

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP—MINUTES, MARCH 14, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met March 14, 2015 at the home of Dena Wagner. Those attending were Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Jody Mitchell, Leslie Modica, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and Dena Wagner.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious spread of St. Patrick's Day themed goodies while catching up with one another before tackling the main business item—the picnic. Carol conducted the meeting and the following decisions were accomplished. ----The picnic will be held on June 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ----Pre-Preparation Committee chaired by Nancy Scott and Jody Mitchell will begin clearing the field at 9:00 a.m. on June 3. Mowing should be done on June 4 or 5. ----Mary will take care of the necessary publicity. ----Leslie will contact Little Stinker to acquire the port-a-potty. ----Mary will ask R.C. if he will manage the parking situation. ----Set-Up Committee needs a chair and the committee will handle marking for placement of the tents and other "booths" as well as the erection of the Women's Group tents and setting up of the tables. ----Welcome Table committee needs a chair. ----Sharon, Nancy, and possibly Lynne Parker will handle the food committee. Monte Beaver and Jody will grill. We will ask Bob Scott about using his grill. ----Barb Wurfel was "volunteered" to chair the Logo Wear sales. ----Lanae will chair the Raffle Committee. Ernie Parker will donate a framed photo. Roxanne will donate one hour of mitigation, Jody will donate a chef's dinner for two. The group welcomes any other donations. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each; 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10. In conjunction with the raffle activity, the group decided to offer ranch owners ONLY the opportunity to set up display tables to show their "wares" and/or information so that all may become aware of the talents we have among our midst. Lanae will be the contact person in order to participate and there will be a specific area to set up a table. ----Lanae—busy girl—will also collect any donations people may wish to donate for "Treasure" Tables—all proceeds to go to the Women's Group. Items may be given to Lanae beforehand or brought on the day of the picnic. ----There will be no

bingo, but all are asked to bring information to the next meeting about games they may have that people could play during the picnic. ----After some discussion, it was determined that clean up will be accomplished by everyone pitching when the end time arrives.

Other items mentioned included some concern about the number of cows grazing and their impact on the ecology of the ranch.

Lanae gave an update on the Cottonwood Canyon Drive mitigation efforts which are now complete for this year but will begin again next January. She asked that perhaps the Women's Group could help spread out providing some food for the workers.

Nancy shared that the memorial for Sylvia Crisler was beautiful and told the group about some of Sylvia's interest in getting parts of some surrounding areas accessible to the public for hiking, etc. Her son Tim Crisler is active in the Trinidad Outdoor Club, which offers a variety of activities. Nancy suggested that everyone go to the ranch website to find a wealth of entertaining and informative articles about the ranch and the history and adventures available in our area.

Roxanne invited everyone to attend the reception to her art show on April 10 at 5 p.m. at the Main Gallery.

The NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 11 AT THE HOME OF JOAN BEAUMONT. (33171 Fisher Peak Parkway)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver



SANTA FE RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—MINUTES APRIL  
11,2015

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Joan Beaumont on April 11, 2015. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Lynne Parker, and Carol Smith. Lanae Rossi, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel sent their regrets.

Everyone enjoyed the varied goodies Joan had prepared as they discussed the picnic plans. The following items were discussed:

-----Marking for the set ups will be on Friday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m. -----Leslie Modica sent word that Little Stinker will once again provide the Port-a Potty at no cost. -----WELCOME TABLE STILL NEEDS A VOLUNTEER. Sharon will provide a table and chairs for said table. -----Any leftovers from the "treasure tables" will be donated to Noah's Ark. -----RSVP's should be made to Lynne Parker with a deadline of the Sunday before the picnic. RSVP's are for the purpose of knowing how many hamburgers and hotdogs to purchase. -----Safe-to-play games ideas need to be "finalized" at the May meeting. -----Once the meal is complete, some food tables can be cleared for table games. -----The Women's Group had 9 tables, 7 of which should be used for the food. Two of the white tables will be used for the logo wear. -----Carol Smith has a six-foot table for the raffle table. Dena Wagner may have three round tables to use for the "treasures." -----Carol suggested that we need to check on the "nails?" to help secure the tent ropes. -----Mary will check with Linda Brown about mowing if need be. -----WE MAY NEED ANOTHER GRILL -----After some discussion, the group decided that clean up needs no committee or chair. The expectation is that those who remain will help with that effort and many hands will make it short and sweet.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT SHARON BEAVER'S—33330  
COTTONWOOD CANYON DRIVE (B-3) AT 10:00 A.M. ON MAY 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING---MAY 16, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met May 16, 2015 at the home of Sharon Beaver.

Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs, Ann Kost, Jody Mitchell, Lynne Parker, newcomer Tammy Raine, Lanae Rossi, June Stephens, Dena Wagner and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Joan Beaumont, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Leslie Modica, Nancy Scott and Carol Smith.

After a brief discussion about possibilities for a location for the Christmas Party and about what the Women's Group might be able to do to help out with providing food for those who work on the mitigation project (both of which will need attention in the fall), the main focus was the upcoming picnic. The following items were discussed:

--R.C. Ghormely will put up the parking ropes and direct traffic. R. C. and Greg Beaumont will also put up the flags.

--Barb will ask Roxanne if she can provide a shuttle ATV for those who need help transporting "stuff" to the picnic area.

--Linda Brown will mow if needed before the day of the picnic.

--Greg will set up his informative Fire Wise display, which will be located near the logo wear tables.

--Carol Smith has a number of our scrapbooks for display. One of Dena's round tables might be a good place for the display as well as a good spot to place the donation jar.

--Lanae reported that there are five items for raffle. Jody is offering a gourmet meal for two, Roxanne will offer one hour of mitigation, Steve Smith is providing two birdhouses, and Ernie Parker has a photo of a lunar eclipse which can be framed. June offered a beautiful quilt hanging, but it sold to Sue before the end of the meeting. John Noard has said he will also provide something for the raffle.

--Dena and Sue will sell raffle tickets during the picnic.

--Lanae has several items for the Treasure's Tables and several others will be bringing items for the tables on the day of the picnic. June will help Lanae put prices on the items not already marked. Sue brought Santa Fe Trail placemats, which can be framed or laminated, and the group decided to price them at \$3 each. Dena offered to frame or laminate one for display.

--Sharon will check for the signs directing people to the picnic spot and double check the number of tables at the guardhouse.

--Sue suggested that all members of the group wear a logo-wear item to advertise what is available.

Other items of discussion included a suggestion that perhaps the Women's Group consider some sort of brief memorial notice of ranch owners/residents who pass during the year. Perhaps honoring them at the Christmas Party might be the appropriate time.

Finally, FYI: LANAE WANTS TO INFORM EVERYONE THAT THE SOURCE OF THE MYSTERIOUS WHITE POWDER ON HER FLOOR NEAR THE WALL IS LITTLE BITTY BLACK ANTS In conjunction, June noted that peppermint spray/oil will discourage pesky pack rats.

The next meeting will be at the picnic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Carol Smith on August 8, 2015. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Tammy Raine, Carol Smith, Nancy Scott, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Joan Beaumont, Ann Kost and Lanae Rossi.

The following items were addressed: ----The Women's Group will again provide refreshments for the annual POA meeting in October. Barb will inform Bob Scott of that offer and ask permission to sell what logo wear that remains prior to and after the meeting. The cookies and drinks will be much the same as last year and coffee/tea will be ordered on an as-needed basis during the meeting but not to exceed a total of eight gallons. A donation jar will be placed on the food and drink table. Sharon will bring nametags and markers. Barb and Sharon will manage the logo wear sales.

----Available logo wear is limited. The group decided that it is important to continue offering logo wear since there are many newcomers. However, logo wear will be offered via an on-order process. Barb will contact Virginia to determine what quantity she will need for any given item and if orders do not meet her requirements, no order will be placed for that item. There will be fewer items from which to choose as well. People will be able to reference the website to see what is being offered. We will also set up a display and take orders at the annual POA meeting. The mark up will remain at 25% and there will be a set time frame during which orders may be made.

----The Women's Group is willing to help with food for mitigation efforts. It was mentioned that Lanae will organize the food volunteers. It was noted that others on the ranch enjoy helping out in this effort and the Women's Group can be ready to fill in the gaps. We will ask Lanae to let us know when that happens.



---A brief discussion about the picnic revealed that, for the most part, the picnic was a success. Suggestions to improve “things” included that there should be an effort to schedule so that there is no conflict with a POA Board meeting, that a time be set, perhaps 1:00 p.m., for the raffle drawing, and that there be no Treasures Tables since those generated only very limited participation or interest. There was also brief mention of perhaps entertaining a “contest” for a poster of the year to encourage more participation from others on the ranch and possibly to bring in a bit of “revenue.” The group would accept entries from property owners and select a winning photo. The photo would be displayed and orders would be taken.

---Nancy shared that she will notify all about the upcoming spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Fire Department Auxiliary and stated that all donations to that group are tax deductible.

----The final discussion centered on the Christmas party. It is impossible to avoid conflicts with other events that time of year, and so December 6, 2015 was set. Everyone agreed that Primero and Brix might be good venues. Barb will investigate Primero and Tammy will contact Brix to determine what each can offer. They will report at the next meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HOME OF ROXANNE BRIGGS, 33361 Mountain View.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Roxanne Briggs. In attendance were Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, newcomer Kathy Eppens, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Tammy Raine, Lanae Rossi, and Barb Wurfel.

The following items were addressed: -Barb informed the group that it had received a donation from the Kinder's for the use of tables and tents for their daughter's wedding. It was noted that Carol Smith had repaired a torn shade canopy after the picnic and all send special thanks to her!

-The main topic for discussion was the Christmas party. Tammy had contacted Brix and Barb had contacted Primero. After thorough discussion, the group settled on Primero as the best choice for the venue. Brix would be much more expensive per couple and overall offers less flexibility in menu choices. Primero offers the Garden Room for \$125 and a buffet including tax and tip for \$15 per person. We will charge \$18 per person, same as last year, and the extra \$3 per person will cover the cost of the room. It was decided to go with a Christmas-theme entrée of ham and turkey. Barb will work with Primero to determine which sides and what sort of dessert will be offered. A suggestion of a bread pudding for dessert met with approval from all present. The only "drawback" might be the fact that the restaurant has license for beer and wine only. No one thought that would be a serious issue for most. Barb will also check about whether or not we will need table decorations. If decorations are called for, Sharon and Tammy will help Carol with that project. Lanae and Sharon will be the RSVP contacts and Sharon will make the nametags for the attendees. We discussed if a Saturday may be better than a Sunday for the dinner since many watch football on Sunday. We decided to try a Saturday and get feedback as well as monitor attendance. Saturday, December 12, 2015 will be the date.

-Barb had checked with Virginia Cusimano and there will be no need for minimum orders for logo wear. Any orders made by the middle of November can be ready before Christmas. Barb and Mary will work together to create an order form to be ready by the POA meeting. It was decided that the cost of each item will be marked up by 25% and that the remaining items still in inventory will be priced to match the purchase prices of any new orders. Barb will contact Sue Sanders to see if she is willing to update the website's logo-wear postings. Sharon will transport

the items in inventory now and the donations jar to the POA meeting. Lanae, Roxanne, and Tammy will handle the sales table and take orders at the meeting. Orders will be paid for upfront.

-Lanae expressed a concern that the items in the welcome bags for new full-time residents are generally not "impressive." She suggested that perhaps the Women's Group could include something more useful or substantial in addition to the cookbook now included. After good discussion, the group decided that providing a logo-wear tote bag to hold the other "stuff" would be a good idea. The consensus was to order twelve bags. Kathy Eppens generously offered to pay for the bags. Thank you, Kathy!! Lanae stated that she could use help in obtaining items for the welcome bags. Anyone can encourage local businesses to contribute items. Inclusion in the bags is a good PR move as well as a positive way to introduce their business to newcomers to the community. -In conjunction to the above, the group also decided that it would be most helpful to new residents to have a ranch map included in the welcome bag. Ann will get two sizes of maps copied and contact Cedar Street Printing to get pricing on both laminated and non-laminated prints of the maps to be ready for purchase at the POA meeting as well as for inclusion in future welcome bags. She and Lanae will coordinate the number of maps to be ordered at what cost. **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 2014 AT THE HOME OF TAMMY RAINE.** Look for the rock with two bears at 33057 Ponderosa Ridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met October 10, 2015 at the home of Joan Beaumont. Those attending included newcomer Peggy Agnew, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Ann Kost, Lynne Parker, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, and June Stephens. Barb Wurfel sent regrets.

