

El Dorado National Forest Interpretive Association
Established in 1987, promoting Education, History, and Interpretive Programs
on the El Dorado National Forest.

ENFIA Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023

Board members present:

Stan Trevena, Ken Nieland, Bruce Odelberg

Board members absent: Lisa Irving-Peterson, Phil Hartvig

Others present: Chris Sailor (USFS), Jon Erickson, Frank Tortorich

Others absent: Kristi Schroeder (USFS), Karen Heine, Carl Gwyn, Keli Gwyn, Mark Sandperl

1. Stan opened meeting at 9:00
2. Bruce moved to approve agenda for September 20, 2023 meeting, seconded by Ken
3. Bruce moved to approve minutes from August 9, 2023 meeting, seconded by Ken
4. **President Report:** (Stan Trevena)
 - A. Regular Report - ENFIA business
 1. Electrical Power at the station update:

Delays in getting solar company to return to finish installation due to business issues. They will return prior to closing station. Chris reported on progress and challenges with new credit card enabled parking fee station. Technical issues with communication and downloading purchases are being addressed. George Doty (former USFS) is working on getting a larger generator to recharge new 10 battery bank in loft which is helping power station in addition to Bluetti battery from ENFIA. Bruce reported that metering of battery bank indicates solar panels on roof are not supplying power to recharge battery bank. Bluetti battery with recharging from docent generators is keeping Carson Pass Station running.

2. Iron Ranger (Metal tubes for cash parking fee collection):

Continuing issues with vandalism and theft. Credit card reader will be replacing these.

3. Recruiting members for new positions (as current members rotate out of service):

Stan reported that he has two members interested in running for board positions. Lisa will continue to assist with retail operations at Carson Pass Station. Stan's wife Kelly may assist with Amador station retail operations, looking for another person to coordinate highway 50 corridor operations. Lisa has received lots of notes/instructions from Keli Gwyn to assist us in the off season as to how to modify the retail operations for ENFIA. Stan is working on getting a new station manager. Scheduler position is still open. Phil will continue to assist with facilities.

- B. Other items - Chris reported on continuing efforts to get roof repairs for station. Ken talked about getting a private contractor to complete roof repairs. Chris reported that he has a team working on the door repair at Silver Lake Cabin and they are communicating with Phil. New deadbolt and door handle will be installed instead of replacing door. Steve is USFS person who is taking the lead on this project.

5. Vice President Report (Ken Neiland)

Ken and Jon Erikson reported out on their efforts to develop an interpretive program in the Wrights Lake Campground facility. (Continuation from last month's report). Ken and his wife Nancy attended a meeting with the cabin owners association at Wrights Lake and also met with Forest Service Staff including Serena King in an attempt to get the cabin owners involved in helping to develop the amphitheater and associated interpretive programs for the public. There was some discussion about having an eagle scout project to rebuild the amphitheater. Jon reported that he met Ken/Nancy at the meeting and also met Phil Hartvig/Carl Gwyn later in the month. People are still waiting for a meeting to be sent up by Kristi to get all the various stakeholders together to develop an interpretive program. The cabin owners meeting that was held focused on renewing leases and did not get into the interpretive program development projects. Jon is staffing the small information station at Wrights Lake and doing repairs there but is interested in having ENFIA volunteers to get more involved in helping out at the location. Jon also expressed some interest in getting more involved in the ENFIA management team in the future. Frank supported Jon's interest in running for a board position. Stan mentioned that it was possible to appoint members to position if they are vacant without an election and in exception to the rule that they were active members for one full year prior to being placed in management positions. Ken emphasized that ENFIA is committed to assisting the Forest Service in providing support in developing interpretive programs and helping to construct and maintain facilities in aid of this mission.

6. USFS: (Kristi Schroeder)

- A. Updates from prior months - NO report, Kristi was not present at meeting.
- B. Other items/developments/needs -

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

- A. Checking account balance: NO report, Lisa was not present
- B. Donation account balance:
- C. Other items/developments/needs

8. ENFIA Retail Report (Lisa Irving-Peterson)

- A. Regular report- NO report, Lisa was not present
- B. Other items/developments/needs: Stan reported that sales were good, he received an email from Keli Gwyn about sales and is awaiting a report on inventory at end of season. Inventory was large (\$52K at start of season according to Stan's recollection)

9. Carson Pass Station Coordinator/Manager Report (Karen Heine)

- A. Carson Pass Station Operations - NO report, Karen was not present at meeting
- B. Other items/developments/needs

10. Facilities Report (Phil Hartvig) -NO report, Phil was not present at meeting

- A. Carson Pass Station projects (Repairs/future needs) - discussed earlier in meeting
- B. Silver Lake Cabin projects (Repairs/future needs) - discussed earlier in meeting
(Chris reported that propane bills and pest control bills were paid by USFS)

11. Highway 50 Corridor Development Report - NO report- Carl was not present

- A. USFS needs & updates -
- B. Other developments -

12. Website Update: - NO report- Carl was not present

- A. Updates/developments/needs - Stan will follow up with Carl about technology

13. Membership update: NO report

- A. Coordinator status report - new docent/member packets are being mailed out.
- B. Other projects - None

14. Facebook/Newsletter Update: (Mark/Robyn Sandperl) NO report

A. Update/Needs-new developments:

15. Old Business: (As per board request - items carried over from previous meetings)

A. National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Grant, IR Counters update:

Stan put in two days working on setting up and testing the trail counters, Phil scouted out locations to place them on the trails and marked two locations with GPS coordinates and photos. Chris and USFS will need to be involved in placing and monitoring the counters during October. Concerns were expressed about possible government shutdown on Oct 1 impacting the USFS involvement in any projects going forward this season.

B. Docent Appreciation meeting in Lake Tahoe on Oct 14 discussed. Location was secured and visited by Carl and Phil. Ken is handling the food for event.

C. Hiking Book update from Bruce: NO report

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

A. Next meetings date and time - set for **Oct 18th**

B. Other items

Stan moved to end the board meeting at 9:56. Ken seconded the motion.