Terrie asked LDP Trailblazer volunteers to fill out a “Volunteer Statement” form as requested by Mariposa County. To obtain a Volunteer Statement form, contact Terrie Booten. All LDPTB volunteers need to fill out the Volunteer Statement form and return to Terrie.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next LDP Trailblazer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at in the LDPHS multi-purpose room.

*Come join us!!*

