



SGPF Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
Empire Mine Docent Room

Board Members Present: Jesse Locks, Robert Coats, Hank Weston, Steve Sanchez, Syd Brown

Board Members Absent: Rhea Williamson, William Silva

Others: Alexandra Bevk Neeb (Zoom), Steve Ruble

Jesse called the meeting to order at 10:06am

- 1) **Review agenda**—additions: None
- 2) **Review and approval of minutes:** Moved by Robert, seconded by Jesse to approve minutes as corrected. Steve Ruble pointed out an error in the 2024 meeting schedule listed at the end of the minutes. The June date was corrected. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **CAL Report:** Alex: Internal mtg yesterday was held with supes and staff, to address various challenges of the sector, including communication style, volunteers, protocols and processes. Alex clarified the honoraria for Poetry in the Parks event, which is a stand-alone event, statewide. The Arts in Parks grant will be used to fund the honoraria. Ryan Randar is now supervisor for all three parks, since Mary Moyer has moved on to NORCOMM. With respect to volunteers: Parks directs and manages volunteers, the Foundation can support and communicate with the CAL (Alex) about volunteer issues. No hiring freeze in place. Unfortunately, the CAL position which Paige Haller vacated has not yet been advertised.
- 4) **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Finance:** Robert sent the Treasurers report via email in advance of the meeting. He needs board member hours for SP reporting. He has filed the tax return. We received a donation from Gage McKinney from royalties from George Starr book. Robert will share email thread about Springfest budget and planning.
 - b) **Governance:** Steve Ruble has applied to join the SGPF board. Moved by Robert to appoint Steve to the board for a 2-year term, seconded by Jesse and motion passed unanimously.
 - c) **Sales Center:** Volunteers have been staffing the Empire Gift shop and despite some slow days, income has been steady, and merchandise has been updated and ordered.
 - d) **Events:** Alex offered to meet with the events committee to address Parks processes, and to help avoid issues going forward, i.e. Mine Wine and Dine history. The Board did not decide whether or not to go forward with a fund-raising event in 2024, absent a robust volunteer committee. Jesse has reached out to Antonio's catering for possible dates, and will ask him to hold 2 September dates.
WSFF EnviroFair—Feb 17 & 18, 10am-4pm: Sam and volunteers will be staffing our table in Nevada City during the SYRCL Wild and Scenic Film Festival.
Springfest at Bridgeport: April 6, 2024 Planning is underway, and communications glitches and processes will be hammered out with Park staff.

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Humbug Day–June 8:

Miners Picnic–August 31

Holidays in the Park–December 7

e) Communications: Jesse has updated website materials in response to comments received, and an overall update is planned to add information about trails, etc. Jesse has met with the video production team, and will be applying to Parks for drone permit. Plans are going forward for multiple iterations of the video to be produced highlighting our three parks, for use in multiple ways and on multiple platforms.

5) Old Business: Bids have been received for grant-related items (everything except for the kiosks), and will be forwarded to Robert for payment and processing.

6) New Business: BYLT Celebration of Trails Sponsorship: Discussion was held to sponsor at the \$500 level. The Board decided that sponsorship was a good idea, and decided to commit to sponsorship for the June 2024 COT.

Robert moved to adjourn, seconded by Steve Sanchez. Meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule–Third Thursday of the Month at 10AM

January 18

February 15

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

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, William, 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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