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WES COMMUNITY

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

**WES Community Meeting Notes
 Monday, Jan 23 2023; 6:00 to 7:30pm
 Via Zoom Web-conference**

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Francesca Huntsman, Kathy Hill, Tim Hill, Cassie Simons, Ellen Petrick, Nathan Fairchild (SCOE), Tyler Compton (NPS), Josh Hoines (NPS)

Not Present: FOW Rep.

Discussion

Action Items

Melinda	Meeting was called to order at 6 PM	
Approve Minutes Agenda & Changes	Minutes approved. Agenda change, discussion of RAC Grant Application moved to the start of meeting.	
Liaison Reports		
NPS (Tyler/ James)	Kate Camden Biography is being generated and the original indigenous settlement of Whiskeytown is being updated. Spring ranger hikes will begin soon once trails are cleared. Summer hiring will begin soon. New CVA volunteer coordinator will begin at the end of February and is a Redding resident. Josh- significant weather has caused massive changes in the trails and park. Massive trees have fallen and taken out power lines. Communication lines are down and	

Board of Directors

Kathy Hill Melinda Kashuba, PhD
 Francesca Huntsman Cassandra Simons

WES Liaison -

SCOE Liaison – Nathan Fairchild WNRA Liaison – Tyler Compton

	massive amounts of snow has caused damage. Trails damaged by falling trees and erosion. Trail crews working hard to clean up.	
SCOE (Nate)	Field labs in spring are filling up quickly. Many different counties are attending. Currently hiring for the field lab staff.	
FOW (Don/Tammy)	No representative available. Melinda attended the meeting. They have a new board member and are determining a fundraiser date.	
Treasurer's Report (Kathy)	The Statement of Position and Statement of activity to the end of December 2022 are available upon request to the public interested in these reports. Our Bank Balance today is \$276,503.35 as of 1/23/22 activity from 12/1 to 12/31: + \$42,742.14 deposits -\$14,673.22 expenses Kathy is meeting with the bookkeeper to process 1049 forms for the year.	Find out when bookkeeper is planning on doing taxes- Kathy
Old Business		
5a. RAC Grant (Melinda/ Ellen)	We have advanced to the next round of funding and will be presenting to the Forest Service about the grant (10 min). We can suggest additional trails at the end of the presentation in the case that there is additional funding available. Trails included in the grant: Logging camp, Knobcone, Ladybug, Clear Creek Canal, and Guardian rock. Ellen is exploring additional trails to add. USNFS is administering the grant awards.	
5b. Capital campaign status (Melinda, Kathy, Francesca)	Winter newsletter is being distributed. Presentations since last meeting: Breakfast Lions, AAUW, and Elks. \$2,500 from Rotary Club of Redding toward bunk bed challenge Contracted with Brandon Anderson to find grants, he will be meeting with us in February to give a report.	
5c. June 3 event (Kathy)	A \$3,500 contract has been drafted to hire Jennifer Fontana from Kool April Nights Committee as the event planner. It was determined that additional duties need to be included in the contract before it is adopted.	Add budget development to contract- Kathy

	The contract will be amended and sent to the board for an email vote.	
5d. Project development update (Tim)	The project is progressing along.	
5e. Metals Direct Contract (Tim)	Waiting on Metals Direct for proposal for updated designs and specs.	
5f. NPS Workplan (Melinda)	<p>Melinda is writing the workplan and turning into Josh by the end of the month. She added an additional event that will happen this spring at WES with Shasta Land Trust on May 6th.</p> <p>It has been determined that the June 3rd event is going to be hosted at another site.</p>	
5g. Report to National Park Foundation (Melinda)	<p>\$15,000 grant from National Park Foundation: \$11,400 has been spent to date.</p> <p>Requirement of the grant report: determine increase in Mail Chimp and USPS audiences for newsletters and announcements. Also include how many more hits on social media.</p>	Francesca will find and report to Melinda increase in Mailchimp & USPS numbers
New Business		
6a. Shasta Land Trust (Melinda, Kathy, Francesca)	<p>Shasta Land Trust Family Event @ WES on May 6th, 2023. 10 am - 2 pm</p> <p>WESC reps walked around the WES site with SLT members, Brady and Natalia. They shared outdoor education activities and ideas in order to develop plans for leading educational activities on SLT family day. Kathy did a great job showing outdoor education lessons and activities.</p>	
Announcements		

7a.	Award presentation Luncheon Redding Rotary – Feb. 16 @ 12 noon	
7b. Francesca	<p>The Elks Club is giving us a \$3,000 donation to WESC. Would like to set up a photo opportunity.</p> <p>Ellen and Marge Beck will be working on generating grant money via the Rotary Foundation.</p> <p>Met with the Seamans of Seamans Family Foundation and followed up with a thank you.</p>	
Note taker	Cassie Simons	

Next meeting 6:00-7:30 February 27th, 2023