

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021
10:00AM (PST)
Zoom Video Conference

In attendance:

Board: Larry Moore, Karen Heine, Lisa Irving Peterson, Phil Hartvig, Bruce Odelberg,
Others: Keli Gwyn, Carl Gwyn, Frank Tortorich, Chris Sailor, Kristi Schroeder

1. Open meeting - *Larry opened meeting at 10:00. In attendance*
2. Approve Agenda-*Larry moved to approve, voted, passed*
3. Approve Minutes: Dec. 15, 2021-*Larry moved to approve, voted, passed*

(Brief discussion by Larry about revisions to last months minutes due to desired transparency surrounding contracts for Karen Heine & Keli Gwyn which were approved at last meeting)

4. **Manager/President Report:** (Larry Moore)
 - A. Regular report - *Meeting with US Bank for new treasurer (Lisa) being scheduled*
 - B. Welcome to our two new Board Members: Phil and Lisa- *Larry thanked Phil & Lisa (Note added after meeting by Larry: David Woodruff will be in charge of walks at CPIS)*
5. **USFS:** (Kristi Schroeder and Chris Sailor)
 - A. Fire restoration progress
 - B. New news
 - C. COVID protocols

Chris: told us that Forest closures are still in effect, will give updates later. Chris has a new supervisor (Chip Morill - new Recreation Officer, and acting Resource Officer)

Kristi: Caldor fire update-road and storm patrols underway, timber (deck) sales in progress. Many new hires for FS. ENFIA needs a NEW AGREEMENT- will give Larry update by Feb. Annual Reports for ENFIA needed for last two years. Will contact Larry about these reports. FS will need financials from ENFIA. Opening of FS office is set for march, but may change due to covid.

Questions asked about campground opening after fire, answer given by Chris was that lots of cutting and clean up needed for public safety, not sure at present about opening dates. Amador ranger station is undergoing remodel to better serve the public.

6. **ENFIA's Treasurer's Report** (Keli Gwyn)/Lisa Irving-Peterson
 - A. Checking acct balance: **\$30,384.94 (as of 1/19/2022)**
 - B. Donation acct balance: **\$21,689.53 (as of 1/19/2022)**

Brief discussion about smile.amazon.com (refer to Carl/Keli/past newsletters) as a new source of donations

7. ENFIA Retail Coordinator Report (Keli Gwyn)

- A. Custom merchandise report -
- B. Sale and operations-Sales are slow but picking up recently.

Discussion about delayed payments impacting reordering supplies from vendors not being paid quickly. Solution proposed was to have a ENFIA credit card. More fraud protection and less delays in payments to vendors.

8. ENFIA Retail Team Lead Report (Lisa) -Corrected to say CPIS Retail coordinator, not ENFIA

Lisa shared wealth of information available due to “square system” accounting. \$28,000 in sales.

9. Carson Pass Coordinator Report (Karen Heine)

- A. Three new docents, still looking - 3 new docents, 12 docents left active status- down 9.
- B. Looking for scheduler- needed especially June 26-July 9 when Karen is not available.
- C. Solar panels and lithium battery at station, interest in exploring a grant (Stan)
- D. Silver lake cabin: brown paint, range install, screening material, clean-up day (Phil)

Discussion on solar panels/batteries needed at CPIS for better provide electrical power. Batteries are long past expiration date and can become a safety hazard if not replaced. Price of new lithium ion batteries is \$3500, more solar panels and batteries would be \$6000-\$10,000. Bruce and Lisa discussed FS as having responsibility to cover cost of replacement batteries. Chris Sailor said that FS would look into funding to replace lead acid batteries with new batteries. (Note: Research on Solar/Lithium batteries was conducted by Stan Trevena, research and purchase of new batteries will now be directed by Bruce Odelverg (who has prior knowledge and experience with current solar/battery system) & Chris Sailor (who will lead pursuit of funding and installation by Forest Service technicians) Others may assist in these efforts.

10. CPIS Maintenance Team Lead (Phil Hartvig)

Phil confirmed that new Propane Range/oven has arrived and delivery to Silver Lake cabin can occur after the snow melts and road access is possible. May not occur until late May or early June. FS will be contacted this spring to order paint (after estimating amount needed). Screen material will also be ordered. Building frames for window screens will occur with help of TOM LEWIS -FS volunteer. Chris Sailor will contact him after getting more info from ENFIA. Exterior Door approved in June 2021 meeting (see past minutes) will be researched within \$500 budget. Bruce, Phil, Tom, & maybe Bryce (Phil's carpenter friend) will work together to determine how door frame needs to be rebuilt to accommodate door. Yale “core” now has two keys (as per Karen) so we will try to remove it from old door and install in new door. NO window in new door but ability to lock it from inside is needed.

9. Hwy 50 development report from recent meeting (Carl Gwyn)

- A. Next year's plans
- B. USFS needs

Discussion of B-17 signs almost ready to go. Additional signage needed at pyramid creek, twin bridges, slippery ford, ski lodge build by CCC. Hikes to Slippy Ford and Hawly Grade planned. Continuing to look for docents to help man Crystal basin area & Cleveland fire information site

10. Website Update: (Carl)

- A. Thanks
- B. New developments - more discussion of smile.amazon.com site to raise funds for ENFIA.
- C. Hits -20 per day

Discussion of getting minutes to Carl/Webmaster at least 8 days prior to next meeting. All revisions/ amendments after that date will not be added to minutes uploaded to website. Any additional amendments will be added at next meeting. Will attempt to circulate minutes for review soon after today's meeting.

Webmaster requests another person to start to learn both website maintenance and operations in addition to training on SQUARE system in case that Carl is not available to complete these duties. JASON WALKER- tech support/designer for website.

11. Membership update: (Stan T.)

- A. Coordinator status report
- B. New members?

Stan was not in attendance due to personal matters, notified board in advance. Karen reported on new members during her report

12. Facebook Update: (Mark Sandperl)

Mark was not in attendance due to personal matters, notified board in advance. Karen reported on his outreach to find new members in her report.

13. Old Business:

None reported by any board member

14. New Business:

Bruce and Lisa Moved and seconded motion to obtain an ENFIA credit card. Vote was taken and motion was passed.

Larry discussed working with Jenny at US bank about obtaining a ENFIA credit card

Next regular meeting: February 16th at 10 am on Zoom

Secretary (Phil) will work to circulate minutes ASAP and get final version to Carl (webmaster) to upload first week in Feb.