

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2025

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

Others present: Mike Barrow, Chris Sailor

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:09am . Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2025 by majority vote of Board members present. Approval subject to pending correction items submitted by Edi Barrow.
3. USFS Report: Chris Sailor
 - We're past Labor Day weekend and seeing a pretty good drop slow down in visitor use. Shifting more from patrol duties to project work. Everyone on staff is somewhat burnt out.
 - Projects include hazard tree felling at a number of locations and two Kirkwood trail days coming up - working on Emigrant Trail which had significant damage due to rain storms.
 - Campsite update: Closure list shared: Middle Fork Sept 21st, Sugar Pine Point Sept 21st, South Shore Sept 21st, Pardoe Point Oct 12th, Bear Group Sept 28th, Mokelumne River Sept 28th, White Azalea Sept 28th, Devils Nose Sept 28th, Silver Lake Sept 28th, Kirkwood Lake Sept 28th, Caples Lake Sept 28th, Woods Lake Sept 28th.
 - Woods Lake and Kirkwood Lake hosts have been lost go early due to drop off in visitation.
 - Fee machine at CPIS is back up and running. All new parts installed. Fried again due to lightening strike. Will not be permanently hooked up to Volcano system. Mike B. Recommends inline surge protectors like those installed recently at CPIS.
 - Silver Lake Cabin - trees have been removed.
 - Biggest push this summer was trapping trails to Camp Irene. Just finished that project. Trail is rough but as it should be but they due recommend hikers use GPS.
 - Questions for Chris: Stan: Are you expecting layoffs in October? Is that when Ace Grants end? Reply: Ace agreements are multiyear. The two are ending for the season. Beyond that will need to wait and see what happens.
 - Stan notes that there trail counters in back country which need to be returned. 3 are easily reachable and he may collect after winterization of CPIS. Ask of USFS - can somebody who knows were the others are located pick them up and leave on the counter in CPIS?
 - Edi confirms that hour logs are to be sent to Chris in first week of October.
- 4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena
 - Discussion of Board positions and working positions.
 - Notes that the Station Manager position will now be a single position while Mike B. and Mike C. are splitting off into other responsibilities.
 - Note that the more we can split jobs out the more we won't be over burdening one person.
 - Mike B. notes that that the Station Manager gets called a lot to address problems at the Silver Lake Cabin. Recommends that those responsibilities be clarified and the call list in the cabin be updated to show.
 - Several people have stepped up to help with retail and other new area. Still a number of open positions.
 - Discussion of popularity of history oriented books at CPIS and various books that were previously stocked and may need to be reprinted. Stan will pull list from file of books that ENFIA has the rights to republish.
 - Position list to be sent out to all ENFIA members before the Fall Meeting.
 - Board Election to be opened one week prior to Fall meeting and close the night before the meeting. Results to be presented at the meeting.

- We need to fill all the open positions on the list before CPIS opens in the Spring.
- Recommendation to hire a Business Manager. See Kimberly Handy's bio on the share drive. She has recently retired and joined ENFIA in April. Very enthusiastic and wants to contribute. Bruce notes that we are not hiring but approving a position be open and a volunteer to fill the position. Stan notes that this person would work hand-n-hand with the Treasurer and could possibly take over responsibilities from the outside CPS firm.
- Motion by Bruce to create and fill the position of Business Manager. Motion seconded. Edi abstains from vote. Stan, Bruce and Barbara vote yes. Motion passes.
- Forest Service has requested \$145.42 from ENFIA to buy candy for El Dorado Hills Trunk or Treat event. Stan recommends just donating \$200. Barb recommends that we also donate left over snacks from CPIS. Stan notes that Mike C. will participate in event along with Suela from USFS. No opposition. Approved by show of hands.
- Alpine Club Donation Request: Alpine Club is having a fund raising dinner and has requested a donation from ENFIA which can be auctioned off. Their stated preference is a gift certificate. It is noted that the Alpine Club has made a number of donations to ENFIA and that we should definitely support this event. Edi suggests that instead of a random gift certificate we could donate a couple nights at the Silver Lake Cabin, T-Shirts, mugs. Maybe a gift certificate to the CPIS store. Edi to contact Chris to find out if there are any issues with donating time at the cabin. Stan will respond to Alpine Club after we hear back from Chris.
- Positions List discussed:

ENFIA 2025-26 Positions

The Board of Directors

- **President:** Stan Trevena (term: 2025-2026)
- **Vice President:** Edi Barrow (term: 2024-2025)
- **Treasurer:** Barbara Simpson (term: 2024-2025)
- **Secretary:** Don Bordenave (term: 2025-2026)
- **Member at Large:** Bruce Odelberg (term: 2025-2026)

Working Positions

- **Business Manager:** (new position)
- **Station Manager:** (vacant)
- **Station Manager:** (eliminate second position)
- **Solar Manager:** Mike Barrow (new position)
- **New Docent Management:** Mike Conroy (new position)
- **Interpretive Program Manager:** Mike Conroy (new position)
- **Schedule Management:** Beckie Galloway (new person)
- **Cabin Manager:** Phil Hartvig
- **Retail Manager:** Kellie Trevena (+ 2 Assistant Managers, new)
- **Retail Assistants:** Beckie Galloway, Robyn Sandperl, Lisa Irving-Peterson
- **Membership:** Robyn Sandperl
- **Newsletter:** Robyn Sandperl
- **Social Media Manager:** Mark Sandperl
- **Webmaster:** (vacant)

Proposed New Positions

- **Events Coordinator:** (new position)
- **Conservation/Recycle Coordinator:** (new position)
- **History/Publishing Coordinator:** (new position)
- **Lost and Found:** Lin O'Kelley (suggested position)
- **Docent Hiking Program:** (new bringing back an old position)

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow:

- Edi is sending an email out asking for docent hours like she did last year. Stan asks if the driving time exclusion for docent hours should perhaps not be applied to those who have to drive to multiple locations, like retail, which lots of drive time.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson:

- Current status of accounts:
- Checking: \$122578.18
- Donation: \$29,070.01
- Total (Checking and Donations): \$151,648.19
- Current Credit card bill -\$2574.17. to be paid off today
 - Working on budget which has been posted to the Budget file on share drive but notes only Stan and Edi have access to that file. Stan will move to Board file.
 - Fall Luncheon Update. All going well. Information document on status has been uploaded to share drive. Working with Mike C. to come up with a "Thank you" item to give to docents at the luncheon. Stan suggests a pin he as a bag of a hope. Exactly what Barb was looking for!

7. Retail Report - Kellie Trevena (Excused Absence). Info per Agenda

- Removing inventory from CPIS on 9/26.
- Inventories all next week - End of Fiscal Year: September 30th.

8. CPIS Manager's Report - Mike Barrow:

- Things are running well. Some calls about being out of toilet paper and maps but both issues resolved.
- Working on some electrical items. We had a spike through DSL line - took out all of the Volcano equipment and our ECL1. Installed a surge protector to help protect from ECL1 lightening strikes. Also installed a surge protector for the modem and wi-fi.
- Winterizing CPIS on 10/4.
- Solar production has been terrific. Had to use the BLUETTI to power system on one cloudy day. The solar system is not reaching peak storage consistently. Working on adding two panels which will help.

9. Interpretive Program Report - Mike Conroy - (Excused Absence)

10. Membership Report - Robyn Sandperl - (Excused Absence)

11. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl - (Excused Absence)

12. Social Media - Mark Sandperl: (Excused Absence). Note sent 9/16

13. Website : Still looking for a webmaster.

14. New Business

- Date & time for October meeting. Confirmed that Board meeting will be a Zoom call on 10/15 in addition to the Business meeting at luncheon on 10/4. Edi notes that in 2024 she prepared separate minutes for both the Board meeting and the Business meeting. Stan will send Don and email advising.

15. Other Old Business - (Carl) Swan Henry Told Road Signs Partnership. Pushed to next meeting.

16. Adjourn Meeting: Approximately 11:07am. (Zoom meeting duration: 1:57:15)

Next meeting: October 15, 2025. 9am. Zoom