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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, May 22nd 2017, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Kathy Hill, Stan Bridges, Ellen Petrick (NPS), Nathan Fairchild (SCOE)

Not Present: Edward Meyer

Discussion

Action Items

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| Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions   | Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm  |  |
| Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes   | Stan moved approve the May Minutes, Kathy seconded. Minutes approved.  |  |
| Treasurer's Report<br><br>(Kathy Hill)<br><br>(followed Nathan Fairchild's report. He had to leave early.) | \$3,779.97 current balance in account at Tri-Counties Bank.<br><br>Sherry Lawrence, our accountant, is leaving her current firm to join her husband's company. She agreed to take us on as a private client.<br><br>Sherry confirmed that our promotional video is part of the mission of our organization to raise funds for WES Camp. This clears the way for our State Tax forms to be submitted. The federal tax forms have already been mailed. |  |
| <b>Ongoing Business</b>  |  |  |
| SCOE Update (Nathan Fairchild)   | Summer program is looking good. Kate Bates will be running it this year with help from Cassie.<br><br>The camp medic, John Chow, was bitten by a rattlesnake near  |  |

**Board of Directors**

Stan Bridges    Kathy Hill    Melinda Kashuba, PhD  
 Edward Meyer

**WES Liaisons** - Cassie Simons

**SCOE Liaison** – Nathan Fairchild    **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick

**Special Projects** - David Huscher

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|   | <p>Clear Creek. He was evacuated and treated.</p> <p>Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) will be partially implemented this fall in the day programs. Two of the three day program leads will be leaving this fall. Jim Dowling will be returning in the fall.</p> <p>Fall, 2018 is the proposed season to return a Fall Residential Camp to the schedule. Nathan will assist Cassie in promoting the camp to adjacent counties, in particular Siskiyou County. Competing programs exist in Plumas and Butte Counties.</p> <p>Nathan is reading Steve Van Matre's <i>Sunship Earth</i> which was published in the 1970s as a follow-on book to his popular <i>Acclimatization</i> and <i>Acclimatizing</i>. Van Matre was amazingly prescient in that 80% of the Next Generation Science Standards are written about in <i>Sunship Earth</i>. Nathan and Cassie are exploring cohesive themes in this book to use in the residential camps to hook the campers and pull them through the week of outdoor science activities.</p> <p>Nathan purchased a number of small science materials such as nets and microscopes. We discussed the needed items on short-term list and long-term list for WES Camp. Two big items is a replacement steamer for the kitchen and an oven. These items combined cost about \$40,000. The specs for these items are attached to these minutes. He asked us to keep these needs in mind as we begin our community outreach to various local clubs such as Rotary.</p> |  |
| <p>WNRA Update (Ellen Petrick). Her report followed Nathan's.</p> | <p>Jennifer Gibson and Ellen Petrick held a mini-Bio Blitz with the Eagle Soar School. Rob Fernau (sp?) returned to work with the students on butterflies on Friday, May 19.</p> <p>There will be a Trails Scoping Meeting on Thursday, May 25 (the first of several) at City Hall between 6-8PM. Cassie and Erin Sliney met with NPS staff to discuss future reroutes of trails. Brian Rasmussen is the coordinator of the trail monitoring program this summer to count and talk to users of various trails in Whiskeytown. There are additional game cameras along some trails to add to the counts.</p> <p>WES Community is invited to attend the SCOE-NPS quarterly meeting on Wednesday, May 31 in Cassie's office. (note this meeting was cancelled).</p> <p>Inmate crews are coming to WES Camp in mid-June to clear blackberries (reduce fire hazard) around cabins and buildings.</p> <p>Climate Connections July 23-Aug 4, 2017 tour of several northern National Parks has openings. John Dewey at the Crater Lake Science and Learning Center is coordinating.</p>  |  |
| <p>Giving Tuesday</p>   | <p>Shasta Regional Community Foundation has announced its summer workshop schedule (mandatory to attend) and list of</p>   |  |

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|  | documents required to submit in September to participate in the November fund raising event.   |  |
| Redding Wonderland Garden Club               | Kathy Hill and Melinda Kashuba to attend the Monday, June 5 meeting to thank them for their check and talk to them about WES Camp. Slide show will be created to show along with movie. Melinda to obtain computer projector from Shasta College.  |  |
| CH2m Benches Project                         | Completed. No more coats of preservative needed. Kathy will send Ted and Melinda photos.   |  |
| City Connect                                 | City Connect networking event takes place Sat., June 3 at City Hall between 1-4 PM. This event is coordinated by Bethel Church to introduce the public to volunteering opportunities in our community. We are signed up for a table. Set up begins at 12 noon. Kathy will update our brochure to hand out. |  |
| <b>Future Business</b>                       |  |  |
| Summer vacation schedules and board meetings | Kathy is gone mid-July. Melinda will miss board meeting on July 24, Stan is also gone in June and July. Returning briefly around July 17. Ted's schedule? Should we move board meeting to July 17 instead of July 24?  |  |
| Fishing with kids                            | Kathy proposed that we locate fisherman to offer afternoon fishing to kids during residential programs during fishing season. Volunteers would have to be fingerprinted and pass SCOE requirements for adult volunteers.   |  |
| Meeting Adjourned                            | Adjourned at 7:40 PM   |  |

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm June 25, 2017

or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month