

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—MAY 18, 2019

The SFTR Women's Group met May 18, 2019 at the home of Dena Wagner. Those attending included Juanita Adams, Sharon Beaver, Theresa Garland, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, June Stephens, and Dena Wagner. Sending regrets were Mary Bishop, Deb Johnson, Sara Joy, Pat Nash, and Jill Wilson. Everyone enjoyed the amazing, artful and tasty spread Dena set out as they discussed the following items: ----Dena reported that she had paid Blake Johnson \$545.29 for his work on the new bulletin board at the mailboxes. She also reported that the treasury balance is \$4342.18. ----The annual picnic will be held at the new Metro Operations Center on July 6, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be a potluck lunch. ----After a discussion about tents, it was decided to delay any decision about the large tent for at least a year. That tent, however, will not need to be set up this year. The need for setting up any smaller tents will be determined at the June meeting. ----One tent will be needed for the welcome table and Pat and Jill have volunteered to register attendees as they arrive. ---Mary G. will again create all related-to-the-picnic flyers and posters. ----Dena will contact Little Stinker to ensure that there will be facilities in the event that the center may not be ready at that date. ----Sharon and Lynne will manage the food tables. The Women's Group will provide water and table service for those from out of town who may be unable to bring their own. ----Dena will manage the logo wear with help from many to be determined later. Anyone who might be interested in taking over the logo wear should contact Dena. ----A need for a raffle chair was expressed. (After the meeting, Carol reported that Laura Lee Rapp had volunteered to take that responsibility. THANK YOU, LAURA!) ----Janet Woods has donated a number of items, which may be useful in the center's kitchen area and/or for the picnic or a POA meeting. The Women's Group thanks Janet for her generosity. ----Those present agreed to host the Annual POA meeting in October by setting up for the food and drinks needed for the potluck lunch to follow the main meeting. The POA Board encourages everyone to stay for the lunch and the several informative speakers in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more specifics prior to the meeting. ----Carol has provided Bob Scott with a list of items the Women's Group would like to see in the center, many of which may be included. There will be a Women's Group closet @10' x 10' for which the group is most thankful! ----The hope is that the group can find a lockable, glass display case for logo wear items and perhaps a large, lockable shadow box for the wall behind the display case. Carol will contact Deb Johnson about such a search. ----Mary expressed a need for some sort of playground area for children during ranch gatherings at the center. ----Carol encouraged everyone to think of activities/events in which members and residents in general might enjoy participating. One could place a notice about an activity on the web in order to seek others who might enjoy joining in. It doesn't need to be a formal meeting and quite possibly could be rather spontaneous. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF SHARON BEAVER ON JUNE 15, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. Sharon's address is 33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive (Lot B3). Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—JUNE 15, 2019

The SFTR Women's Group meeting was held at the home of Sharon Beaver on June 15, 2019. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Mary Ghormley, Claudia Henning, Deb Johnson, Maureen Latham, Victoria Pigott, Carol Smith, Millie Straabe, and Barb Wurfel. Dena Wagner sent regrets. The following items were discussed: ----Carol informed the group that she anticipates the food, logo wear, and raffle tables will be set up inside the-currently-under-construction-Metro Center for the July 6, 2019 ranch picnic. Tables for eating will be outside. Since it the first time for this venue, there will be a number of situations that will need to be handled the last minute. ----Dena will put out a list of when helpers should report to help at the logo wear tables. Barb suggested that we ask Dena if she wants to hang any items for display. Maureen said she had a rolling hanger cart that could be used. ----Laura Rapp and Deb are handling the raffle. There are a good number of items for that event. ----Carol reported that Patricia Kinder had contacted her with an interest in the 30' x 10' tent for the Veterans' Council if the Women's Group no longer needs it. After discussion the consensus was that the Group should keep the two 10' x 13' tents and the other smaller pop-up tents. Also the Veterans' Council will be holding an event near July 4 and may use the larger tent. If it works for them as expected, those present decided that the Women's Group will donate it to the Council. ----Maureen showed two display cases she had found as possibilities for Women's Group displays in the new Metro Center. Maureen will investigate further to determine if the cases are sturdy, glass, lockable and of a good size. Everyone appreciates her efforts. ----Carol also suggested finding a shadow box/bulletin board for above the above case. ----Deb shared that she is working with John Sanders and the Communications Committee to determine under which apps the Women's Group minutes and other documents will be stored on the Nextdoor site. Everyone agrees that all ranch minutes should go under the same app/heading. Anyone with questions should contact Deb. ----All were reminded that the Women's Group will set up for the pot luck lunch to be held after the October Annual POA meeting and before several informative talks to be held after the lunch. The Group will also clean up after the talks. ----There was discussion about the need for all to be thinking about possible venues for the fall harvest dinner. The possibility of finding a caterer so that residents can celebrate and enjoy the completed center is another option to consider. ----There was discussion about a need to find ways to properly thank all those who serve on the POA Board and various committees and who volunteer in so many ways to make life here on the ranch so good. Everyone was urged to think about ways to recognize volunteers and also about ways to include the history of the SFTR in so doing. In addition, it was decided that whoever speaks for the Women's Group at the POA meeting will be sure to include a specific thank you to the Board members and ALL who volunteer. THE NEXT

MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 10, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HOME OF CLAUDIA HENNING. (Claudia lives at 33010 Mora Lane –Lot 76.)

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—AUGUST 10, 2019

The SFTR Women's Group met in the home of Claudia Henning on August 10, 2019. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Missy Craig, Mary Dye, Stasia Fehring, Elsie Harris, Claudia Henning, Deb Johnson, Ronda Lemmer, Lynne Parker, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and Barb Wurfel. Maureen Latham and Dena Wagner sent regrets. Everyone enjoyed a delicious and healthful spread and seeing the unique and creative transformation of the former horse barn before discussing the following items: --

- All who had attended the annual picnic shared feedback about the event and agreed that it was a success. There were an estimated 125-155 in attendance. Suggestions for improvement included separating the raffle participants and those who want to visit so that the process can go more quickly and comfortably. The consensus was that people should put their names on the back of the ticket and the ticket drawn should be the winner. In the future one need not be present at the drawing to win. It was also agreed that the microphone and speaker is needed at future picnics. Another suggestion was to consider exploring the possibility of providing a space for an outdoor playground area. --
- The status of the large tent is still in limbo. All agree that there is no longer a need for that tent and that it should be donated to a deserving interested group. ---Carol shared that the POA Board was asking if the Women's Group would consider combining the annual POA meeting with the annual picnic since some owners only come to the ranch once per year. After discussion, the consensus was that such a combination would be much too cumbersome and just too much and too long for one day. ---The Annual POA Meeting will be held October 5, 2019 at the new metro/community center. This year there will be a potluck to follow the meeting, which will in turn be followed by a series of significant presentations about ways to make ranch life better and safer. The hope is that many will attend for all programs. The Women's Group will assist with set up for the meal et al. The Women's Group will provide all table service needed for the meal. ---
- Eventually Dena Wagner will be leaving the ranch and returning to Texas. Until that time she will remain as Treasurer and chair for the logo wear and everyone thanks her for her dedication and incredible service! Fortunately, Lanae Rossi has agreed to replace Dena as Treasurer and Shannon Youngquist has agreed to take over the logo wear when the time comes. In the meantime, anyone wishing to order logo wear should contact Dena directly with specific order information (and soon!) if one wishes items before the POA Annual Meeting. ---The annual fall gathering will be November 9, 2019 and will take place at the metro/community center. Barb, Claudia, Stasia, and Mary Dye will form a committee to investigate a caterer and will aim for a maximum \$20 cost per

person. Since there is no bar service, it will be advertised as BYOB. A main item for the September meeting will be to decide on a theme for the event. ---There are rumors about fiber optics for the ranch. Bob Scott is working with the possible provider so that there will be no disruption or damage to the ranch infrastructure in the event such a possibility transpires. ---Carol shared that the Metro and POA Boards asked if the Women's Group would consider creating and /or organizing a set of regulations for such things as who can use the facility, when, at what cost—if any, who should be responsible for set up and clean up, etc. After much discussion, the Group determined that such a responsibility should not be one for the Women's Group but that the POA Board should open it up to the ranch community and create a new board committee for the purpose of handling all aspects of management and usage of the facility. There are several members of the Women's Group who expressed interest in serving on just such a committee. ---In conjunction with the use of the MOC, it was suggested—strongly—that the concrete floor on the community side should be sealed and the sooner the better. ---Carol also shared that she has given Bob Scott a wish list of things the Women's Group would like to have provided in the building if they are approved by the bank. She will clarify with Bob about what will be provided, and at a future meeting decision can be made about what the Group itself will provide. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. (NOTE THAT THIS IS AN EARLIER DATE THAN MEETINGS ARE USUALLY SCHEDULED.)

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 The SRTR Women's Group met at the Metro Operations Center (MOC) on September 7, 2019. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs, Mary Dye, Susan Edholm, Stasia Fehring, Mary Ghormley, Elsie Harris, Claudia Henning, Sara Joy, Elsie Jurajda, Lynne Parker, Pat Nash, Bea Scoones, Nancy Scott, Dena Wagner, Jill Wilson, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Theresa Garland, Deb Johnson, Cindy Losing, Karen Migdalski, Lanae Rossi, and Carol Smith. The following items were discussed: -- Stasia brought two beautiful mirrors she had made and donated them to the men's and women's restrooms. Thanks, Stasia !! --There was considerable discussion about whether or not the floor should be sealed. Stasia shared her experience with not having sealed a concrete floor. The consensus was that the floor should be sealed or finished in some way. Claudia and Stasia volunteered to investigate. ADDENDUM: After the meeting, Barb met Bob Scott who agreed that the floor should be sealed and that he has already sought quotes to see if it is within the budget. Barb told him that the Women's Group might be able to help with the cost if needed. --The Women's Group will need to purchase shelves for its storage room. Sharon will purchase three sturdy heavy-duty shelves, keeping the cost at a maximum of \$300 for starters. --Those present agreed that the Ditch Rats deserve some real recognition for all their past,

present and future extraordinary volunteer work in service to us all on SFTR. The consensus was to provide an outdoor quality plaque dedicated to the Ditch Rats to hang in the MOC. Claudia will order the plaque and try to have it by the annual POA meeting. --Claudia will make the Women's Group presentation to explain the purpose and some of what the Group does at the POA annual meeting. --There was discussion about a rumor that the logo wear design might be changed. The current design has true significance for this ranch since the Conestoga Wagons were so key to the history of the Santa Fe Trail, which actually passed through portions of this ranch. All present expressed the hope that there would be no change. Dena shared that there is an inventory of the logo wear in excess of \$600 at this point. --Dena reported that Claudia, Jill, and Nancy have volunteered to help with logo wear sales at the POA annual meeting. Mary Dye also said she will help and Sharon will be on call if needed. --Susan asked if anyone knew what had happened to the special handcrafted entry sign which used to be mounted on the stone pillars. No one had specific information. She will do some research to see if it might be possible to locate it or to re-create it. --The Women's Group will help set up and clean up for the October 5, 2019 POA annual meeting and the following potluck dinner and the series for informational presentations in the afternoon. Sharon will make sure that there is adequate table service for those remaining for the potluck. The Women's Group will provide coffee and water. Barb will contact Stacey Alexander to make sure our microphone and amp are available at the meeting. --Mary Dye, Barb, and Claudia reported on their efforts to come up with possibilities for the annual fall dinner. They proposed the idea of not having a formal meal but of instead holding a Fall Gathering to take place at the MOC and the food be heavy on hors d'oeuvres provided by Tees Me Treat Me and perhaps brisket sliders from Trinidad Smokehouse and a dessert of Julie Loudon's lemon bars at a cost of \$20 or less per person. Those attending would bring their own choices of drinks. All present liked the plan. The rationale is that everyone can mingle more easily and readily than a formal meal allows. The décor will follow a fall theme with the suggested time frame of 6:00-8:00 p.m. The committee will develop the final plan and present it at the October meeting. The Women's Group will provide table service for all attending. Sharon will take reservations and payment and will make nametags. Susan suggested a stump-the-crowd game in which anyone wishing to volunteer can put a card with something about him/herself that others do not know in a basket upon entering the gathering. Later in the evening, the MC will pull out the clues and people can guess the person's identity. Mary G will do the Save the Date flyer and Dena will do the announcement poster as Mary will be unavailable. --In the discussion about the Ditch Rats and all they do for this ranch, the need for some help in feeding these volunteers when they are working on projects for the ranch came up. It was agreed that there should be a coordinated list of anyone who is willing to provide meals or snacks for the Ditch Rats while they are working. Susan Edholm offered to make up such a list and manage the process of getting meals to the Ditch Rats when needed. ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING SHOULD CONTACT SUSAN ASAP at swesmedholm@msn.com or

home #719-846-8725 or cell #303-916-8519 THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MOC AT 10:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

MINUTES FOR SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2019

The SFTR Women's Group met October 12, 2019 at the home of Claudia Henning. Those attending included Stacey Alexander, Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Sue Downs, Stasia Fehring, Claudia Henning, Nancy Scott, Barb Wurfel and Shannon Youngquist. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley, Deb Johnson, Karen Migdalski, Pat Nash, Carol Rankin, Carol Smith, and Dena Wagner. The following items were discussed: --Those present expressed many kudos to Harriet Vaugeois for her very informative narrative about the history of this ranch's development and the work done by so many gifted volunteers and to Claudia for her presentation of the Women's Group's activities. All agreed that the entire ranch is blessed to have had -and to still have so many incredibly talented and generous volunteers like the Ditch Rats willing to share their time and talents for the benefit of us all. --Shannon and Nancy shared that the logo wear sales went well but were unsure of the exact total collected. Shannon showed samples of small already wrapped gift items (possible Christmas gifts?) to have ready for purchase at the upcoming Fall Gathering. She will order more vests and knit caps to have on hand as well. She also asked for permission to set up a Square account so that people can purchase using a credit card. No monies would go to a personal account but only to the WG's account. In conjunction, there was a consensus that our markup should increase from 25% to 30%. Shannon will check prices now charged and see to it that the website will be updated with said increase. --Stacey reported that she has given out only four welcome bags so far this year. --The Fall Gathering committee has things under control and will be checking out several details before the event. They will ask for help as needed. It is suggested that some bring outside lanterns for the parking areas in case the moonlight is too dim at the time of the gathering. Sharon will purchase a large cookie tray to supplement the lemon bars already on the dessert menu. She has plates, cups, cutlery, etc. on hand for the meal and items for decoration as well. --Sharon also reported that she is attempting to have three 5-shelf storage racks for the WG's room at the MOC delivered as soon as they are in stock again. --Nancy Allred will be heading up a group to set rules/regulations for the use of the MOC facility. --Ena Sroat, an artist in Trinidad, has donated a photograph of the original Morley settlement. The WG will fund the framing of it for display at the MOC. --Much of the discussion centered on suggestions for activities the WG might offer for members and any ranch neighbors who might be interested. There were several ideas about functions at the MOC if it made available for ranch activities. The following ideas were presented: -----Going to La Plaza Inn in Walsenburg in December -----Offering monthly craft gatherings -----Organizing board game gatherings -----Setting up a share and borrow multi-media library

opportunity at the MOC -----Creating goodie bags to deliver to the Ditch Rats and other volunteers when they are working. (NOTE: Susan Edholm has volunteered to organize meals for the Ditch Rats when they have big projects. Anyone willing to provide meals should contact Susan.) -----Asking Bob Holder to talk about living with the bears and other wildlife next spring after a POA Board meeting -----Organizing a smoke spotters' training session (possible presenters R.C. Ghormley and/or Michelle Blake) Finally, Nancy Scott volunteered to collect and deliver any baked goods anyone wants to donate to the Fishers Peak Fire Protection District's annual pasta fund - raiser dinner to be held October 26, 2019. She will deliver early in the morning of the 26th. The dinner runs from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's. Contact Nancy for further information. The Fisher Peak Soup Kitchen fundraiser and the Bras for a Cause fundraiser were also mentioned. RSVP's and payments for the Fall Gathering are due by November 1, 2019. Make reservations with Sharon Beaver at 846-7831 or at beavertales@gmail.com ASAP. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 11, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. Location TBA. Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver