

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2025
(Edited 101025 per comments for Rev1)

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

Others present: Robyn Sandperl, Mike Conroy, Kellie Trevena, Carl Gwyn, Mike Barrow, Chris Sailor

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:03am. Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes from July 16 (with one correction), 2025 meeting by majority vote of Board members.
3. USFS Report - Chris Sailor:
 - Biggest topic is the tree removal at the Silver Lake cabin. USFS has a quote for the work and that should be done soon.
 - Fee eMachine at CPIS is reported to be not working again. Confirmed by Mike C. Possibly out of paper. Out of order sign posted on machine.
 - Still no water at Silver Lake cabin or adjacent campgrounds.
 - No host at Caples Lake campground.
 - Mike C. advised that a possibly fake ticket was left on a car in the CPIS parking lot. Edi B. Notes that people have been ticketed for expired registration.
 - Don B. advised that people were using the turn around area and in front of the storage shed at the Silver Lake Cabin to load/unload kayaks. Chris S. notes that it is all public land.
- * Eighteen minutes into call Stan Trevena had to drop due to call drop issues. Will rejoin in about 10minutes.
- * Meeting jumped to Robyn Sandperl calling in from CPIS. Looked like mice had nibbled into bags of M&Ms. Discussion as to whether contents of recycling container drawing in rodents. Recommendation that recycling bag get tied closed if not being removed at night.
- 4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena:
 - ENFIA positions. Trying to get people to volunteer for other positions. Want to list Board positions and who is occupying now and working positions and who is occupying now.
 - Question: when a person on the Board terms out does their name go back into the pool to be elected to board. We're expecting two open positions on the Board.
 - Mike C. suggests talking with members who want to help out but not be a docent.
 - Discussed need to modify board.
 - Discussed various scenarios in which retail could be operated.
 - Discussion very urgent need for people to step up or we're facing radical changes.
 - Meeting with Alpine Club about the book "The Crossing". Lots of calls and requests. Alpine Club willing to share the costs. Stan has copies of book to be published, Publishing rights have been assigned to ENFIA.
 - Last day CPIS to be open: 9/25.
 - 9/26 packing up inventory and getting it back to storage unit.
 - 9/22 - entire week dedicated to doing inventory at all other locations.

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow:

- Fall meeting. 10/11? Venues: Barb looked into several. Lions Club was suggested but it is not cheap. Only 41 docents attended last year. Thinking with added members this year that prior space would be too small. Looking at Gold Ridge Center. \$150? May not be large enough for 75 people. Camino/Pollock Pines Community Center. \$425 all day or \$45 per hours. We would need for 4 or 5 hours. Has a commercial kitchen we can use. We can secure food from Costco etc to keep costs down. Weekends in October are all still open. Speaker Edi has been talking with prefers early October. Concern about weather in later part of the month. Looked at schools and other options but the Pollock Pine Center looks best.
- October 11th works for everybody.
- Speaker: Tahoe Toogee - the "Bear Guy" for South Lake Tahoe. Give a fabulous Bear Talk.
- Approved to give speaker a thank you gift or fee.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson: Doing Good. Report attached to agenda in gDrive. Budget for retail purchased last year approximately \$52,000. Will look into investing excess funds not needed for ongoing costs.

- Suggestion that we need to park excess money in a money market or other type of investment account.

7. Retail Report - Kellie Trevena: N/A

8. CPIS Manager's Report - Mike Barrow

- Thanks to Phil for painting over graffiti on back of CPIS roof.
- Had an inquiry regarding the sale of plastic bottles and that ENFIA should not sell. We get rid of 2 or 3 plastic bags full of cans for recycling each week at the station.
- If we want to be a good steward of the forest and of the earth we should probably get rid of all plastic at the station.
- Stan had contacted a vender which sell water in non-plastic bottles. "Boxed water" But they only offered a 15% discount and the minimum order was about a 5 year supply but the product only has a shelf life of a 18 months.
- Need for a conservation/recycle manager and team.
- Mike C. To raise topic with USFS.
- Discuss share the cost of a flat of boxed water with another entity.

9. Membership Report - Robyn Sandperl: Currently slow and steady. Note the new members signing up now for full fee but they renew in March less than a year. Carl G. Advised how to adjust that. Wild Apricot can be adjusted to prorate.

Membership Report - Mike Conroy: 4 new docents have passed the test. Another one in line. Approximately 20 new docents this year. Looking into next year looking at doing more outreach. Tabling events etc. Also want to look at tying in outreach for volunteer needs beyond docents. Looking at new topics for Interpretive program. 4 of the new docents are also looking to be hike leaders. Almost 150 people have attended the various Interpretive hikes and events. Looking at Interpretive type events we can have during the down season.

- Stan asked. Is there an upper limit for number of docents. Mike C - thinks we should keep pushing for more - lots of interest in ENFIA keeping Crystal Basin open. Stan notes the a current docent used to work there and there were a lot of heated people came in to complain.
- Mike C. - ask - how many of current docents actually do 6 days per year and how many only do one or two.
- Alpine Club has locations which could work for speaker events.

10. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl - newsletter is ready several good articles still need more articles submitted. Includes lengthy plea from Stan for other volunteers other than docents. Sending to Stan next week.

11. Social Media - Robyn for Mark Sandperl: Posting videos to YouTube.

12. Website : Not a lot to report. Carl has shown Stan how the calendar is linked into websites activities page. Looking to get website updated in the offseason. Looking in house. Docent Melissa interested in working on website - Carl just need her contact info to follow up. Discussion about whether to update current or dump current and start new.

13. Other Business: Stan notes when they were last working at CPIS somebody had made a "mouse house" and put it in on the t-shirt shelf next to where we store PCT Trail Magic. Had to explain to somebody who wanted to sell a display item which was not for sale.

Other Business - Carl Gwyn: New, heavier duty, signs have been posted around the B-17 crash site. Also looking at re-doing the interpretive signs along the Swan Henry Told Road which is also the Slippery Ford Trail - Strawberry to Twin Bridges. In contact with Jordan S about that. Signs are there but old and not all sites are marked. National Park Interpretive and Pony Express group both are interested in possibly partnering with ENFIA to put up new signs. Mike C asks if ENFIA hikes could be scheduled there. Yes. Absolutely.

15. Other Announcement - Barb to send out "Save the Date" for Fall event.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:54am

Next meeting: September 17. 9am. Zoom

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary