

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024 @ 9:00AM (PST)

Board Members present: Stan Trevena, Edi Barrow, Barb Simpson, Bruce Odelberg, Ken Nieland

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Mike Barrow, Chris Sailor, Frank Tortorich, Carl Gwyn, Robyn Sandperl, Mark Sandperl, Phil Hartvig

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:01am. Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2024 by majority vote.
3. USFS Report:
 - Chris Sailor -Discussion on need for all docents to sign USFS Form OF-301b in order to have coverage under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA,) the federal equivalent of worker's compensation coverage. Signed forms go to Chris S. and Kristi S. Need to track volunteer hours worked as well. Form is good for November 1st thru October 31st period. Also, work on historical Emigrant Trail still scheduled for Sept 23rd; meet 8:30 am @ Red Cliff Lodge @ Kirkwood.
4. President's Report - Stan Trevena (note half discussed before and half after Chris Sailor's report)
 - Fall business meeting/member appreciation lunch now scheduled for October 26 from 10am-2pm at the Institute of Forest Genetics in Placerville (2480 Carson Rd). Barb will work on lunch planning. To be safe, we need Form OF-301b for all attending.
 - Open Board Positions: Vice President is leaving. President is done with 2 years as a board member and so will be up for re-election, as will Member-at-Large, Bruce, who is happy to re-run.. One open board position.
 - Job Descriptions - defer to off season
 - Silver Lake Cabin usage - defer to off season
5. Vice President's Report - Ken Nieland - happy to note 2 new/refurbished amphitheaters in the terms he's been VP as reaching into the Hwy 50 corridor was a goal that was noted. Talked about getting John Muir Laws (and others) to speak in the future at improved venues.
6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson: See Google Drive for Treasurer's 2024.09 report. Budget for 10/1/24-9/30/25 also in the works. Stan provided some financial analysis related to retail. See Google Drive for Budget 23/24 and 24/25 document. Planning to have more "name drop" merchandise where Eldorado National Forest is included on the item.
7. ENFIA Retail Report - Kellie Trevena: Inventory from Carson Pass in storage and working on inventory on all other locations. Lessons learned: order more and order early next year! Considering Quickbooks for next year to improve on inventory numbers. Square for retail paid by location, so too expensive.
8. Carson Pass Station Managers Report
 - Mike Barrow: Grounding project is completed. Defective (new) inverter has been returned and is being replaced and upgraded. Review of recent Docent injury at CPIS in mid-August. Winterizing of Station scheduled for 10/5.
 - Mike Conroy not present but Carl G. noted hikes have been well attended.
9. Facilities Report - Phil Hartvig. Nothing new since recent email flurry of water and septic issues. Will plan closing of Silver Lake Cabin as soon as he can get a couple volunteers.
10. Membership Report - Robyn Sandperl not fully handling Wild Apricot. Membership at 152..
11. Newsletter - Robyn would appreciate all stories/articles and suggestions on getting articles to publish.
12. Social Media - Mark S. talked about maybe soliciting via Facebook for newsletter items, but ENFIA has ownership of pics. Also, FB get more looks with stories to go with pictures of PCTers. This week's Retail Closing picture w/snow flurries got 500 views! Discussion of future use of YouTube for potential revenue stream.
13. Website - Carl Gwyn keeping things current and happy to help Robyn w/membership questions.
14. Other New Business - None
15. Other Old Business - None, other than noted above under President.
16. Other Announcement - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am Next meeting October 16, 2024 @ 9am

Submitted by: Edi Barrow, ENFIA Secretary