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**WES COMMUNITY**

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

**Meeting Notes**  
**WES Community Board**  
**DATE: May 22, 2023 6:00 to 7:30pm**  
**Via Zoom Web-conference**

Present: Melinda Kashuba, Nathan Fairchild SCOE, Gordon Flinn Consultant, Kathy Hill, Ellen Petrick, Tyler Compton NPS, Francesca Huntsman

Not Present: Cassie Simons

	Discussion	Action Items
Call to order/Make Introductions	Call to order: No guests, meeting commenced at 6 pm.	
Approve Minutes & Agenda additions and changes	Questions from DA s office added to agenda  No minutes from April, approval deferred to June.	
WNRA Report: Tyler Compton	Two mountain bike races coming up so getting routes ready for that. Artists in Residence has again restarted, 2 artists have been present and painting at various sites around park. Seasonal staff have been hired. Lots of training going on. Three seasonal interp. rangers have started, fourth coming on board soon. Fire staff sent to Florida for training and 4 kayak volunteers starting. NPS is also participating in the upcoming Redding Pride event.	
SCOE Update: Nathan Fairchild	More students at Field Labs, groups of 50-60 students. Staff doing good job. Project Share will offer a summer program again at WES, starting approx. July 5 <sup>th</sup> for 4 weeks. Tallianna will be staffing. Staff will receive raise starting Fall 23. Field	Melinda will contact Josh about process for

**Board of Directors 2023**

Kathy Hill · Francesca Huntsman-Siemer  
 Melinda Kashuba, PhD · Ellen Petrick · Cassie Simons

**Friends of Whiskeytown Liaison** - Tammy Reynolds  
**SCOE Liaison** – Nathan Fairchild **WNRA Liaison** – Tyler Compton

	<p>Labs would be more efficient and better experience if the pond could be kept filled and used as an instruction site. Discussion about reopening some of the access paths from WES to creek instructional sites. <b>Upcoming meetings:</b> Cole Rumford new facilities Mgr. at WES on May 23rd with the team and June 28<sup>th</sup> with WES Community at SCOE Board meeting.</p>	access path work.
<p>Friends of Whiskeytown: Tammy Reynolds</p>	<p>Melinda reports from FOW last meeting. FOW is working on a grant for amphitheater rehab. Poker Paddle Kayak Run fundraiser scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Astronomy Festival scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. Lake clean-up day in the works for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Street beer party and whiskey event in the works towards end of the year.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hill</p>	<p>The April Bookkeeping has been reconciled. Beginning balance: \$231,641.66 Ending balance: \$217,582.27 April deposits: \$3,347.91 April debits: \$17,407.30 May 22<sup>nd</sup> \$218,306.42(balance as of end of the day)</p> <p>Available to the public upon request are the Statements of Financial Position and Statements of Activity.</p>	
<p><b>On-going Business</b></p>		
<p>Round up at the Register – ACE Hardware</p>	<p>Radio spot created and will start running beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>. We are paying for the radio spots. Will play on four stations. Gordon will query some radio stations for interviews. Press release, Jennifer P., Gordon, and Melinda will coordinate. Kathy will send info to Nathan for SCOE Facebook posting.</p>	<p>Gordon Jennifer Kathy</p>
<p>East Redding Rotary Amphitheater Grant</p>	<p>Amphitheater rehabilitation grant application is completed and 2 other Rotary Groups will provide free labor. Project cost is \$73,000. Value from the Rotary groups is \$40,000. Balance may come from different grants.</p>	

Status of Survey Building Plans	Survey is completed, awaiting final figures. The balance encumbered for this expense will be spent and will probably go over the budgeted amount.  Metals Direct has sent revised plans to Melinda.	Tim and Melinda
Capital Campaign Status	Spring solicitation letter sent Possible fundraising event later this summer	
Grants	Nothing new to report	Ellen
<b>New Business</b>		
Questions from DA's Office via SCOE	In depth discussion of these questions which were about rebuilding costs, WES site use by outside groups, and reforestation of area in memory of lives lost in forest fire. Melinda will prepare a response and send back to SCOE.	Melinda
Letters of support to SCOE	Template has been created by Jennifer. Francesca has solicited 12 people and organizations for letters.	
Justine Lehman, Solid Office Solutions	Our bookkeeper is closing her business and going to work for SCOE. We need a new bookkeeper.	
Red Bud Recovery	WES Community will schedule another event for this summer.	Melinda will call Michelle
National Park Service Foundation	Meeting scheduled with Garrett on June 22 <sup>nd</sup> or 23 <sup>rd</sup> to provide training to WES Community and our partners.	Melinda will coordinate
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM	
Note taker	Francesca Huntsman	

Next meeting 6:00pm July 24, 2023 via zoom