Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA) Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 @ 9:00AM (PST)

Board Members present: Stan Trevena, Barbara Simpson and Bruce Odelberg

Board Members absent: Ken Nieland and Edi Barrow

Others present: Dustin Bell, Mike Conroy, Frank Tortorich, Carl Gwyn, Larry Moore

- 1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9am. Quorum present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2024 by majority vote.
- 3. USFS Report Dustin Bell, (Wilderness & Trails Mngr for the Desolation Wilderness/ Pacific Ranger District) attended to discuss Bear Canister loaning. Deso has required since 2022. Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will be requiring this year, which affects the Meiss area. Would like to see all Pacific Ranger District locations handle this uniformly. Discussion on \$5 loan charge and deposit for value of the canister. All done thru Square system. Not required in Moke (yet). Questions of how to handle pick up and drop off at different locations, programming Square, marking canisters etc. Dustin will be at the April meeting for further discussion.
- 4. President's Report Stan Trevena
 - CPA News Barbara & Stan meeting with them today. Same transition topics ongoing.
 - Scheduler position Still open. Keli Gwyn has the coming year set up in "SignUp", just needs someone to handle tasks.
 - Job Descriptions Still in works. Rudimentary outline set up.
 - Discipline Policy Tabled
 - Cabin Policy Tabled. Still important but better since door lock upgraded
 - Review/Update Bylaws Prior meeting discussion to update / streamline.
- 5. Vice President's Report Ken Nieland emailed report, given via Stan
 - Junior Ranger project Contract came in \$1.9k over the \$5k ENFIA voted to provide. Vagueness in contract re: printing. Will be working to clarify.
 - Wright's Lake Amphitheater Still expecting Boy Scout Eagle project when snow allows. New Amphitheater @ Sunset. Enfia will be helping set up programs at both and helping with other things like fishing derby.
 - Carson Pass Hiking Guide Bruce obtained quote from prior printer. Stan quoted online printer "Lulu" @ \$3.75ea, regular book-style binding and +\$5 spiral which is slightly less than prior printer, but we'd need a new front/back cover. Consensus was that spiral binding was desirable. Idea of getting businesses to donate in exchange for advertising may or may not happen due to time constraints.

- Fundraising Ken is still committed and has ideas
- Budget Committee progress Committee of Ken, Barb, Stan and Edi to prepare budget for current fiscal year, review @ future meeting and recommend implementing, committee to remain in place; expanded to handle budget and finance procedures and planning.
- 6. Treasurer's Report Barb Simpson

Checking acct #9688 \$57,660.41

Donation acct. #924 \$26,716.31

Total cash on hand \$84,376.72

Credit card bill to pay this month is \$-1,057.48

So our savings at the end of month will be \$83,319.24

- Note from Stan: approx \$950 payment to solar company not yet cleared as he is still holding check pending final fixes, when roof can be accessed.
- 7. ENFIA Retail Report Stan gave an overview for Lisa.
 - Team working on pre-season orders. Looking for a Deso specific shirt. Compliments for Keli Gwyn's past work and current team members efforts
 - Discussion about Kelly Hooten's objection to credit card only sales. Hope she can attend next month's meeting.
- 8. Carson Pass Station Managers Report Mike Conroy
 - Will be connecting with Mike Barrow to work on upcoming station opening and training, as well as how to divide the load w/2 managers. Talk of a Google Phone -details to follow
- 9. Facilities Report
 - Solar Project status noted above in finance
 - Weather Station: Per Stan, donated over 15 years ago. Does not work at night. Stan is going to ask the manufacturer for replacement based on our being a non-profit. New unit about \$350. Still looking at trail camera idea.
- 10. Membership Update -Stan has got the database cleaned up. Wild Apricot renewal notices go out in a couple days. Thereafter Robyn Sandperl will handle.
- 11. Social Media Update Mark Sandperl has been active with posts on snow and snowshoeing etc. He's also working on high quality, detailed maps for hikers to take photo of or download, to lessen number of photocopies needed
- 12. Website Update Carl Gwyn offering to set up and help Stan in the interim.
- 13. Other Old Business
 - Hiking Carson Pass etc. Guide: Discussed above under Ken/VP section

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am Next meeting March 20,, 2024 @ 9am Submitted by: Edi Barrow, ENFIA Secretary