



**SGPF Board Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023
Empire Mine Docent Room**

Board Members Present: Jesse Locks, Hank Weston, Robert Coats, Syd Brown, Rhea Williamson (via zoom and phone)

Board Members Absent: Steve Sanchez

Others: Paige Haller, William Silva, Steve Ruble

Jesse called the meeting to order at 2:06pm

- 1) **Review agenda**—additions: None, besides what was previously suggested by Robert via email.
- 2) **Review and approval of minutes** from May 18, 2023 Board meeting. Moved by Robert, Seconded by Hank. Unanimously approved.

3) **CAL Report**

South Yuba: Lots of trail work is being done. Jones Bar, Independence West: State Parks is participating on the trail restoration. Independence East is being worked on by State Park maintenance staff.

Empire: State Parks will be paying to print the Empire Mine SHP brochure, but this will be months out. Parks is preparing a 1-page (front and back) summary handout, branded and contributing to the Parks app.

Malakoff: Nicole is bringing vibrancy to the programs there; the remediation contractor didn't work out, and the project will need to be re-bid, for construction next summer, due to insufficient funding available, and only one bid received. Rhea noted the great staffing at Malakoff (Adela and Sue). Adela did suggest that we might offer snacks at the visitor center at Malakoff. Concerns have been raised about storage and rodents, etc. Sales Center Committee will need to meet to discuss additional (food and beverage) offerings.

Robert inquired about furnishings (the table) at South Yuba River State Park. Paige is looking into this matter.

Rhea inquired about the water bottle filling stations. More to come on this, with the Nevada County Grant just awarded and going to the County supervisors for approval.

Jean asked SGPF to support paying SP volunteer Patty Gizzi \$10/vest to sew on State Park Volunteer Patches on 10 vests lacking the proper patch. Robert noted that there may be additional vests needing the patch at South Yuba, Bridgeport.

4) **Committee Reports**

a) **Finance:** Robert sent out May and June reports. Requested authority to renew Edward Jones CD maturing next month for additional 12 months. Moved by Hank, seconded by Syd, motion passed unanimously.

b) **Governance:** William Silva has submitted an application to join the board. His application will be voted on and he will attend the next board meeting in August. Since William was present at this meeting, he provided a brief explanation of his interest in joining the board. He has been a SP volunteer blacksmith, and was inspired at the recent volunteer refresher when we

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encouraged volunteers to join the Foundation and participate on the board. This is the second board meeting he has attended.

c) **Sales Center:** Robert noted substantial progress from new volunteers and generation of revenue at the sales centers, especially at Bridgeport.

d) **Events:**

SGPF/State Parks Events

1. Miner's Picnic–August 26: Lazy Dog and Top Dog have confirmed. Event photography is needed for this event.
2. Bridgeport Dinner–October 7: Fire Marshall has approved the event. Next step will be drafting of the special event permit.
3. Holidays in the Park–December 2

e) **Communications:**

Yuba River Safety Cohort: Paige and Jesse attended the meeting on Tuesday. The bandanas have been printed and will be distributed. Purdon Porta potties have been installed on public land. Parking has been an issue as the temps have risen, and the river flows have reduced. Enforcement of parking rules has been increased. Social media posts have been coordinated with the cohort.

5) **Old Business:**

IMP Progress: We are in the public input phase now. The next Stakeholder meeting is August 10 at 10 am at the Empire Mine Docent room.

6) **New Business:**

County Grant to Sierra Gold Parks Foundation approved for \$71,000. The Grant includes funding for 6 information kiosks, a solar electric messaging sign, 3 water filling stations, and replacement of 8 bear-proof trash receptacles. Moved by Robert: "With respect to the outdoor visitor safety grant:

1. Board Accepts the grant
2. Board approves execution of the grant contract by the president and secretary.
3. Board approves expenditure of up to \$25k for the Foundations' share of the grant obligations.
4. Authorize officers to take whatever actions deemed necessary and appropriate to perform the obligations under the grant." Seconded by Syd, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Robert at 3:41, seconded by Syd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41.

Next meeting of the board will be August 17, 2pm at the Empire Mine docent room.

Respectfully submitted,

Syd Brown

Board Secretary

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

August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 14

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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