

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

**Board members present: Larry Moore, Karen Heine, Lisa Irving-Peterson, Phil Hartvig**  
**Others members present: Keli Gwyn, Carl Gwyn, Kristi Schroeder(11:20), Stan Trevena, Mike Barrow (not sure-could not see full display of participants)**  
**Absent: Bruce Odelberg (Board member), Frank Tortorich, Chris Sailor (USFS), Mark Sandperl (Facebook)**

1. Opened meeting
2. Approved Agenda for June 16, 2022 meeting (postponed from June 15)
3. Approved Minutes: from May 18, 2022 meeting
4. **Manager/President Report:** (Larry Moore)
  - A. Regular report (updates and new developments)

*Grant funds from Government Covid Relief (20K) have not shown up in checking account as of June 16, but they were approved last month. Timeline is 45 days from approval on May 27, 2022. New Grant opportunity from California Alpine Club for \$2500 discussed. Deadline is July 7. Larry will work on this. Several different ideas discussed as possibilities (Bear canisters, signage for Hwy 50, solar/battery back up system of CP Station). Discussion that bear canisters were already purchased and Jordan from USFS said that they do not have staff to deal with new signage were noted. Need OK from USFS for signage at Pyramid peak and other areas. Dustin Bell was mentioned as contact for new grant.*

- B. Donations (Gaylin Fleming, Sandperls, others?)

*Docent Gaylin Fleming (\$500) and from CP visitor-Paul? (\$100) via contact with docents-Sandperls who found and returned wallet. Thank you letters were sent out by Lisa.*

5. USFS: (Kristi Schroeder and Chris Sailor) *Kristi joined meeting late - 11:20, Chris was absent*

- A. Updates from prior months

*90% of EDNF sites are open. USFS still understaffed,. Positions unfilled. Kristi will continue to be our contact person even though she has a new position in USFS. Caples and Wood Lake campgrounds not open yet. Fire restrictions may be put into effect later in season. Silver Lake east and west campgrounds lost water system. They may open without water at reduced price this coming month.*

- B. New items/developments

*Construction at Amador station is behind schedule.*

6. **ENFIA's Treasurer's Report** (Lisa Irving-Peterson)

- A. Checking account balance: **\$24,833**

- B. Donation account balance: **\$21,955**

- C. Other items/developments: *\$150 credit from new credit card use, big purchases (debits) not showing up in accounts yet. \$9531 charge to post soon. Revenue from sales this year starting to come in. Lots of discussion about accounting issues with donations, extra cash and keeping donations/sales cash separate when depositing into accounts.*

7. **ENFIA Retail Coordinator Report** (Keli Gwyn)

- A. Updates on prior reports (ordering, delivery of merchandise)

*Opening of locations and set up at Placerville, Crystal Basin, Supervisor Office (SO) and Georgetown discussed. Amador station is still closed. Challenges with setting up SQUARE/Ipads were discussed and issues resolved by Carl and Keli. New backup systems for wiring were ordered. Carl and Keli are volunteering at Pville offices on June 19. Larry might join them. We are building relationships with USFS staff outside of Carson Pass area. Sales at CP are \$6865 so far. Facebook posts are generating sales. New merchandise displayed and discussed (Bucket List and Happy Place shirts, wood magnets.) Vector images of logo displayed. Retail sales goals and sales targets discussed (\$48,000 by years end). Recovery from Covid and wildfire shutdowns in terms of retail sales discussed. Larry thanked Carl and Keli for their long hours and efforts to get ENFIA back on track over last two years.*

B. Other items -Status of edit on Carson Pass hiking book (from Bruce)

**8. ENFIA Retail Team Lead Report** (Lisa Irving-Peterson)

A. Carson Pass Station update

*No more information provided. Lisa had to leave meeting for other commitments at this point*

