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WES COMMUNITY

An independent non-profit dedicated to supporting outdoor education at Whiskeytown Environmental School

**Meeting Notes
WES Community Board
Monday, July 26th 2021, 6:00 to 7:30pm
Via Zoom Web-conference**

Present: Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Tyler Compton, Nathan Fairchild, Melinda Kashuba, Cassie Simons, Francesca Huntsman, Tammy Reynolds, Gordon Flynn, Josh Hoines

Not Present:

Discussion

Action Items

Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	June 2021 Minutes reviewed. Melinda motion to approve, Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD

Francesca Huntsman Cassandra Simons

WES Liaisons -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Tyler Compton

Special Projects - David Huscher

<p>WRNA Report: Tyler Compton</p>	<p>Current busy season and many staff are out sick. June alone had about 470,000 visitors to Whiskeytown.</p> <p>Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) released statement on how water will be managed in the CVP system and this will affect the water line at Whiskeytown. NPS has not released a statement yet and public comment is open until July 29th.</p> <p>Josh recommends local households analyze ways to reduce and conserve water usage in the house as the drought intensifies.</p>
<p>SCOE Update: Nathan Fairchild</p>	<p>Fall field lab planning is going well. Curriculum is in place and Nate has received many applications via Facebook. Season will run Sept. 8th – Oct, ending for wet months, and picking up again in spring. Water system is waiting on approval, if not ready, porta-potties will be needed on site.</p>
<p>Friends of Whiskeytown: Tammy Reynolds</p>	<p>Working hard for September 10th – Block Party Fundraiser for Whiskeytown Trail Restoration in downtown Redding in collaboration with Woody's. Brandy Creek Blonde Ale will be released (Josh's recipe).</p> <p>Ready to roll out the new website 1st week of August.</p> <p>Designing a scavenger hunt in Whiskeytown, with 20 different sites that people can visit, take selfies, and then enter photos into FOW for raffle prizes.</p>
<p>Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Starting balance: \$26,900.75 (as of 6/28/21)</p> <p>Total out: \$168.81 – printing materials (\$2,500- GoForth Consulting) pending as of 7/26/21 (\$80- Big Valley Sanitation) pending as of 7/26/21</p> <p>Total in: \$1.34</p> <p>Ending balance 7/26/21 \$26,733.28 (available: \$24,153.28)</p> <p>Rebuild Fund balance \$7,278.47</p>
<p>On-going Business</p>	
<p>NPS Partnership Agreement and Work Plan</p>	<p>No new news at this time, still at regional office waiting on signatures</p>

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study: Gordon Flinn	Gordon completed 31 interviews and is 70% done. He has 18 more scheduled for upcoming month. He is looking into other foundations for potential support: Sierra Pacific, McConnel and 3 other foundations. Gordon is meeting with the 20/30 club this Weds night (7/29)
Redding Rotary Meeting	Rotary meeting went well. Kathy Hill, Mike Freeman (SCOE) and Josh Hoines attended. Stated feedback was to keep honing the “elevator speech” so that it emphasizes asking for direct financial support.
CREEC Grant	Going well. 45 teachers are signed up to participate and the program is being fleshed out. All are excited to start soon.
WES Community website redesign	Francesca received a lot of good feedback for edits and is ready to submit the final draft tomorrow.
WES Tours	To resume in September. Assessing list of possible groups to extend invitation to.
Redbud Recovery Project	Materials at visitor’s center. Public has been posting messages on the trees.
New Business	
Make A Difference Day	Aug. 28 th – outreach event to gather volunteers at booth. Need to assess needs and opportunities for volunteers.
Reminder	Melinda will be gone for our Aug. 23 meeting. Need meeting chair and Zoom account to facilitate meeting.
Mon. Oct 25	Annual Board Meeting & officer elections
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 7:30:pm
Note taker	Cassie Simons

Next meeting 6:00pm Aug, 23rd, 2021 via zoom