

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 22, 2022 10:00 AM

Board Members Present:

Larry Moore, Lisa Irving-Peterson, Karen Heine, Phil Hartvig, Bruce Odelberg

Others Present:

Kristi Schroeder, Don "Chip" Morrill, Keli Gwyn, Carl Gwyn, Mike Barrow

1. Opened meeting at 10:02 , (Carl started recording meeting)
2. Approved Agenda for Sept 22, 2022 meeting (Motion Karen)
3. Approved Minutes: from August 18, 2022 meeting (Motion Karen)
4. **Manager/President Report:** (Larry Moore)
 - A. Regular report
Stated that this was last month of fiscal year. \$950 Credit Card rewards received and to be deposited in checking account. Discussion of plaque/certificate installation in CP station to acknowledge the large cash donation from the California Alpine Club. Donation was used to help get new solar panels and battery. Bruce was making a "mock up" .
 - B. Other items
5. **USFS:** (Kristi Schroeder and Don "Chip" Morrill)
 - A. Updates from prior months
Kristi: Mosquito Fire is 60% contained. Forest closures are changing-see USFS website. Holiday Tree cutting permits start Nov 10th. New Forest Supervisor is coming on in next 2-4 months. Current Supervisor is moving to Washington State.
Chip: Joined conversation and thanked ENFIA for its work in supporting the Forest Service Mission in EDNF. Chip had to left meeting for another phone call. Hopes to join in future meetings.
Kristi: Hunting season with long guns opens this sat (Sept 24). Bow hunting season started back in August. Reviewed some restrictions such as being 150 yards from campground and lakes. Discussed campground closures and management of facilities by Royal Elk. Some sites already closed for the season, others will close in October, including Silver Lake which impacts our Cabin.
 - B. Other items/developments
6. **ENFIA's Treasurer's Report** (Lisa Irving-Peterson)
 - A. Checking account balance:
\$49,285 (including cash rewards stated earlier by Larry) Drop of 2K from last month
 - B. Donation account balance:
\$25,892 (drop of \$400 from last month, some funds to solar panel install)
 - C. Other items/developments
Sat (Sept 24) is last day that CP Station is open this season so all cash will be removed from safe and deposits will be made to checking and donation account. All coins will be deposited as well. Thanks were made to the sales/marketing team for their great accomplishments this past season.
7. **ENFIA Retail Coordinator Report** (Keli Gwyn)
 - A. Regular report
Georgetown Ranger district station was evacuated due to Mosquito Fire and staff there (Mike) took out ENFIA Square device (Ipad) and ENFIA cash from sales. Crystal Basin Station was closed down as precaution due to Mosquito Fire and its ENFIA Equipment and Merchandise was removed by Keli, Carl, and Larry with help of Forest Service staff. Sales for ENFIA this season was over \$60,000 (\$42,000 from Carson Pass, \$18,000 from other EDNF locations) Need to restore inventory over the winter, this will impact account balances when season opens next

summer. Top retail sellers this year were Maps, Bear Canisters, custom shirt (fingerprint) and Carson Pass Hiking book. Thanks were given for ENFIA approval of new Postal Box in Elk Grove which makes inventory and deliveries much easier.

B. Other items/developments

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

A. Carson Pass Station update

Suggestion was made on purchasing "Backpacking propane fuel canisters for PCT hikers next year by Lisa. Kristi (FS) said that there were no safety concerns in stocking this canisters.

B. Other items/developments

Suggestion that other locations in EDNF might also want to carry fuel canisters.

9. Carson Pass Coordinator Report (Karen Heine)

A. Carson Pass Station Operations

One bear canister was not returned. No credit card information taken from person but contact info was left so communication has been made to get canister back. Discussion of having a better system of obtaining credit card information and using Square inventory system to track it. Karen will work on new form and Keli will work on setting up a system in square for next year. \$3 fee may be charged to cover fee to ENFIA for processing. \$79 fee could be charged if canister is not returned. Four ENFIA volunteers who lead 4 interpretive hikes each this season will be given "Gift" Memberships next year. This system is a way of encouraging/appreciating docents who participate in these activities and allows ENFIA to carry liability insurance on participants. Discussion of Docent Appreciation Luncheon on Oct 29th in Placerville. Theme? Decision was that some docents may come in costume due to proximity to Halloween but no theme decorations. Oct 15th date set to close up CP station for the season. Invitations will go out for work party of at least 10 people that day. Mike Barrow added idea to bear canister issue that form should contain language that credit card will be charged \$79 if canister is not returned, but if it is returned they will only be charged rental fee to cover processing fees. Wilderness permit procedures when CP Station is closed was discussed. Permits are made on-line via Amador Ranger Station process. Google calendar sign up process was not supported by Chip Morill and current system which involves a phone call in and an email response by forest service (separate from ENFIA involvement) will continue this season. May be revisited next year. Karen expressed some concern about communication with visitors using this system. Making reservations in advance via on-line system may need some follow-up communication and/or monitoring that visitors are using designated camp sites.

B. Other items/developments

Karen thanked Tom Lewis and Forest Service for providing the 5 gals of paint being used to paint the Silver Lake Cabin and requested 5 additional gals for next season to paint the garage. Planning ahead. Karen stated that she would step off board next year as vice president if a replacement is found. This was to reduce any impression of conflict of interest due to he paid position as station coordinator.(This is similar to Keli Gwyn leaving the Board last year due to paid retail manager position). Carl stated that communication to ENFIA membership was made previous month that two board positions would be open next year, nominations and elections are in process. Election will occur two weeks prior to next meeting (Oct 29) and announcements of new board members will be made at that meeting. Larry reminded us that current board will choose which positions will be assigned and that elections are for position on board but not any particular position. Positions will be decided at November ENFIA board meeting. Discussion of Cabin closing dates, Phil requested it be Oct 15 so that members working at station could help with cabin closing the same day. Discussion occurred about Dean Trevaskis (Speedy Water Delivery-Business we use for water storage tank filling at SL Lake Cabin) recent waver system plumbing repair which he estimated at \$500-\$1500 has been completed and running water ha been restored to cabin. Dean has not billed ENFIA for work yet according to Lisa. Dean expressed his desire to donate the labor charges of at least \$500 and only charge us for

supplies. He has not billed ENFIA for any labor or materials to date. Suggestion was made by Carl, Lisa, and Karen that maybe Dean could receive a life membership since he completed at least \$500 in labor and is donating that fee to ENFIA. Kristi (FS) stated that donations of labor costs is similar to cash donations. Larry and Bruce felt that only cash donations of \$500 qualifies for Life Membership in ENFIA. Karen made a motion to grant a life membership to Dean. Vote was 3 to 2 against the motion.

10. CPIS Maintenance Team Lead (Phil Hartvig) started at 11:10 in meeting

A. Carson Pass Station projects (Repairs/future needs)

Discussion of research on needed repairs to roof were discussed. Phil invited Mike Barrow who has been working on this project to report out. Mike reported that he had a bid of \$7500 to remove roof and replace metal roof on front section of station this season. Information and communication has occurred with Chip Morrill and Steven Hall (Engineering department with Forest Service). Budget process was explained and after mid October Forest Service may have information on Budget for next year and the station roof and be inspected and repairs and/or replacement can be added to a priority list for expenditures. Inspections by Forest Service will occur before project is put on Forest Service priority list. ENFIA inspection by Mike, Phil, and others did not find any evidence of major water leaks in roof yet. Temporary patching with metallic tape was made earlier in the season by Mike. Karen encouraged Mike to continue research and communication with Forest Service in Oct to follow up on budgeting procedures with Forest Service. Mike will email Forest Service/ENFIA Board and continue research on project with possible cost sharing using ENFIA funding/volunteer labor.

B. Silver Lake Cabin projects (Repairs/future needs)

Detailed email was send out to ENFIA board prior to meeting discussing the painting of the cabin by Karen, Gaylin Fleming, Debbie French, and Phil. Email also discussed repairs performed by Dean on water system. Phil thanked Forest Service (Tom Lewis) for paint and referred to email report about need for additional work on water system, construction repairs, land clearing, hazard trees, and pest control. Phil will continue to work on these projects with help from ENFIA volunteers and Forest Service staff.

11. Highway 50 corridor development report (Carl Gwyn)

A. USFS needs - updates

Discussion of signage to be installed to better locate Placerville Ranger station from Highway 50. Two signs are being installed.

B. Other developments

B-17 crash site signage installation was postponed again, this time due to Mosquito Fire. New date to be announced soon. Other signage projects were discussed for sites damaged by last years Caldor Fire. New interpretive hikes at multiple locations were discussed. (Holly Grade, Swan Henry Toll Road, Bassi Falls, Georgetown) Ranger from Georgetown may lead mushroom hike next spring.

12. Website Update: (Carl Gwyn)

A. Needs & other developments

60 hits/day in high season, now down to 20/day. Stan has expressed interest in promoting website. Recent additions and photos provided by Larry. Stan will work with Carl to be "back up" on wild apricot software.

13. Membership update: (Stan Trevena)

A. Coordinator status report (Current membership and renewal status)

147 members.

B. Other projects - (New docents since last month)

New docent packets mailed out. Stan worked on new system to save on postal fees. (Saving \$3 for each packet). Stan requested a better system for getting contact information from new

members. He wanted an on-line system in place of written forms that he struggles to read. Idea of using iPads for membership sign-up. Concerns about using current iPads used for retail sales, ideas for reconfiguring old iPads for membership sign-up will be explored by Stan and Carl.

14. Facebook Update: (Mark Sandperl)

A. Update/Needs-new development

Not present at meeting - no report given

15. Old Business:

A. Solar/Battery backup update on operations (Stan Trevena & Team report)

Old system having issues with voltage spikes, communication with George Doty (retired Forest Service Technician who installed system) Karen requested removal of old storage batteries. Stan reported that current radio system was installed by George and equipment costs were paid by ENFIA.

B. Roof Repair/Replacement at CP Station update (Mike Barrow report)

Done earlier during maintenance report (Item #10)

C. Carson Pass Hiking book update

No update

D. Amphitheater/Trail to Woods Lake (Bruce)

No update

E. Other items from past meetings

Stan discussed moving bench stored behind station to front after removing the memorial signage on bench. Bench was removed from Round Top Lake site where it had been placed illegally a few years ago. Owners were contacted by Forest Service but no response for years. This item will be revisited next season.

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

A. General Meeting Planning (Carl/Board)

Discussion of menu items and communication with membership. Discussion of location and time (Green Valley Church in Placerville, 10-11 am start time). Discussion of Magnet awards, names to be sent to Keli/Bruce to complete certificates. Bruce discussed Kirkwood Community Center for futures gathering/meeting. Cost could be eliminated with an official letterhead request from the Forest Service. Personal invitations to award winners should be made by person nominating them for award.

B. ENFIA Board Elections

Discussed earlier in meeting. (see item #9)

Meeting ended at 11:51

Next regular meeting: Oct 19 at 10 am on Zoom