B. Other items/developments

**9. Carson Pass Coordinator Report** (Karen Heine)

A. Carson Pass Station Operations

*Discussion of new docents being trained and phone calls handled to help them work through their learning operations at station. Karen's supervisor duties at station will be handled by Lisa, Phil, Carl, Keli during her travels overseas (Ireland) later in June and in early July. Lisa and Phil will help with scheduling on-line, and filling in gaps in docent coverage at CP station. Karen discussed needs at CP station which include paint striping on parking lot for safety concerns. Hiking groups size limits raised from 10 to 12. Kristi approved this. 28 guided walks scheduled. David W. Helping with hikes. Five new docents added and trained. Concerns with carpenter ants at CP station. Karen wants to call in professional pest control company. Discussion of solar/battery system at CP station. Who owns it? Who is responsible to maintenance and replacement. Is radio dependent on large solar battery system. Stan T asked if radio is connected to Tahoe and that antenna is damaged and may fail. Rusty (USFS) informed Stan that USFS donated their surplus solar panels so we would need to get new ones to replace existing panels. Karen asked if docents giving 4 guided walks can have their membership dues for this year waived. Others leading 4 walks this year will have their membership dues waived for next year after they complete season. One docent who lead 2 walks already (Rita?) is not a member. Another person leading walks (Mike) is not a member and has not paid dues. Karen wanted their due paid this year (\$25@). We need membership status up to date for liability insurance coverage. We still have 10-15 members who have not paid their dues as of today. Larry directed board to not approve paying dues for some individuals leading walks but not for others who have already paid dues for this year.*

B. Other items

**10. CPIS Maintenance Team Lead** (Phil Hartvig)

A. Carson Pass Station repairs (roof)

*Docent (Mike Barrow) had discussed repairing/replacing roof at CP station. He might explore getting donations of materials or labor for that task. Water issue at Silver Lake campgrounds and Forest Service cabin were discussed. No water available at this time. Phil started to give report*

*(with research by Stan T) about options for solar/battery replacement. Stan then continued report on solar/batteries. Reported 50% charge (12.1 V) on June 15. Testing by Bruce discussed. Advice and cost for inspection by solar contractor discussed. Testing of independent system separate from USFS system was discussed and various options between \$200-\$2000 were presented. Discussions about ENFIA having a completely separate power system from current USFS that is old and fading. Karen wanted to postpone vote since two board members were absent (Bruce and Lisa) and she had to leave meeting. No vote taken and more discussion was postponed until July meeting.*

B. Silver Lake Cabin projects (cleaning, stove, table)

*New stove installed on May 25, 2022. Working well. Renovated picnic table installed June 4. Pest treatment for carpenter ants and woodpecker damage repaired 6/4-6-7.*

C. Other-

*Contact (Billy) at Caples Lake Cal Trans maintenance station to obtain water was discussed by Karen to help with issue providing water to CP station instead of using our tanked water at SL cabin. Phil will explore this option in the coming month. Bruce, Mike B, and Phil helped with tree planting near Thunder mountain Trailhead with USFS (Chip Morill) and other groups. May try to recruit other ENFIA members for follow-up projects related to tree planting.*

**11. Highway 50 corridor development** report (Carl Gwyn) *(started his report around 12:00)*

A. USFS needs - updates

*No additional new information given at this point, discussed report earlier in meeting*

B. Other developments

**12. Website Update:** (Carl Gwyn)

A. Needs & other developments

*No additional new information given at this point, discussed report earlier in meeting*

**13. Membership update:** (Stan Trevena) (started his report around 12:30)

A. Coordinator status report

*Nine new members joined*

B. Other projects...the list is growing (solar & batteries, radio tech)

*Discussed earlier in meeting*

**14. Facebook Update:** (Mark Sandperl)

A. Update/Needs-new development (do we want newsletter/website/facebook more integrated?)

**15. Old Business:**

A. Research/Order batteries and new solar panels (Stan Trevena & Bruce Odelberg)

*Discussed earlier in meeting*

B. Purchase door, obtain lock set & paint from USFS for cabin - (Phil Hartvig)

*Still waiting on USFS for assistance. Paint has been ordered and will be delivered to cabin*

C. Other - radio tech, presentations & outreach (Stan/Karen/Board)

*No additional new information*

D. Updating Carson Pass Hiking book (Bruce)

*No additional new information - Bruce not present at meeting today*

**16. New Business: (Things to plan/work on for next meeting)**

A. New roof for CP station (Mike Barrow - new docent taking lead on this)

B. Water line repair, painting of SL Cabin (USFS on water, Phil on painting)

C. Battery/Solar Panel Replacement for Station (Stan, Bruce, Phil, Mike B, Larry, USFS)

***Meeting ended at 12:35 pm***

**Next regular meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am on Zoom**