



Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

April 15, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Attendees:

Terrie Booten	Diane Chalklin	Dave & Andrea Reynolds
Monica Fay	Eric Forester	Steve Alexander
Brenda Nathaniel	Dave Taylor	Traci Sunseri
Jeanne Jenkins	Jane Cloud	Vicki Eiland
Marie & Dave Hallieb (Manges)		

LDPOA representation: Ron Hunt, Trails and Parks Committee

Cash Donations at meeting: \$120

Calendar Updates:

- Next LDPOA meeting – May 8th @ The Hacienda
- Next Meeting: May 20, 7PM in the DPHS Multi-Purpose Room
- Get Out and Ride and Hike Day – June 5 (includes BBQ sponsored by LDPOA at El Prado Park)

Agenda:

The agenda for the evening covered the items listed below:

1. Old Business:
 - a. Update with LDPOA – Ron Hunt
2. Treasurer's report – Monica Fay
3. Budget / Grant Update – Terrie Booten
4. Easement Realignment Update – Terrie Booten
5. Charter School Fundraiser – Terrie Booten
6. Other Updates:
7. Other News:
 - a. May 29 Horses, Wine & Art benefit for Delta Sierra Dressage at Bridlewood Equestrian Center – Monica Fay
 - b. Vicki Eiland is selling raffle tickets for the Twain Harte Horseman Assoc. Donations \$5.00 and drawing is 7/1/10
8. New Business – Terrie Booten

Old Business

LDPOA Update:

- Saturday April 17 Clean Up Day – Ron talked about the planned community clean up. Groups were planning to work on the El Prado park and horse camp. In addition, Mariposa County and LDPOA were supplying dumpsters for owners to bring trash items.
 - Jane talked about prep that was done for the horse camp clean up day. This included identifying and clearing property lines, finding and planning for culvert area, etc. Plan to clear area to make it as open as possible for parking of trucks and trailer. Plan to install new tie rail made by Bill Cloud.
 - One of the options if we get grant money is to gravel the road within the horse park. Would need estimate to help with grant prep.
- LDPOA accepted the trail marking protocol
- LDPOA agreed to take the Trailblazer group as a subcommittee under the Parks and Trails committee under the OA umbrella – this includes coverage under their general liability insurance
- Map project – still underway
- Approved purchase of another 50 paddles & pilot hole driver (we now have 100 for Tuolumne and 90 for Mariposa)
- **Ron is trying to get an extra \$2,000 approved for Trails in next years LDPOA budget – need good representation at OA meetings to show the level of commitment and interest in the trails activities. LDPOA meetings are monthly on the second Saturday at 10AM at the Hacienda. Eric will put the OA meetings on the website calendar. Prior to every OA meeting, Terrie will give Ron volunteer hours and what was accomplished during the month.**

Web Site update:

- Eric continues to make changes and adds to the website including adding marked trail maps to view and printout.

Water buckets & Trailblazer signs:

- Marie is making water buckets that have the Trailblazer name and phone number. These will be put at places along the trail where the owners have given water access.
- Marie is also making very nice LDP Trailblazer signs out of wood. She brings them to the meeting and only asks for donations for the group. **Thank You Marie**. They are a great way to hang on the front gate, fence or where ever and advertise our group.

Budget Update

- Monica walked through spreadsheet of Trailblazer contributions and expenses
- Terrie submitted letters and budget requests to both counties – response is money is tight

- **Mariposa says it has \$750 for Trailblazers in this budget year (ends 6/30). Group agreed to use this on a kiosk and the location would be Gregoris Pond as that is in Mariposa County. Need to get estimates ASAP. Terrie and Bill Cloud will work on design.**
- Terrie, Vicki and Brenda are working on grant possibilities and proposals. One finding is that in many cases, group must be a 501(c)3 to be eligible for grants.
- Discussed trail work goals:
 - Jane requested paddling the entrances to the Merced Falls Trail
 - Terrie has goal to finish marking trail entrances on Banderilla so that Mariposa will come to mark horse crossings
 - Terrie has goal for 2 more work parties before June 1 – before it gets too hot and ground to hard * [watch the calendar on the web site for dates.](#)

Easement Realignment Update

- Diane Chalklin is still working on it and thinks it will be a couple more weeks.
- Group discussed proposed easement realignment on Banderilla on Duste's property lot 636. Ron Hunt and Dave Taylor went out to the site to review it. Ron felt this needs more review before approving. His concern is that it goes between the Duste's two lots and may affect resale. He wants to make sure that it creates a useable trail.

New Business

- Terrie asked group if there was any interest in providing guided trail rides. Feedback was to focus on the June 5 ride / hike day due to limited available time.
- Vicki will write about the June 5 event in her next article
- Discussion about liability when riding the trails – key message is that riders accept and ride at own risk when riding the trails alone and with others. Landowners are only liable if they have created an obstruction on the trail that leads to an injury.
- Steve Alexander asked for the group to have more of a safety focus when working on trails (including using hearing protection, safety glasses, and care when using chain saws).
- Dave Reynolds shared a draft Trailblazer flyer he has been working on and asked for feedback from the group. Key thoughts were:
 - In general group thought it was very good, keep general format
 - Be inclusive – including hikers and mountain bikers
 - Dave needs a photo of a mountain biker – Monica and Terrie willing to stage this
 - Please send Dave additional feedback and photos to dreynolds87@hotmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.