



**SGPF Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Empire Mine Docent Room**

**Board members present:** Jesse Locks, Robert Coats, Hank Weston, Syd Brown. Rhea arrived at 2:30pm.

**Board members absent:** Steve Sanchez

**Others:** Paige Haller, Steve Ruble

Jesse called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

**1) Review agenda**—additions:

**2) Review and approval of minutes:** Moved by Robert, seconded by Hank to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**3) CAL Report<sup>1</sup>: Paige** (Emailed text at the end of the minutes)

Gratitude expressed for the Cohort event yesterday; Parks will post to social media, with coordinated messaging.

Wonderful having new volunteers.

Uba Seo panel is not yet installed. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is likely to not be the date; stay tuned.

With respect to communication with tribe members about State Parks or Foundation issues, all communication needs to go through the district's tribal liaison, Scott Green. Jesse asked that Scott let us know what we could and should have on the SGPF website.

May 6 Adventure Pass family day was a success, albeit with disappointing weather. Next one is scheduled for June 3. Sam is leading, in cooperation with community. Focus will be on Science in Parks.

Sam has been hired as volunteer/tour coordinator.

Nicole Spalding has been hired as a seasonal interpreter (Sr. Park Aide for Interpretation).

An additional position is planned to be hired for specific skills for interpreting to children and school-based programs.

Monday is the internal stakeholders meeting for the Interpretive Master Plan for Empire.

The meeting is to be at City Hall in Nevada City at 3 pm

**ELP:** Paige presented 3 pages of plans and estimates for a new ELP development.

Discussion was held, and Paige will further investigate Parks' commitment and future plans for the ELP construction/infrastructure improvements. The sense was that the total cost estimate was beyond the capacity of the Foundation for funding. There are lots of reasons to support the ELP program, but the details of how to support the ELP construction are yet to be determined.

**4) Committee Reports** (as needed)

**a) Finance**

-\$1000 for Yuba River Cohort Bandanas. We will support this contribution (same as last year) as part of miscellaneous interpretive expenditures.

**b) Governance**

-Possible New Board Members: Jesse urged us to continue to seek additional members. We will advertise and share on social media and with CNL (Center for Nonprofit Leadership), to seek additional board members.

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**c) Sales Center**

Rhea – Online store proposal. Rhea discussed several options received from Nelson. Discussion ensued. Jesse and Rhea will zoom meet with Nelson and come up with a simple system (no more than 5 items) for SGPF merch.

Robert: Regarding sales center discounts, should we extend 10% for volunteers? Members, State Park Volunteers, active military, and state park staff. Moved by Robert, seconded by Syd. Motion passed unanimously to offer 10% discount for SGPF members, State Park volunteers, active military and State Park staff.

Quickbooks won't support POS after October. Big Hairy Dog will support, but will need a separate credit card system. Big Hairy Dog suggests a Drop Box solution for integrating HQ store with subsidiary stores. Robert will further investigate systems that make sense for us.

**d) Events**

SGPF/State Parks Events:

-Humbug Day–June 10, 11-4. Posters were printed today. Jean has submitted calendar items and the event was published in Yubanet. Syd is still talking with potential food vendors.

- Miners' Picnic–August 26

- Bridgeport Dinner–October 7: Jennifer Reese, Deputy Fire Marshall will meet with Hank, Jesse, & Robert on Wed. May 31, 2023.

- Holidays in the Park–December 2, not the weekend of Thanksgiving.

**e) Communications:**

- Yuba River Cohort Swift Water PR Event–you can watch YubaNet's coverage of it at <https://youtu.be/hHCiWgf3nU8>

**5) Old Business:**

-Empire Mine IMP Internal Stakeholder Meeting – 5/22 3-5pm at City Hall in Nevada City.

-Nevada County grant request from SGPF will be announced very soon.

**6) New Business:**

ELP Cabins at Malakoff Diggins SHP dealt with in above CAL report discussion.

Motion made by Robert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rhea. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Next meeting will be June 15 at Docent Room, Empire.

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**2023 Board Meeting Schedule  
Third Thursday of the Month at 2pm**

June 15	October 19
July 20	November 16
August 17	December 21**would we like to move this
September 21	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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<sup>1</sup> "May 18, 2023 SGPF CAL Report from Paige Haller:

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.

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! Tribal Liaison Scott Green is planning an unveiling ceremony soon with the Nisenan and SGPF board members are invited. Date and time for the unveiling will be determined soon.

The second Adventure Pass Family Day is scheduled for June 3 with the theme of Outdoor Science. Thank you to Jesse and Syd for their support in planning these events. The first APFD was during the rainy, cold day on May 6 so unfortunately there wasn't significant attendance. We are expecting a good crowd for June 3.

The River Ambassador program will resume this summer. Training dates for new River Ambassadors is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sam Bell has been hired as the Volunteer and Tour Coordinator (Susie Zimmer's former position) and began officially this week.

The estimate for ELP site improvements is significant. We will discuss feasibility of pursuing state and/or private funds.

Public input for "Outdoors for All" initiative is invited by all, including SGPF.

A reminder to be aware of conversations related to State Parks that you may have with Shelly Covert, CHIRP, or any Nisenan person. This would include anything related to SGPF, since it is a contracted partner with State Parks. The relationship between a Tribe and the State is highly structured and formal, and must be done by the Tribal Liaison, Scott Green. If there is any question about when, what, or how to raise something (including invitations) to the Nisenan, contact me first."

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