

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025

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

Others present: Chris Sailor ,Mark Sandperl, Robyn Sandperl, Mike Barrow, Frank Tortorich

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:05am. Quorum present.

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

3. USFS Report: Chris Sailor:

- E-machine for parking passes ordered. Hopefully installed before 7/4.
- Weekend patrols - in and out - in CPMA and Mokelumne Wilderness. Training volunteer patrols.
- Crystal Basin visitor center is closed due to lack of staffing. Pacific District has asked if ENFIA can provide staffing two days per week. Fri/Sat or Sat/Sun. Huge need for public interface. Concern, per Stan, how many ENFIA docents have knowledge of area. Orientation/Training would be required. What inventory would be there for ENFIA sales? No permits. Handing maps etc. Concern about Crystal Basin drawing away from docents at CPIS. Send out notice asking about interests.
- Water at Silver Lake should be online by next week. Campgrounds open 6/27. All other campgrounds open. All have water.
- Removal of downed wood at CPIS? Later this year.

4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena:

- Has application for California Alpine Club grant. Need to list all prior grants. Bookkeeper is working to compile info. Small amounts left from prior grants.
- Working to upgrade weather terminal inside CPIS. \$350.
- Previously talked about getting a generator. Great to power up the batteries in case of late season storm. Per Mike B. - Electrical system upgrades are working really well. Upgrade included adding an outdoor jack to plug in a back up generator. Currently the batteries are full charged up the next day even after inclement weather. However batteries are fairly new and will degrade over time. Having a propane powered portable generator would be plug and play and good for the whole system, Per Stan - the generator is an item to be included on the grant request due by the 30th.
- Stan - question to Chris Sailor: Snow removal hitting the station. Any way to redirect? Answer not really possible. Reason for ask: Request to Volcano Telecomm for DSL to station during winter but the lightning that took out the e-machine for parking fees fried the lines 5 miles back and Volcano is having to secure permits to replace. Discussed keeping starlink system on during winter but the antenna is hit by snow removal. Not a good idea due to possible theft of antenna or damage from snow blowing. Frank T. notes that ENFIA has a good relationship with CalTrans from prior snow blowing issues. Still not a good idea to have antenna on roof during winter. Need to think about options there.
- Offseason - possible projects at Silver Lake. Discussion: Edi - if it has everything it need for now then no changes /adds for now. Do a survey at end of season for feedback on what may be needed. Upper bunkbed could use rails for safety, Rails available for cheap on Amazon and could be added.

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow:

- Training went pretty well. Stan and Edi put together a quiz for those 8 or 9 people who couldn't make training. Gotten a few back already. Edi opens up scheduling to persons who have completed forms.
- Suggestion that the quiz be used at the end of formal docent training seasons.
- Popular map showing Carson on one side and Miese on the other has been found. Copy on ENFIA Google drive and copies to CPIS.
- Stan notes the the ENFIA Google drive has a very large capacity.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson:

- Discussion noted that Treasurer's report should just go into the minutes archive.
- Edi checked: Minutes should note: "Last months's Treasurer's was received for Filing".
- **Last months's Treasurer's was received for Filing.**

7. Retail Report - Kellie Trevena: Kellie not on call. Stan reporting:

- The Square at the Placerville Station visitor center not working. Defective hot spot. Swapped in an unused hot spot. Suggestion: buy a hand held Square devise (\$350) instead of iPad based system (\$1,000). Buy at hand held to test at walk up counter at Placerville. Possible to add to Alpine Club grant request. Need to address aging Square terminals. Currently using old iPad which will need to be replaced.
- Contact with new company custom printing shirts. By next week should have prototype of shirts and get shirts just in time for full bloom. Flowers and "Eldorado National Forest" on shirt. Zoom group approved.

8. CPIS Manager's Report - Mike Barrow:

- Electrical project completed and working well. Outlets working. Lights in loft working with timer switch. Plug in for generator added. Solar panels are charging batteries.
- Compliments and thanks to Lou Batino, docent and retired electrician, for helping with electrical install.
- Compliments and thanks to Mike Bemon who donated wiring and LED lights.

9. Membership Report - Robyn Sandperl :

- Membership in Wild Apricot has been updated and cleaned up.

10. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl:

- Needs more contributors.
- Need articles submitted before end of August for the next newsletter.
- Mark S. Suggests walks with rangers and having ranger submittal for newsletter.
- Side conversation about printing cost for newsletters after Robyn had to leave the call.

11. Social Media - Mark Sandperl:

- Offer of a donated trail camera which could be used for video capture of PCTers comments which could get posted to ENFIA's YouTube channel.
- Follower count up on both on both FB and IG.

12. Website : Nothing new. Still looking for a webmaster.

13. Other New Business:

- Mike C. Working with Suela for tabling events at CPIS.
- Suggestion: Replace ice chest used for PCT trail magic.

14. Other Old Business - None

15. Other Announcement - None

Meeting adjourned at: 10:39am

Next meeting: July 16, 2025 @ 9am.

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary