

**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**  
**November 15, 2023**

Board members present:

Stan Trevena, Ken Nieland, Lisa Irving-Peterson, Phil Hartvig, Bruce Odelberg

Board members absent: none

Others present: Kristi Schroeder & Chris Sailor (USFS), Edi & Mike Barrow, Barb Simpson, Jon Erickson, Robyn Sandperl

1. The meeting was conducted on-line and opened by Stan at 9:05 am
2. The agenda for the meeting was approved and seconded (Lisa & Ken)
3. The minutes from Sept 2023 meeting was approved and seconded. (Lisa & Ken)  
(there were no official meetings in Oct 2023 so no minutes from that month were approved)
4. Stan announced that Edi Barrow and Barb Simpson were elected to the ENFIA board at the Oct 14th business meeting held in South Lake Tahoe and their positions as Secretary and Treasurer will be assigned at the Dec 21, 2023 board meeting.
5. Stan reported on projects at Carson Pass Station including the solar system project progress and the stove/chimney repairs. He noted that the propane line to station still needs to be repaired prior to operating stove next season. Stan also reviewed the transition of duties within ENFIA due to Carl and Keli Gwyn moving on. Stan reviewed the “team” approach that will be used for the Carson Pass Station Management (Mike Barrow & Mike Conroy) and the Retail operations (Lisa, Becky, Robyn, Kellie, Sophia). He is still looking for a scheduler for next year. Stan reviewed meetings with Carl and Keli to transfer records and access to on-line accounts and other technology related to retail operations. Stan has been in contact with CPA firm and may be making some changes to improve communication and operations of ENFIA’s financial record keeping. Stan updated the board on the google workspace and drives he has set up to organize financial, retail, and other documents as it develops. Stan gave an update on the progress with the IR Trail counters that were installed and tested this season.
6. Ken gave an update and background on the development of interpretive programs in the Wrights Lake campground area. Ken discussed what has been accomplished so far, meetings that have been held, and progress moving forward with help of USFS, Cabin Owner Association, and an Eagle Scout project to repair and improve facilities at the campground. Jon Erickson (Retired USFS volunteer) gave a summary of work he has completed and facilities that he has been maintaining in the Wright’s Lake Area.
7. Kristi and Chris gave updates on Forest Service operations, areas closed for season, and repairs completed at Silver Lake Cabin which includes a new lockset and door handle with a keypad which uses a code rather than a key. Discussions on how to minimize winter damage to CP Station were discussed.
8. Lisa reported that the ENFIA Checking account has a balance of \$55,000 (exact amount?) and the donation account has a balance of \$26,716.
9. Lisa reported on the new retail “team” which has been organized and has started to work together to revisit and revise operations for new season. Lisa visited the Placerville/Desolation Ranger Station and reviewed their inventory and sales history.
10. Karen was absent from meeting but Stan discussed how a new team made up of Mike Barrow and Mike Conroy will be working next season to take over her responsibilities as station manager.

11. Phil reported on and thanked the Forest Service for their involvement and leadership in making many repairs/improvements with facilities this year. Steve Snoke and Kristen Hostettler (from USFS) were commented for their efforts this year in helping ENFIA in multiple projects.
12. Stan reported on Highway 50 Corridor projects he is working on with Kelly Hooten (USFS) to get ENFIA volunteers working at the Placerville/Desolation Ranger Station.
13. Stan reported on Website development and meeting with current Website host (Jason). He is looking for someone to take over these technical responsibilities. Our current on-line store is being closed and most likely will not be re-opened next year.
14. Stan reported on membership and how "Wild Apricot" platform is reaching its capacity and may need to be moved over to a new technology platform. Also we will revisit the membership discounts currently in place for retail sales.
15. Robyn & Mark had nothing to report on the Facebook and Newsletter.
16. There was no old business to report on.
17. New business: Next meeting is set for WED Dec 20th at 9:00. Stan will send out a link for that meeting.
18. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23