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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, April 22th 2019, 6:00 to 7:30pm
 at Shasta YMCA

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Edward Meyer, Kathy Hill, Nathan Fairchild

Not Present:

	Discussion	Action Items
Enjoy food/ Call to order/Make Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm	
Approve Minutes/Agenda additions and changes	Kathy made a motion to pass the March minutes, Edward seconded. Motion passed.	
SCOE Update	<p>Nathan advocated for NPS Supt. Hoines to speak to the Board. The Board is cautious after hearing a dire report from the BAER Team and is therefore not willing to make any snap decisions regarding any future use of the campus and would like to get more assurances. No perfect site for a new camp has been located. Board is coming to visit Lassen Pines Tues 4/23/19. Nathan is keeping all options open and still continuing to look at other possible sites on USFS, State, and Private land including Castle Crags State Park.</p> <p>One great thing about considering a return to the old campus is the possibility of a summer camp which could draw from all over the state and help support the program.</p> <p>Discussions about trying to create an interim day program schedule that would take place in various North State locations over the course of the school year. A survey was sent out to local teachers and the response was very positive and enthusiastic which has Nathan excited about the possibilities.</p> <p>Greg Williams who has worked for both WES and the NPS is now working with the</p>	

Board of Directors

Stan Bridges Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Edward Meyer

WES Liaisons -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Ellen Petrick
Special Projects - David Huscher

	<p>Planetarium and will be working seasonally at the park.</p> <p>Short discussion regarding Domokur Architecture and the continued plan to get them on board as a consultant with the help of a grant. Grant still pending. Domokur has a long history of designing camps around the country and will provide a wealth of information and experience.</p>
WNRA Update	<p>County Office of Ed meeting went very well with NPS Supt. Hoines giving a very informed and positive presentation. Governing theme was that the BAER team misrepresented the potential geologic impacts and further review has made officials feel more confident in the relative safety of the most parts of the campus area. NPS sees the great value of having the school there as an asset to the community.</p> <p>Staffing is very low at the park presently with the recent departure of several permanent personnel and difficulties in hiring new positions. Hiring is proving to be a huge hurdle. YCC seasonal jobs are open for the summer for 15-18 yr olds.</p> <p>Ellen is going to many different programs to present on the park around the community.</p> <p>Getting the kayak program up and running with a new reservation line and will be offered Wed-Sun over the summer. Volunteer training is on May 30th at the kayak shed at Oak Bottom.</p> <p>Sat. is the ribbon cutting and reopening of Oak Bottom Marina from 11-1.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>No current balance available for this meeting.</p> <p>\$84.60 square and \$62.00 cash for a total of \$146.60 from Sat T-shirt and cup sales at Whole Earth and Watershed Fest.</p> <p>Kathy has taken care of 990N (Federal), 199N (State), RRF-1(State Attorney General) tax forms and all are submitted.</p> <p>PO Box paid for this month.</p>
On-going Business	
Assistance to Schools: Cascade-Union and Buckeye School of the Arts Funding	<p>WES Com on behalf of Buckeye School of the Arts was awarded grant funding through the Carr Fire Disaster Relief Fund thanks to Melinda submitting the grant application. WES Community will receive the funds and then transfer them via check to Lena.</p> <p>No word from Cascade-Union, no response to Melinda's messages. According to Lena they are still planning on coming. Will wait to hear from either the school or Lena.</p>
Sweatshirt sales and Tie Dye Extravaganza	<p>Eventbrite did not work out with setting up appointments. Flyer that has been out to the public has the hours of the event listed as 1-4pm. Board members and volunteers will arrive at 11:30am to set up. Kathy will bring tie dye, signage, and related supplies. Ted will get word out on social media this week.</p>
Recap Whole Earth and	<p>Community was overwhelmingly positive about WES and the campus and very supportive about bringing the program back.</p>

Watershed Festival 4/20/19	Board got practice using new square reader selling T-shirts and cups from WES.
Recap on New Comer's Presentation	Unfortunately there was a scheduling misunderstanding and Kathy was a day late for the presentation. Many of the group members were in attendance the following day, so Kathy still gave them some information but did not go through the whole presentation.
Friends of Whiskeytown Meeting 4/9/19	<p>Large turnout at the meeting.</p> <p>Wine party will take place of Luau and will happen in the Fall. Matson winery is the venue. Will be holding raffles for a kayak and a large painting in the coming months.</p> <p>Jennifer Gibson and Anna Schrenk are both making the rounds of local groups and speaking about the aftermath of the Carr Fire.</p> <p>Discussion of a cooperative trail work project with the NPS, approx. \$1500/mi for trail rehab and have established a gofundme to raise money for the project.</p>
New Business	
May Meeting	May meeting rescheduled to the third Monday of the month due to Memorial Day Holiday and closure of YMCA
Lion's Club Fundraiser-Aug 3, 2019, Downtown Redding.	<p>Melinda has made contact with the coordinator of the event Heidi Prado, of the Redding Host Lions Club. 100% of proceeds of the event will be donated to support the future of the WES program. Brief discussion with Heidi about the status of things regarding the uncertain nature of plans for the program and location.</p> <p>Board will discuss at the next meeting how we would like to offer to participate.</p>
Bulletin Board at Whiskeytown VC and WES Camp?	"What does Whiskeytown Mean to Me?" Jennifer Gibson and Josh Hoines stated that they were interested in putting up bulletin boards for the community to be able to share their thoughts about the park. There is a great desire by the public to have a conversation and an outlet to share their feelings. There is an NPS meeting planned later this week to discuss how these might be designed and created.
Projects for 2019-2020 including 50 th Anniversary	Discussed possibility of trying to hold a potential event at the Campus. Ellen seemed to feel that with proper lead time and planning, it would be a possibility.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned at 8:01pm

Next meeting at Shasta YMCA: 6:00pm May 20, 2019

or the 4th Monday of each Month