

## Meeting Minutes – 3/18/15

The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m. with the introduction of Jeff Horn from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Jeff was here to give a general update of what will be going on at Cronan Ranch.

Jeff's presentation briefly touched on the following:

- Star thistle spraying will take place sometime during April. DHA will be notified of the specific date(s) when available. Also, sheep (approximately 300) will be brought in to eat and trample down the star thistle. They will be accompanied by a sheep herder and allowed to graze both free-range and confined in fencing.
- April 4 will be a volunteer work day at Cronan. Also, there are now new forms available for DHA volunteers. These forms will need to be re-signed annually.
- New bigger signage will be going up at Cronan (Pedro Hill). Also, there will be cautionary information displayed on signage and in the kiosks regarding bikers versus horses on the trail.
- The kiosks at Pedro Hill are going to be moved out of the parking lot to a better, more visible location. This will allow for improved access and viewing of trail information.
- There is still work to be done on the connector trail. The route will be re-flagged after the environmental inspection – two miles of new trail.
- The hunting season dates (usually fall) and other pertinent information will be posted in the kiosks.
- Organized groups as well as commercial and competitive groups all need to have a permit to use the trails at Cronan. The fees for a permit run approximately \$105-plus.
- A good Trail Patrol project at Pedro Hill would be the construction of a permanent step-up mounting structure.

Ann Blankenship and Jaci Crowley talked about a slide show presentation by Bob and Judy Suter that highlights the problems of horses versus bicyclists on the Western States Trail, which is designated as a multi-use trail system. Ann and Jaci agreed to coordinate getting the Suter's to give a presentation at DHA's April meeting.

Carole Wade brought up the subject of safety vests, in particular "Get Air." Pam will send out an e-mail blast to members for a show of interest in having a demonstration at our May general meeting. Carole agreed to be the contact person.

There was a discussion about the Greenwood "historical trail easement" where the property owner is talking about selling his property and possibly blocking off the trail

easement. There has been an ongoing problem with the use of the easement, and it was felt that Jerry Scribner might be the best person to get involved with the issue. Katie agreed to contact Jerry to see if he could deal with the matter.

Directories will be mailed out to members in the next couple of weeks or so.

Pam Greer will be working on DHA's version of the "Park Watch" card. Jeff said the card should display "the reasons to call" along with appropriate numbers.

Ann reminded everyone about the Dru Barner fun ride on Memorial Day weekend and said they need volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.