The following items were discussed: --Barb sent an update about the Christmas party. It will be held in the Garden Room at Mt Carmel and the cost will be \$18 per person of which the group will be charged \$15. If there are at least 42 reservations, that "extra" \$3 will cover the cost of renting the room. It was decided that the Women's Group should cover the cost of a dessert—perhaps the bread pudding or another choice—for no more than \$1.50 per serving. The deadline for RSVP's is December 7 and Lanae will be the person to contact and to pay for reservations. --Mega kudos to Mary Ghormley for creating the order blanks, catalogs, etc. for the logo wear. There were only three orders for logo wear at the POA meeting, which makes four orders when the welcome bag order is included. There is a November 7 deadline for orders to be ready before Christmas. The POA meeting sales and orders came to \$261.50 and there was \$45 in the donations jar for refreshments (Note: the amount ordered for the refreshments was perfect and should be kept the same for next year.) -- Ann reported that the cost for maps—especially for laminated maps—was quite high at Cedar Street Printing. She will investigate costs at Office Max or Staples in Pueblo or Colorado Springs; and if the cost per map is reasonable, she will purchase 12-25 of the smaller maps. Any lamination will be up to a purchaser. --June offered to take some cookbooks to sell at her Quilt Club Bazaar on November 14. --The Women's Group will reimburse Greg Beaumont for his most recent purchase of flags---@\$79. Everyone appreciates his efforts in providing and presenting the flags at key times throughout the year. Joan stated that once they move from the ranch, someone else will need to take over. --The Women's Group will help provide snacks for those who are mitigating January through March. Lanae

will coordinate that endeavor and will have a calendar for signups at the next meeting.

After the “business” session, there was sharing of a wide variety of topics and stories and LOTS of laughter!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 14 AT 10:00 .M. AT THE HOME OF TAMMY RAINE. Look for the rock with two bears at 33057 Ponderosa Ridge.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

## SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING—NOVEMBER 14, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Tammy Raine on November 14, 2014. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Ann Kost, Tammy Raine, Lanae Rossi, Marcia Sage, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and Jill Wilson.

The group welcomed newcomers Marcia Sage and Jill Wilson and then dealt with the following items: ----The Christmas Party meal will be a buffet for \$18.00 per person which includes tax, tip and the cost of the room if there are fifty people. If there are not enough attendees, the Women's will make up any difference. The group will also cover the \$1.50 cost per dessert. ----After discussion it was decided that the tables will be rectangle and already "dressed." We will ask that the silverware be on the tables, and the plates be at the buffet table. ----Jill will check out the decorations present at the venue to determine if more are needed for THE night. Carol, Tammy and Sharon will add to the decorations if needed. ----Mary has the flyers and RSVP's and payment are to be made to Lanae by December 5. - ---Sharon will make the nametags. ----Lanae and Nancy will bring some appropriate background music and Carol will bring her trivia sheets for the tables.

Other items included the following: ----Lanae will coordinate the food volunteers for those who will be volunteering during the fire mitigation in January-March. She suggests providing a variety of protein, sweet, and salty and easy to eat. ----Ann reported that Cedar Street Printing has not responded to the request to print 50 maps (year 2009). She will contact them again and ask that they be ready by a deadline before the party. If that deadline cannot be met, she will find a printer in Pueblo.

There was much sharing about life on this beautiful ranch after the business was finished. One tip offered was to be wary of snakes under the dumpsters. Everyone enjoyed Tammy's delicious snacks.

There will be no meeting in December and any future meeting is TBA.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver