

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association was called to order on Tuesday, August 20 2019, 03:10pm, at the Forest Supervisor's Office Placerville CA. President Larry Moore, Secretary Mark Sandperl, Vice President John Prelip and Treasurer Carl Gwyn were present. Membership Chairman Bruce Odelberg was absent. Also in attendance was Retail Manager Kathie Piaszk, USFS Liaison Kristi Schroeder. Forest Archaeologist Bret Guisto and Public Relations Officer Jennifer Chapman were present for a portion of the meeting. Guest speaker Carolyn Gilmore stayed for our meeting.

1. *Open Meeting*

Meeting opened at 3:10

2. Approve Agenda

Approved

3. Approve Minutes

Approved

Special guest/presentation Carolyn Gilmore from the Calif. Pony Express Trail Association
Ms. Gilmore gave a short presentation of who Pony Express Trail Association is and their plans for an "automobile route" of the Pony Express. California is the last section of the "auto" route to be completed. When plans are finalized ENFIA may be involved since this route will be on the Highway 50 corridor.

Contractor Reports

Retail (retail manager)

50 copies of the Mokelumne hiking book will be purchased, if they can be printed and delivered in a timely fashion. The cost of printing the book has doubled.

Carson Pass (Carson Pass Manager)

Carson Pass Manager updated the board via email with 4 bullet points.

Income. Bear Canisters. Scheduled walks from Carson Pass. Updating and on going training of CP docents. Email is attached at the end of these minutes.

4. *Reviewing/updating CPM contract.*

There was discussion of updating and clarifying the CPM contract for the following year. No action was taken at this time.

5. *Using credit cards to pay for parking at CP.*

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Station would except credit cards for day use fees. The Station will charge a \$1 fee to cover taxes and credit card transaction costs.

USFS

6. *Kristi to update:*

Native American signage at Carson Pass is ongoing.

7. *Revitalizing the Hwy 50 Forest Walkers*

Revitalizing interest in the 50 corridor is important. There is a need for volunteers and leaders to take charge, to lead hikes, minor trail maintenance and other projects of interest.

8. *Review status of the projects listed in the Operating Plan*

Many of the projects failed to materialize due to Forest Service staffing shortages and the lack of ENFIA volunteers. Recruiting new volunteers is an on going process.

Website Update

9. *Review Webmaster contract.*

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the language of the Webmaster contract.

It was moved, seconded and passed, 3/0, Carl abstaining "stepping down" that Carl will be ENFIA's Webmaster. The contract will effective January 1 2019 to December 31 2019.

The website is fully functional. The on-line store is working, with a several items that still need to be added to the on-line inventory. Our on-line store's payments are no longer processed through Paypal, they are now processed through AffiniPay.

The website is a continuing work in progress, to keep it from going stale.

Management Report

10. *Larry to update.*

Realigning the credit card machines at Placerville will require a system shut down. This issue is put on hold until after the busy hiking season.

Finance/Treasurer's Report

11. **\$61,183*** in the checking account and **\$16,027*** in the donation account. *rounded to nearest dollar.

12. *Recognition of our CPA/accounting firm.*

It was moved, seconded and passed to find a way recognize our accounting firm. John and Carl are to come up with a plan.

Membership

13. *Bruce to update*

In Bruce's absence Carl updated the membership.

It is no longer necessary to maintain our membership on a spreadsheet. All membership information, renewal notices, etc will be managed by using Wild Apricot in conjunction with our new website. The following information was added post meeting.

3 new members.

86 Member "units".

3 complimentary: Kristi Schroeder, Jason Walker (as web designer), and Fred Unterleitner who has a life membership.

34 Family, 49 Individual.

Old Business

14. *Teacher Education Grants for the following year(s) (Carl suggest \$600 for one grant). Held over from July's meeting.*

This was pushed forward to a future meeting

New Business

15. *Pick a date for the annual membership meeting.*

This was pushed forward to a future meeting

Next meeting Sep. 10, 2:00pm 2019
Placerville Ranger District (Camino)
Adjournment

pinusrus@volcano.net <pinusrus@volcano.net> Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 8:33 AM
To: Larry Moore, Mark Sandperl, John Prelip, Bruce Odelberg, Carl Gwyn

Carson Pass Station is heading into the last part of the 2019 season with few, if any, significant issues.

- Gross sales for 2019 are about \$28,000 (Aug. 12) compared to \$34,000 in 2018 (Aug.9).
- This is the first season tracking bear canister use, and so far we have loaned them out six times without requiring credit card information and all have been returned. We have six canisters on hand. Docents are very quick to tell me about hikers concerns or requests, and I'm not aware of any requests to purchase canisters and it would be interesting know how many have been sold throughout the rest of the forest. However, we should be moving towards standardizing all inventory across the forest. If the board wants to sell canisters they should be sold at all locations.
- This is also the first year we've required sign-ups for interpretive walks and using the liability release form. Both have proved to be valuable. What it takes to make it all happen is another story, there is no guarantee that the walks will continue. Hopefully the FS will start asking their specialists to participate and help us. Once interpretive walks became an official FS activity it will secure these walks for years to come. As always...kudos to Ranger Frank for participating.
- The biggest issue that will always be a problem: it's impossible to have each docent know all the regulations and policies which is why frequent visits to the station is, I believe, mandatory for any CP manager. Fortunately, our biggest advocate, Ranger Frank, knows about our limitations and is always there to back us up. The twice monthly email updates is how I remind docents of areas of importance, but I have no clue how many read the updates or remember what is said. This can lead to some mistakes and incorrect information, but that number is very low. We carefully choose docents that are capable of on-the-fly problem solving and common sense, and even with occasional errors, it all works.

Dennis Price
Manager
Carson Pass Station