



**SGPF Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**Empire Mine Docent Room**  
**ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

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**Board Members Present:** Rhea, Hank, Syd, William, Robert, Steve

**Board Members Absent:** Jesse

**Others:** Alex Neeb, Steve Ruble, Rob Griffith joined at 9:15 (held up in traffic on Hwy20)

Rhea called the meeting to order at 9:05am

- 1) **Review agenda**—additions: Robert: corrected volunteer training date, quail pins and holiday decorations at Empire.
- 2) **Review and approval of minutes:** Moved by Hank, seconded by Robert, minutes from September 2023 meeting unanimously approved.
- 3) **CAL Report—Alex:** (Rob Griffith is on his way) News:  
Paige’s position has been split in to 2 positions: 1) Interpreter 3: Jeremy Lin has been selected. This will be a core staff level position and in charge of all the interpreters in the district. 2) Backfilling Paige’s position as a Staff Parks & Recreation Specialist (this person will be responsible for partners, Concessions Agreements and communications. This position will be PR officer for the District and will be the CAL for all 4 co-ops. Wyatt has been hired at **S Yuba** as an interpreter.

**Malakoff:** Pest remediation at the Malakoff General Store is complete, and the back room is being repaired. ADA access design improvements are under consideration for Malakoff.

All hands meeting might happen in spring 2024. No update on Co-op group meeting; we will await new CAL hiring.

Robert inquired about 3 sacks of concrete stored in SGPF shed at Bridgeport. Alex will talk to maintenance about this.

A discussion was held about the request from Jean for quail volunteer hourly recognition pins. Moved by Robert, seconded by William to approve up to \$2K for volunteer recognition pins. Motion passed unanimously. Robert asked about additional favors for volunteers. No additional “favors” are anticipated.

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

- a) **Finance:** Robert sent out a revised Treasurer’s report on Oct. 18. He responded to a question raised by Rhea about how expenses for budgeted for a “DPR Other Expense” reflected in the income statement and stated that he would follow up with our accountants.
- b) **Governance:** No report; we are still seeking additional board members.
- c) **Sales Center:** Hours of operation are completely dependent on volunteer staffing. The scheduled walk through with the SGPF Sales Center Committee

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and Paige, Jean, and Alex took place, and the current sales center items are approved, going forward.

**d) Events:**

**SGPF/State Parks Events**

1. Jean reported on the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon scheduled for November 1. About 70 folks have RSVPd. Estimated food costs are about \$10/person.
2. Holidays in the Park–December 2: Jean has arranged for music (harp, Cornish Choir, and an acoustic guitarist). Chestnuts (30 pounds estimated from SPD), Santa (\$200 requested). Robert brought up Empire holiday decorations. Following a brief discussion, Robert moved that up to \$2,000 be approved for holiday decorations. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**e) Communications:** A Walk in the Park episodes by Syd continue to be recorded, broadcast, and archived on the KVMR website.

SYRCL cleanup took place with board participation and tabling at the after party on Sept. 23, 2023.

Yuba River Public Safety Cohort continues to meet monthly with SGPF representation.

Jesse has been keeping up with postings on social media and submitting articles to the Union and Yubanet (Bridgeport Harvest Dinner, for example).

**5) Old Business:**

Recap on Bridgeport Bridge Harvest Dinner: Hank: A lot of positive response has been received. We need to pick a date if we are going to do it again.

Robert: We should view this as an inaugural event. It would be nice to have the event in September. Robert noted that it would be good to have at least one interpretive event each year at each park.

**6) New Business:** William asked about Starry Starry Nights returning to Empire. A short discussion ensued. Steve provided some history about the set up requirements and timeline.

Moved by Syd, seconded by William to adjourn at 10:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Syd Brown*

Board Secretary

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2023 Board Meeting Schedule  
Third Thursday of the Month at 9am

November 16  
December 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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