

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association (ENFIA)
Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026 @ 9am

Open Meeting: 9:02am.

Board members present: Stan Trevena, Roger Goetsch, Bruce Odelberg, Don Bordenave. Quorum present.

Others present: Mike Conroy, Mark Sandperl, Kim Hardy, Frank Tortorich.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from meeting on March 18, 2026.
Unanimous approval by Board members present.

Zoom AI Meeting Summary:

Board Meeting Minutes and Watering

The board meeting began with a discussion about meeting minutes format, where Don explained they would use AI-generated notes as a basis for future minutes with minor edits. The board approved the previous month's minutes after making some corrections to asset numbers. Stan then introduced the first agenda item about providing water for plants and dogs at the station, noting they needed feedback from Chris who was absent. The discussion highlighted issues with plant watering and the need for water access for both plants and dogs.

PCT Hiker Water Access Plan

The group discussed providing water for PCT hikers, with Roger proposing creating a dedicated fund where qualified hikers could access water at no charge using a scanning system.

Silver Lake Cabin - Convert to solar?

Stan suggested moving the Bluetti solar battery system to the cabin and installing new solar panels, though questions remained about whether this would be permitted by the Forest Service due to the cabin's historical status.

Station Scheduling and Reporting Updates

Discussion about station management scheduling, noting that two people had dropped out and Karen could only commit to 4 weeks of on-call duty.

Stan discussed challenges with station manager scheduling and proposed creating a Google Calendar for tracking availability. The team agreed to extract next steps from Zoom meeting notes and send them to all participants.

Financial Reports and Updates Review

The board reviewed financial reports, with Roger presenting current total bank balances of \$147,733.16.

Checking account = \$97,732.16. Money Market account = \$50,001.00. Income of \$3,475.00 and Expenses of \$4,396.00. For a March net loss of \$921.

Donald Bordenave requested a clearer number presentation for better tracking, leading to a discussion about improving communication format.

Kim reported several financial updates including a \$900 tax refund and the establishment of a \$50,000 money market account at 3.5% interest rate. The board also discussed replacing the bunk beds at the cabin with a new bed structure costing between \$600-\$1,200, with safety features for easier access to the top bunk.

Interpretive Guide Training Planning Meeting

Mike announced plans to host an interpretive guide training on May 10th at the Institute of Forest Genetics in Placerville, though Beckie pointed out the conflict with Mother's Day. Mike discussed developing a structured program for interpretive activities, including creating a mission statement and reporting capabilities for grant writing purposes. The group discussed identifying potential grant writers among their members, with Stan mentioning his past experience writing grants. Mike reported success with Frank's recent library talk and outlined future collaborations with Forest Service archaeologists and the Oregon-California Trail Association, including plans for a night sky photography workshop in July.

Season Planning and Preparation

The meeting focused on planning for the upcoming season, including discussions about hosting Suela at the station for a week and printing additional Junior Ranger materials. The group discussed potential speaker fees for upcoming programs, with Frank confirming he typically requests an honorarium for his talks. Stan mentioned working with Chris on updating Forest Service agreements, including new requirements for risk

assessments and record keeping. The team also discussed the potential opening date for the season, considering Memorial Day weekend, though specific details still need to be confirmed regarding de-winterizing and parking regulations.

Closed Meeting: 10:02am

Reminder: Next meeting : Wednesday May 20 @ 9am