



## SGPF Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

### Docent Room, Empire Mine

**Board members present:** Jesse Locks, Robert Coats, Hank Weston, Syd Brown, Rhea Williamson (via zoom), Steve Sanchez.

**Board members absent:** None

**Others:** William Silva (volunteer, possibly interested in joining the Foundation), Ryan Randar (via zoom).

Jesse called the meeting to order at 2pm

- 1) **Review agenda**—additions: none
- 2) **Review and approval of minutes:** M/S Hank, Rhea to approve. Unanimously approved.
- 3) **President's Report** (next time)
- 4) **CAL Report**—(see Paige's CAL report emailed in advance of the meeting with agenda, and appended to these minutes.)

- a) Ryan and Mary have interviewed for new park aides. Ryan is looking in to securing additional life jackets, for the summer season.

#### 5) **Committee Reports**

##### a) **Finance:**

-Motion to approve spending \$225 for food for State Parks seasonal staff during staff training on 4/26. Moved by Robert, seconded by Rhea, motion passed unanimously. Robert needs SGPF board members to submit volunteer hours for filing annual forms.

Syd asked about the Live Scan costs and reimbursements. SGPF paid for the mobile fingerprinting for two sessions, and will be seeking a method for reimbursement from new volunteers.

##### b) **Governance:**

-Possible New Board Members. Jorie Emory is unavailable to join the board at this time. William Silva expressed an interest in the board at the volunteer refresher last week, and is considering joining us.

##### c) **Sales Center:**

Rhea—Online store proposal. Nelson Sullivan is a website developer that Rhea was referred to, and she has talked to him regarding setting up an online store site. Robert brought up concerns about the changing POS system, which will need to be changed before October, since our existing system will no longer be supported. Rhea will suggest that Nelson prepare a proposal, and attend our next board meeting.

##### d) **Events:**

1. Jesse submitted a sponsorship packet for consideration, to better reach and connect with philanthropic partners. Next month Paige will talk about the proposed ELP site development plan implementation. This could possibly be a potential target for a future capital campaign.

- Poetry in the Parks—April 29 at Empire Mine.
- Humberg Day—June 10, at Malakoff Diggins SHP
- Miners' Picnic—August 26, at Empire Mine SHP
- Bridgeport Dinner—October 7, at South Yuba River SP
- Holidays in the Park—December 2, at Empire Mine SHP

#### *Sierra Gold Parks Foundation Mission:*

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2. Celebration of Trails (June)—BYLT. National Trails Day is the first Saturday in June, and The Land Trust is making a month of the trails celebration, with a street fair June 24. SGPF will see how to participate.

**e) Communications:**

-Presentation of Yuba River Cohort Visitor Safety Campaign. Jesse will send out the PowerPoint to Board members.

-Newsletter: Seeking input from board members. Outline sent out with agenda for this meeting.

-Website Updates: Our web-manager, Todd will be making updates, with changes submitted by the end of April.

**6) Old Business:**

-Update on Nevada County Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund grant. SGPF was invited to submit a full proposal, with expanded requests fleshed out and revised reflecting sustainability goals and coordinated signage. Jesse, Ryan, Jeremy, and Rhea will talk about the details of the proposal offline for finalization and submittal on April 28.

**7) New Business:**

Empire Mine IMP Internal Stakeholder Meeting—5/22 3-5pm

Park Advocacy Day will Tuesday May 16, 2023. Robert may attend.

Motion made by Robert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm

Next meeting May 18 at Empire.

Respectfully submitted,

*Syd Brown*

Secretary to the Board

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Paige Haller's CAL Report submitted via email in advance of the meeting:

April 20, 2023 SGPF CAL Report

Volunteer training is underway. Approximately 35 new volunteers are moving ahead with the training. Jean is working with 96 returning volunteers to refresh their training and learn new aspects of their volunteer work (for example, get trained to give tours at Malakoff, if they aren't already). We are grateful for funding from SGPF for volunteer training and ongoing support of the volunteer program.

Humbug Day planning is underway. Jean has requested help from previous event volunteers and any new volunteers who are interested. Interpretive staff from other parks in the district are supporting Jean in the event planning as well.

The new panel on the Uba Seo has arrived and is scheduled for installation at 49 crossing very soon. Thank you to SGPF for funding the fabrication of the panel!

Poetry in the Park is scheduled for April 29 at 2:00 PM. The event will again feature Kirsten Casey and original poetry from her high school students.

First Adventure Pass Family Day on May 6. The theme is Art in the Park. Thank you to Jesse and Syd for their support in planning these events. The goal is one event per month, the first Saturday of the months. Each event will have a different theme.

Jean has been working with the geology and botany volunteers to offer themed walks at South Yuba River SP.

The River Ambassador program will resume this summer. Training dates for new River Ambassadors will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, with a SYRCL-hosted Open House the week before for any interested volunteers.

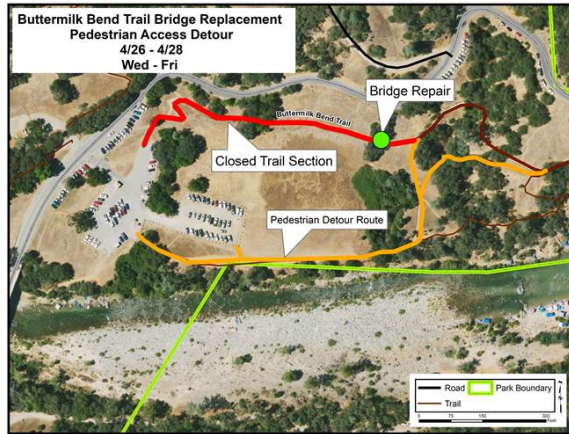
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Interviews for the Volunteer and Tour Coordinator (Susie Zimmer's former position) will be held on 4/24.

A repair is scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge in from the parking lot on the Buttermilk Bend Trail at SYRSP. See map and dates below.



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### 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Third Thursday of the Month at 2pm

May 18  
June 15  
July 20  
August 17  
September 21  
October 19  
November 16  
December 21\*\*would we like to move this to the 14??

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#### Committees

**Sales Center** (Robert, Syd, Rhea and Jesse) Meeting day and time to be set by committee

**Governance and Finance** (Robert and Jesse) Second Tuesday of every month at 3pm

**Events** (Steve and Jesse) First Friday at 1pm

**Communications** (Syd and Jesse) First Wednesday at 10am

**Fundraising** (Jesse, Rhea, Hank, and Robert) First Monday at 2pm

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