

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association took place on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. This was a video conference meeting with President Larry Moore, Secretary Carl Gwyn, Membership Chairman Bruce Odelberg, Treasurer/Retail Coordinator Keli Gwyn present. Also, in attendance were Carson Pass Manager Dennis Price, Renea Kennec (USFS), and member Frank Tortorich. Vice President John Prelip and USFS liaison Kristi Schroeder were absent.

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., PST.

Amended Agenda was approved.

Minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

The updated Bylaws were approved unanimously by those who voted.

Management report:

Due to unexpected circumstances requiring Vice President John Prelip to move out of the area, he resigned his position on the board. The membership will be informed of the vacancy, and members interested in serving on the board are encouraged to apply.

Retail Coordinator Report:

1. In order to have the Forest Service outlets up and running as fast as possible when they reopen, there will be a “merchandise reset.” The old merchandise will be removed for inventory and tagging, and new merchandise ready for sale will be placed in the outlet.
2. The prices on the USDA maps will be dropped to \$14 for the wilderness areas and to \$12 for other areas by order of the map store.
3. Maps from the new map store will come be available to us for a 30% discount. Small quantities may now be ordered.
4. The Desolation Guidebook has been updated, revised and edited by Rangers Bell and Excell and Keli Gwyn. Because of their hard work it looks like the book will be saved. It is considered to be the best hiking guide to Desolation Wilderness but was badly in need of revision and was considered by dropped by the publisher.
5. Approximately 95% of the merchandise in the depot is barcoded and ready to go to the outlets.

Carson Pass Report:

1. Dennis sent out an update on Carson Pass Station to the Docents.
2. The board voted to have Carson Pass Station remain closed for the season due to safety concerns for Docents and visitors.

Forest Service Report

Forest Service liaison Kristi was not present. However, Renea provided the board with an update on several items.

1. The forest service is not moving forward on reopening. There are more restrictions placed on information offices that must be dealt with.
2. The fee tubes are being packed with so many users of the forest.
3. A restroom contract has been procured and the pit toilets will be serviced starting this week (the third week of July). The portable restrooms will remain until the end of July.
4. Docents were advised not to wear their docent shirts while hiking until Kristi could be consulted as to how the pandemic affects our working relationship with the Forest Service.

Treasurer's Report: \$27,113.78 in the regular checking account, and \$20,281 in the donation checking account.

Membership

No report

Website

1. Views are up to an average of 75/day.
2. Bruce reported a broken link, which was repaired. All users were encouraged to report problems to Carl so they can be repaired.
3. Web designer Jason Walker was contacted to make some changes on the ENFIA Store page. A Sale page was added to enable online sales of items that will no longer be carried in the retail outlets.
4. Keli has completely taken over the online store.
5. Jennifer Chapman is organizing online docent training. The first session will be at the end of July. Members will be invited to join the three sessions of training. ENFIA is sponsoring the event, but it will be opened to participants from other organizations.

Old business

1. Discussion on new agreements for Dennis, Karen, Keli, Ginger, and Carl that outline responsibilities without remuneration was deferred to a future meeting.
2. Development of an expanded list of membership benefits was deferred to a future meeting.
3. Development of Highway 50 ENFIA programs were deferred to a future meeting.

New Business

No new business

Next Board meeting will be on August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., and will be an online meeting. Agenda and meeting information will be posted on the Board page of the website one week before the meeting. The meeting time will be posted on the calendar on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Gwyn
Secretary