

**Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025**

Board Members present: Stan Trevena, Edi Barrow, Don Bordenave, Bruce Odelberg

Others present: Kristi Schroeder(USFS), Reanna Suela (USFS), Robyn Sandperl, Mark Sandperl, Mike Barrow, Mike Conroy, Kellie Trevena

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 4:03pm. Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2025 meeting by majority vote of Board members.
3. USFS Report: Kristi Schroeder:
 - Kristi is retiring at the end of April. Transferring duties to Reanna Suela.
 - The U.S. Forest Service has lost 25%. 5,000 people at all levels.
 - District staffing seems to be in good shape.
 - No Front Desk staffing at Georgetown. Looking to hire and looking for volunteers. Volunteers can't work at Forest Service staff present to supervise.
 - Chrystal Basin is totally closed.
 - Work with Carl Goodson - Rec officer at Pacific regarding Crystal Basin.
 - Question: Are there any wilderness rangers left? Answer: At least a couple.
 - S.O. is staffed and open 8 hours a day.
 - Loon Lake campground and trailhead will be closed down for construction. The Boat Ramp and Day Use areas will be open.
 - Silver Lake campground - back loop will be open. Final work to be completed after the snow clears.
 - Cathy Jacobs is the contact at the Placerville office.
4. President's Report: Stan Trevena
 - For this meeting suggests, since we are a month away from Docent Training, that meeting should flow by topic rather than position.
5. General Topic Discussions:
 - Has heard from a reporter from the Mountain Democrat who is working on an article about ENFIA. She has visited the S.O. and Placerville stations to see the ENFIA presence at those locations. Plans to come up to CPIS in the summer and do some interpretive hikes. The article should be out the coming Wednesday or Thursday.
 - Training locations: SLT Community College is confirmed for weekend session but the Genetics Center for mid-week session not yet confirmed. USFS may have staffing issues.
 - Looking at possible alternate locations for mid-week docent training in Pine Grove.
 - Due to mistakes made last year - suggests that we print out copies of the docent guides to be issued to each individual docent. Edi Barrow has secured an initial quote for printing costs: \$163 for 70 copies as a reference point.
 - Edi recommends that we also had out copies of the power point presentations as in prior years that was useful to take notes on.
 - Mike B. recommends that anything we can do that will help people, have the information in their hands, they will be more likely to use it if they have a hard copy. There is a lot of information and we really need people to be as best trained as possible.
 - Discussion regarding need to reduce theft of merchandise.
 - Adding a docent training folder in a shared community folder on share drive.
 - Plan to use same training agenda used during 2024 docent training. Probably needs a few minor tweaks. Pretty complete revision last year.
 - Edi will do Bear Canisters.
 - Mike C will do VSP.
 - Silver Lake Cabin - discussion regarding expanding when docents staying there. Will not get figured out before training. Various options discussed.
 - Water at cabin can be an issue. Need to make sure the water tank has been returned.

- Ideas for cabin use can to be added to community folder on share drive.
- De-winterizing days for CPIS and the Silver Lake cabin: Goal for cabin is May 9/10. CPIS de-winterizing is still very snow dependent.
- Discussion of possible opening date for CPIS. All TBD based on snow.
- After Suela introduction (noted below) it was noted that we need to work out issues regarding USFS forms OF301-A and OF301-B. The OF301-B needs to be signed by all individual docents before working at any location. Form is in process for update however USFS advises that we can use existing form until new form is available.
- Interpretive Program: Not a lot of contact from people interested in participating in program. Calendar is pending. Target kick off 1st of July. Possible activities under consideration included campfires with guest speakers.
- Noted that Board Meeting on May 21 will be held in person after the training session that day and that it will not be on Zoom.
- Mike C. Notes that Scavenger Hunt Program want it to be a self guided program instead of a person leading a hike. Would like to add money for materials. Need dollar amount guidelines. Quoted \$70 for 100 black and white copies. Request files which can be placed in shared drive for review. Will be on a case by case basis. Can we make copies at the SC? Suela will ask.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson - absent (info posted to Agenda prior to meeting):
Sorry my spring break vacation coincided with this meeting and my scheduled tour got cancelled and rescheduled right during this meeting. I am looking forward to the trainings and being a docent in July, August and September.

ENFIA March 2025 Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's Report as of April 15, 2025

Checking \$79,381.20
Donation acct. 26,692.13
Credit card debt \$1966.03
Total \$106,073.33

7. Reanna Suela (USFS) introduction:
Goes by Suela. Works for the Eldorado National Forest out SO in Placerville. Has worked here for 3 years has been with the Forest Service for many years. Currently doing Conservation Education. Specifically works on education and outreach to the public. Has been on ENFIA an Interpretive hike. Work last year on Junior Ranger program.

8. Retail Report - Kelli Trevena:
- Trying to order items before tariffs kick in.
 - Ordering a lot. Printed Image has new PCT bandannas that are pretty cool.
 - Crystal Basin and Georgetown inventory has all been moved to storage.
 - Ordered 10 copies of "Wild Sierra Nevada - A Family Nature Guide".

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next meeting May 21, 2025 in person after Docent Training session.

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary