

## **Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2025 @ 4:00PM (PST)**

Board Members present: Stan Trevena, Barbara Simpson, Don Bordenave, Bruce Odelberg

Others present: Kristi Schroeder, Robyn Sandperl, Mark Sandperl, Mike Conroy, Beckie Galloway, Kellie Trevena

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 4:20pm. Quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2025 meeting by majority vote of Board members.

3. USFS Report: Kristi Schroeder:

- Some people are now being hired back.
- Return to Office order: Scrambling for space. Many have made use of remote work and jobs were designed for that. Requests from personnel from other Federal entities who live near USFS offices to use available office space. Some of the offices don't have furniture.
- Just starting contracting and agreements folks up again they've been on hold since January so that two months of time that the work has piled up. Moving forward but juggling.
- Georgetown - front office is closed. No staff.
- The supervisor's office is closed in the afternoon.
- Placerville and Amador offices are both still open all day every weekday.
- Too early to tell what it will look like for opening for the summer.
- No idea what's coming next for the people just rehired and with regard to the continuing resolution. Less money than they've had in the past. Not an actual budget.
- Appreciate the volunteers more and more every day. Noted that you can't use a volunteer at a location if no USFS person is there to supervise.
- Working on converting website which must be done before the end of March.
- Chris is still the contact officer for Amador. No idea when that position will be filled.
- Still typical forest service. Very "can do" and trying to figure out how to do it with fewer people.
- Nothing changed with regards to campgrounds.
- Bruce Odelberg asks if the restrooms at the Pass will still be serviced. Reply - yes if we get the contracts through.

4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena

- Mandatory Training: South Lake Tahoe Community College location is available May 17, 24, and 31st. USFS Genetics Lab recommended for mid-week session.
- Suggests since dates are getting close we just pick the days and send out alert notice. Generally agreed.
- Saturday May 17th planned for SLT and May 21st for Genetics Lab.
- Same program schedule as last year. Will confirm times.
- Question to Board: Since for the past few years CP has had late snow and slow sales for the first weeks should the Station only be open weekends for the 1st few weeks? Mark Sandperl suggests we should still be open 7 days per week and if there are decent staffing issues make determinations as necessary.
- Have secured three six foot folding picnic tables for less than \$200 a piece. Still have a little money left over from the grant.
- Plan to bring VSP scheduling software online at the beginning of April. System set up to not allow scheduling of a decent shift at Carson Pass unless training attendance completed.

- Needs to go through the membership list regarding existing docents who have not paid ENFIA renewal yet.
- Plan to open Information Station on May 23rd with de-winterizing the week before.
- Received notice yesterday that our bookkeeper, Michelle, is not with the firm anymore. This was a surprise. No prior indication. There is a new bookkeeper in process. Stan and Barb to meet with the new bookkeeper to go over processes.
- Potential Projects: 1. Picnic tables - done. 1. Job Descriptions. Edi has either completed or almost completed. 3. Training - as discussed above. The rest of the list is on hold until Station is open and the season is going.
- New activities and merchandise should bring in new people and it should be a good season.

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow (absent). Stan discussed:

- Insurance: Refund in process for cancelled policy. Outreach to other carriers but none would write policy.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson: Down from last month. Less than expected due to membership renewals not at what was anticipated. Grant for tables went into the Donation account so that grant amount will be transferred to the checking account to cover the cost of tables.

ENFIA March 2025 Treasurer's Report

ENFIA US Bank shared accounts balances as of March 18, 2025

Checking and savings accounts \$109,697.58

Checking account ..9688 \$83,005.45

Donation account ..6924 \$26,692.13 same as last month

Credit cards due at the end of the month \$737.41 and a check to CPA \$400.

Expenses: Ongoing bills, purchases of retail and the picnic tables this month, slow sales and \$1965 from memberships has come in. Our savings have dropped \$4546.49 this month.

We will transfer money from donation to cover the credit charge for the tables.

Also noted that due to bookkeeper change issue if anybody can recommend a good CPA now would be the time to speak up.

7. Retail Report - Kellie Trevena: Not a lot to report. The contact at Three Forests has area specific pins so were trying to find the same for our area. Finger Print shirts have been reordered but the company that makes them is going out of business or the company may be sold. Not ordering a whole lot - waiting on what happens with the USFS - depends on how many locations are open.

8. Carson Pass Station Managers Report

Mike Barrow: Out of town.

Mike Conroy:

- Eight new docents in the hopper. Two of whom want to help with group hikes.
- Beckie G: Parent/Kids Scavenger Hunts have been very popular.
- Likes the idea a children's "Wilderness Experience"
- USFS has teaching programs which can be utilized. ENFIA would just need to buy the books.
- Stan asks for any book titles to be provided so they can check on availability.
- Mike asked to work with Stan to clean up the share drives for station management.

9. Membership Report - Robyn Sandperl - not on call.

10. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl - not on call.

11. Social Media - Mark Sandperl: Not much. Post about Georgetown shutting down has been shared 77 times. Mostly positive comments. Available for both training dates.

12. Website : Still looking for a webmaster.

13. Other New Business - Existing iPad no longer update to most recent IOS. Thinking we should replace a couple each year. \$400 each - more with built in wifi. New Square stand is over \$500. Looking into hand held Square units at \$299. Runs existing software. Scanner and other items can plug in. Some concern that the screen on the handheld unit is small like a telephone. Problem at one location with hotspot use being misused. Verizon contact has deals - need to dig deeper into details.

Stan notes that Carl has contacted REI in Folsom about having an ENFIA info table in the store on a Saturday . Need to update membership brochure.

14. Other Old Business - None

15. Other Announcement - None

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

Next meeting March 16, 2025 @ 4pm.

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary