

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

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

Others present: Chris Sailor (USFS), Mark Sandperl, Mike Barrow, Mike Conroy.

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:07am. Quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2025 meeting by majority vote of Board members.

3. USFS Report - Chris Sailor:

- Peak season. Everybody at USFS is busy.
- The parking fee machine at CPIS is in and seems to be working.
- All campgrounds are open. Still some water issues. Water for Silver Lake campgrounds and cabin still requires State approval.
- A Risk Assessment Worksheet has been distributed to ENFIA. Please share with docents. To be included with docent handouts in next training session.

4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena

- Alpine Club - good contact. Grant has been rewarded and check should arrive soon.
- Discuss the use of downed trees for amphitheater.
- Need to distribute info regarding openings on the ENFIA Board as two positions are terming out at the end of this year. Need a healthy number of people to step and to the next level.

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow:

- USFS Risk Assessment - Edi will send out info.
- Staffing: Docents now up to 78 people. Mike Conroy is doing a great job recruiting.
- Cleaning up the scheduling app of people who accidentally sign up.
- Lessons from Training: Even after training some people still missing key items.
- Training session could do better with a few short break outs and a quiz at the end.
- Example of problem: Member discounts for non-members. People need to be member first - not just say they will join.
- Per Mark S.: Training used to be a longer event.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson:

- Up approximately \$16k over last month and approximately \$18k over the same month last year.

7. Retail Report:

- CPIS June sales over \$16k. July to date over \$12k.
- New V-Neck wildflower shirt should be in by end of July.
- New shirt will be available at all five locations.
- "Proof" of new shirt design saved on Google Drive.
- Ordering is done for the year. Last year ordered items in August which did not arrive until late and ended up in storage.
- USFS is having problem with Square iPad. Old iPad is aging out. Will order new for testing.
- Need a person to take over retail for next season.

8. CPIS Manager's Report - Mike Barrow:

- CPIS is running smoothly.
- There is one 250 gallons of water in tank at Silver Lake cabin.
- Beer in the trail magic cooler: Stan to get official direction from USFS.
- Need volunteers to set up Fall Meeting/Luncheon.

9. Membership/Interpretive Program Report - Mike Conroy:

- Four new docents. Vetting to bring on board.
- Interpretive program launched July 1. Junior Ranger program very successful. Suela (USFS) planning to lead hikes in August and possibly into September. Adding "Night Sky Photography" event in September.

10. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl - not on call.

11. Social Media - Mark Sandperl:

- YouTube channel: Suggestions for name?
- Currently 31 subscribers.
- Number of views: (?)
- 17 hours of view time in the last 21 days.

12. Website : Still looking for a webmaster.

13. Other New Business: Mike Conroy noted that on July 8 (just after 4th of July weekend) walked through the walk-in campground next to the Bassi Falls Trailhead. Lots of trash and toilet waste. Wondering if "friends of the forest" can clean up. Has reached out to Carl at USFS to work out a volunteer clean up.

14. Other Business: Frank T. notes:

- #1 Dogs must be on lease in CPMA and throughout Alpine County.
- #2 Training should be all day. 1st hour for newbies. After that refreshers for everybody.

15. Other Announcement - None

Meeting adjourned at: 10:52am

Next meeting: August 20, 2025 @ 9am

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary