



Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Location: Lake Don Pedro High School Multipurpose Room

Attendees: *Terrie Booten, Steve and Carolyn Bauhr, Jeanne Jenkins, Jane Cloud, Brenda Nathaniel, Barb Bojarques, Eric Forester, David & Andrea Reynolds, Heidi Russell, Glenda Dortch, Diane Chalklin, Dave Taylor, Vicki Eiland, Loren Snider (guest speaker)*

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

*Terrie reported that the Lake Don Pedro Owners Association (LDPOA) is considering recognizing the LDPTB (Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers) as a sub-committee under the Association's Parks and Trails Committee. She explained that doing so would allow the LDPTB to be covered under the Association's insurance and 501c3 (not for profit) status. The motion will be made at the next Association Board meeting.

*Terrie reported that she submitted a proposed budget request on behalf of the Trailblazers, to the Lake Don Pedro Owners Association for proposed 2010 projects. Total amount of the proposed budget is \$12,000. It will be presented during the April meeting.

*Terrie reported that both Mariposa and Tuolumne counties have signed off on the proposed "Protocol for Marking Trails" document, and now it will go to the LDPOA for their approval and will adopt the protocol as policy.

*Terrie reported that in keeping with national Earth Day recognition, the Owners Association and the LDPTB will participate in a cleanup day at El Prado Park. LDPTB will mainly focus on cleaning up the horse park at El Prado. Volunteers should plan to meet at the park at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers should bring their own tools, gloves, etc. Jane Cloud volunteered to coordinate the volunteer effort for April 17th. Please try to participate as this is a win-win for all of us.

*Terrie reported that Mariposa County has made available to Tuolumne County, an AutoCAD of its 4'x6' map of the subdivision so that Tuolumne County can complete the open spaces and trails in T-2 & T-3.

*Terrie reported that she has submitted a letter, on behalf of the LDPTB, to Tuolumne County Supervisor John Gray and Mariposa County Supervisor Lyle Turpin outlining a proposed line item budget in the amount of \$4,700. The letter was also distributed to all of the County supervisors for their consideration. She has spoken to some of them who are in support of the request.

*Dave Taylor reported that he has been working with Mariposa County Supervisor Lyle Turpin on a proposed re-alignment of the horse crossing/easement at Jalisco and Banderilla. After discussion, the group gave their ok to abandon some of the trail for a re-alignment making it easier to transition in that area.

*Glenda gave members an overview on the Save Our Schools committee and their efforts to raise funds to launch the new Golden Lakes Charter School next fall. She then asked members to consider hosting a poker run to raise money in support of the proposed new school.

It was generally agreed that LDPTB members would discuss the request and ideas for a possible fundraiser at their next regular meeting in April.

*Vicki Eiland reported on her research regarding possible funding sources. She informed the group that the AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) has a grant program for Trail and Park stewardship. The AQHA in partnership with Tractor Supply Company has established STEP (Stewards for Trails, Education & Partnerships) program. Vicki commented that she thinks the LDPTB could make a successful application for the STEP grant. A list of proposed projects that could be a “good fit” for the STEP grant was drafted and prioritized.

They are:

STAGING AREAS: Gregoris Park & the Horse Camp

SIGNAGE

PADDLES

FUNDING for EASEMENT APPROPRIATION

KIOSKS

MAPPING

TOOLS: an ATV to work on trails, starters & drivers for each unit (M1,M2, M3, T2, T3), chain saw & necessary equip., hire Loren Snider, tree arborist to trim trees throughout.

Brenda Nathaniel volunteered to draft language describing why the LDPTB should be considered to become a beneficiary of funds raised through the STEP program, which is required as part of the grant application process. A draft of the 400-word essay will be submitted to Vicki and Terrie for review.

*Loren Snider, guest speaker, gave an overview on the correct way to prune trees. Mr. Snider is a professional Arborist, and has been working as a professional Gardner/Arborist since 1979.

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next LDP Trailblazer meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** at in the LDPHS multi-purpose room.