



**SGPF Board Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
**Empire Mine Docent Room**  
**ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

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**Board Members Present:** Jesse, Hank (left meeting at 10:05), Syd, Steve (via phone), Robert (via zoom) William Silva (arrived at 9:11am)

**Board Members Absent:** Rhea

**Others:** Alex (via Zoom), Steve Ruble, Rob Griffith (joined via zoom at 10:05)

Jesse called the meeting to order at 9:04am

- 1) **Review agenda**—additions: None
- 2) **Review and approval of minutes:** Moved by Hank, seconded by Steve Sanchez to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Agenda item order was modified, to accommodate Steve's schedule.

**Events:**

**SGPF/State Parks Events**

Holidays in the Park—December 2 (Steve Sanchez's birthday): Steve Sanchez met with staff and events people on Tuesday. No pasties, cookies have been ordered, banners have been installed. Steve will be roasting chestnuts which will be obtained from Natural Selections, per Jesse (50 pounds are needed).

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

- a) **Finance:** Robert submitted treasurer's report, Moved by Robert, seconded by Hank to approve additional purchase of 1 ton of coal for the blacksmiths (\$1,800.) Motion passed unanimously.
- b) **Governance:** Matisse Gentry approached Jesse at the Bridge dinner, expressing interest in joining the Board. They will be meeting to further discuss. We are still interested in augmenting the Board membership.
- c) **Sales Center:** New T Shirts and sweatshirts are in the Empire gift shop, and can be transferred to the other sales centers. Since the last Board meeting, we can now transfer items between the sales centers. Park staffing for the visitor center at Bridgeport has been initiated since November 1. Wyatt has been filling in along with other Park Aides at Bridgeport.

**5) CAL Report:** Alex: No staffing updates since last meeting. Jeremy Lin will try to attend our SGPF meeting in December. Funding requests have been submitted by Alex for SGPF to consider at our December Board meeting in conjunction with our annual budget.

**6) Old Business:**

- a) **Recap on Bridgeport Bridge Dinner:** Robert circulated the financials in advance of the meeting, and a few comments were submitted. More details will be discussed in a future event committee meeting.

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**7) New Business:**

- a) **Review 2024 Budget:** Robert emailed a draft budget in advance of the meeting, including items requested from State Parks, via Alex. Board members were requested to review the full package, and assemble questions and comments in advance of our December Board meeting, to efficiently use our in-person meeting time. ((*Plea from Syd: Please make sure you circulate your input to Robert and Jesse, at least, in advance of the meeting.*)

Moved by Syd, seconded by Will to adjourn at 11:03am. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Syd Brown  
Secretary

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2023 Board Meeting Schedule  
Third Thursday of the Month at 10am

December 14, 10:00 am

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2024 Meeting Schedule

January 18  
February 15  
March 21  
April 18  
May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15  
September 19  
October 17  
November 21  
December 19

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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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