

Sierra Gold Parks Foundation Board Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023, 2:00 PM

DOCENT ROOM AT EMPIRE MINE SHP

Board members present: Rhea Williamson, Robert Coats, Syd Brown. Hank Weston arrived at 2:17pm.

Board members absent: Jesse Locks, Steve Sanchez

Others: Paige Haller

Rhea called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. A quorum of board members was not present at that time; however we achieved a quorum when Hank arrived at 2:17pm.

1. **Review agenda**—additions? None suggested.
2. **Review and approval of minutes:** Hank moved to approve the minutes, Robert seconded. Unanimously approved as modified per Robert's previously submitted minor comments.
3. **CAL Report**
 - a. SYRSP Parking lot at Hwy 49 is closed at present due to mudslide and landslide hazards. Rhea inquired about RRs at the closed parking lot. Paige will investigate when the RRs will be brought back.
 - b. Malakoff is closed at the present time, due to snow. A piece of the museum's awning collapsed, and will be repaired. Robert inquired about the status of the solar array. Paige had no information about that. Steve Holle is leaving state service, so we will be down one ranger in the sector.
 - c. Flowers are starting to pop at Bridgeport. CCCs are working on trail improvements at Family Beach.
 - d. Volunteer recruitment and training events have been postponed by a month.
 - e. Adventure Pass park event planned for April will be cancelled. May Adventure Pass event will go forward.
 - f. Seasonal Hiring (Sr. Park Aide for interpretation): Malakoff and Bridgeport positions are vacant, interviews have been conducted. No hires have been made yet.
 - g. Spring event at Bridgeport has been canceled by Parks due to weather and staffing conflicts with the volunteer training.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Finance**—Robert sent out financial info before the meeting for board members to review. He also paid the annual membership for CALPA. Because our 2022 gross revenue exceeded \$100,000 our CALPA membership fee was increased to \$250.
 - b. **Governance**—Jorie will attend our April board meeting. Syd will send out the annual conflict of interest statements for board members (during the board meeting, copies of the forms were distributed and filled out by Hank, Rhea, Robert, and Syd). Forms need to be collected from Steve and Jesse.
 - c. **Sales Center**—Our committee tried to meet, and we were somewhat thwarted by recent infestation of rodents in the back room, and weather. Jesse has submitted ideas for consideration. We will be meeting again soon. Quickbooks POS system will no longer be supported after mid-October 2023. Robert is talking with Big Hairy Dog for alternative system. Additional equipment and costs may be required. Robert suggests a physical inventory for each of the sales centers. Malakoff has a lot of old stock T-shirts.

d. Events

- i. Bridge Dinner–Oct 7:** Jesse submitted a permit application to the State Fire Marshall. The committee has been meeting and making good progress. Nevada City Film Festival-owned lighting may be used to offset the concerns regarding darkness. 4:30-7. Chef Antonio met with the committee and has submitted a draft menu.
- ii. Humbug Day:** There is no committee actively planning for this yet. Parks will be leading the planning for this event, as was the case in 2022. The Board urged Parks to prepare for this signature event.
- e. Communications–**Jesse is working on the newsletter and will circulate for review before sending it out. Jesse submitted a SGPF grant request to the County for the Visitor Safety Grant. Robert brought our attention to the opinion survey about value added by Cooperating Associations. The study describes the role and value of Co-op associations. Robert proposed a discussion of the report at our next meeting.

5. New Business

- a.** Malakoff Schoolhouse status? FNBMD sponsored engineering study and some basic stabilization work was done by HistoriCorps in the past. Paige will investigate.

Motion made by Robert to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Rhea. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.

Next Meeting April 20, 2023, 2pm in person at Empire Mine SHP.

Respectfully submitted,
Syd Brown
Secretary to the Board

2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Third Thursday of the Month at 2pm

April 20

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??

Committees

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

Governance and Finance (Robert and Jesse)

Meets 2nd 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