

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2025

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

Others present: Mark Sandperl, Mike Conroy, Chris Sailor

1. On-line Zoom meeting opened by Stan at 9:05am . Quorum present.
2. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2025 by majority vote of Board members present. (Subject to corrections of some spelling errors and apparent autocorrect errors.)
3. USFS Report: Chris Sailor
 - We're still here through the shut down. Some are still working. Anticipate being there at least through the next pay period. Rec facilities will stay open at least until the end of the month. Will begin shutting things down the beginning of November. They got some snow up there but sunny days ahead so some will melt off.
 - The tree that fell next to the CPIS has been removed and they are checking on the one next to it. Will also check out the dead "Halloween" tree on the rocks to the west of CPIS.
 - Converting Carson Pass to Sno-Park as of November 1st.
 - Park Service is taking the lead on adding interpretive signs and trail improvement at Devil's Ladder as well as restoration work and Rec site improvement at Tragedy Springs. There is energy behind the projects but still unknown as to who will actually take the reins and drive.

4.. President's Report - Stan Trevena

- Don't have a lot of open items that need to be discussed now but do have some that should be thought about. Put lists together and email in for discussions later.
- One good thing to do at the end of the season is a review of Lessons Learned.
- Brought home from CPIS the plaque honoring ENFIA members from the early days of the group who had put in over 500 hours. Noted that the plaque has not been updated and lots of individuals have put in over 500 hours since then. Looking to add to or add new plaque.
- Chris Sailor notes there are awards that the Forest Service can and should be giving for folks that donate that many hours.
- Discussion about how hours are tracked. Noted that in prior years docents who had accumulated a certain number of hours would be given a parks pass. Need to know what types of things would be available that we can tell docents about. Process to earn etc. Chris Sailor to follow up.
- Need to establish files in share drive for off season ideas, lessons learned, etc.
- Sending out email to all ENFIA announcing approval of new business manager.
- Don B: I did not keep minutes during business meeting portion of the Fall Luncheon. Stan says they will put something together.

5. Vice President's Report - Edi Barrow:

- New docents need to sign waiver form.
- Docent timesheets are located in the share drive. Edi sending to Kim and Roger. Let Edi know of any persons who need the time sheet form.
- Reading of email from Tahoe Toogee regarding speaking to ENFIA lunch.

6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Simpson:

- Overall the Fall Luncheon went well. Good that everybody could get together as a group, interact and put names and faces together.
- Accounts as of 10/14/2025
Checking and donation Account total \$154,718.34
Checking Account Current Balance is \$124,094.33

Donation Account Current Balance \$30,624.01

Credit card \$1,528.66. Should be paid by November 1st.

- Overall accounts are doing great.
- Budget so far may have too much in purchasing. Looking forward to working with the new business manager regarding budgets and investment of funds.
- Recommends that we have a November meeting and that should be the last for 2025 due to the holidays etc. Other volunteer organizations seem to do that.
- Discussion/Ask: What people thought of the Pollock Pines Community Center for Fall Luncheon and possible future event. Everybody really liked it!

Mark Sandperl notes that we've been discussing new persons on the board and board position they are expected to fill but the board needs to vote on person to fill specific positions and typically that is done at January meeting. Need to check bylaws regarding number of board meeting required per year and if vote for positions is required to be in January or if we can hold that vote during November meeting.

Don Bordenave notes that it would be constructive if Barbara Simpson meets with new business manager and the presumptive new treasurer and not wait until after the first of the year to get that transition started. Stan: Don't see why note.

7. Retail Report - Kellie Trevena:

- Thanks to everyone for all they did. Especially enjoyed Toogee's presentation.
- Year end reports not ready yet.
- Still looking to get Quickbooks up and running.
- Retail reports should be available by the end of the month. For 2025 gross sales were about \$104,000 which is up around \$9,500 over 2024. Total purchasing was about \$40,000 which was higher than last year but many of the new items were more expensive.
- We've marked down lots of items but there is more to go. Looked at items that are still in stock from two years ago - assumed those are stale and needed to go.
- With additional help in this next year, hopefully, we can get new and exciting items for people to buy.

8. CPIS Manager's Report - Mike Barrow. Not on call.

9. Interpretive Program & New Docents Report - Mike Conroy:

- Docents: in this past season we've added 20 new docents and there are 2 more in the process right now.
- For the Interpretive Program, a quick summary: in this past season we added 5 new hike leaders and 3 new topical hikes which makes a total 8 topical hike. We had 36 events on the calendar which saw 147 visitors.
- Hoping to expand even more in 2026. Looking for new ideas. Looking to expand Interpretive hikes to areas beyond Carson Pass. Up and down Hwy 88 and in the Hwy 50 corridor there are lots of opportunities.
- Looking to add guest speakers in topics such as history and geology who could talk to our docents over the winter.
- Regarding Trunk or Treat: With the forest service unable to participate due to the shut down we've decided to go ahead and set up our own which is happening next Friday in El Dorado Hills. We have two volunteers and we're looking to send out a message to get at least two more. Printing copies for ENFIA flyer to be handed out at the event. \$217 for 500 in color. Less for black and white. Recommends going with color as we are introducing ENFIA to new people. \$130 spend so far on candy to be handed out.
- Would also like to use the flyer in lieu of posting the Interpretive Program calendar and campgrounds and other locations. Since the calendar changes all the time we can post the flyer and interested persons can use the link to access the current online calendar.
- Recommendation to update flyer without QR code.
- Board approves printing of color flyer.
- Question to Mike C. Will the "Read with a Ranger" program at the library continue while the government is shut down? Answer: No. They will not be there as long as shut down continues.

- Shout out to Suela and the USFS for contributions this year. Looking to do more USFS tabling events with ENFIA.
- Discussion of requirements for Trunk or Treat event.

General discussion of why posting public QR can be hacked and should not be used.

10. Newsletter - Robyn Sandperl - not on call. Articles needed for newsletter by November 1st.

- Wondering if Tahoe Toogee would have something that could be included in ENFIA newsletter.

11. Social Media - Mark Sandperl:

- On Instagram 98 hours of viewing time. Plus 50 subscribers. 91.K views.
- Noted that on Facebook page over the last month 1,665 view but only 7 were over 3 seconds long. Since the beginning of the year 1,300,400 views.
- Would like to find a way for more interested persons to upload their videos and pictures Not edited by Mark. Most videos and pictures posted so far are from Mark's hikes.
- Discussion using vids from PCT hikes, with signed releases.
- Is there a way for people to upload to a share drive?
- To be discussed in off season.
- Contacted via FB regarding hearing gunshots at Lost Lake. Polite response with link to rules. Another person wanted to know when gates would be closed.

12. Website : Still looking for a webmaster.

13. Other Business - Discussion of various photo binders at CPIS. Discussion of cleaning up storage room at S.O.

14. Other Old Business - None

15. Other Announcement - None

Meeting adjourned at: 10:19am. Duration 1:14.

Next meeting: November 19th. 9am. Zoom

Submitted by: Donald Bordenave, ENFIA Secretary