



Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2016

I. Call to Order

Board members present: Mark Williams, Doug Waltner, Jack McGowan and Sandy Brinley. Forest Service Reps: Leak Pen and Cori Hayth

II. Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved with one addition: first line in new business section add "closer to the 'Soquel' mill location".

III. Treasurer's Report

Mark reports our balance as of end of May is \$13,210.

IV. Ongoing Business

Mile High repairs: The site is officially closed. Placement of the new sign won't happen until the site reopens. The vent for the rest room is on order. Doug will look into adding a coating to the etched signs.

Byway signs installation: Signs have been installed. Some of the signs are being held for potential replacements as needed. Cori said that she found some of the existing larger signs. She plans to place them at the Byway entry points.

Nelder grove: The interpretive signs have been approved. The current plan is to laminate the signs and place them at entrance points.

Byway Tours: The June 4th tour was attended by 7 people. The Whisky Creek area was the venue. Burt showed the fire line and back fire areas of the Willow fire. Our next tour is scheduled for July 30th.

V. New Business

The Ross Cabin area is closed to the public due to hazard trees. Will probably be closed all summer.

The road to the Nelder Grove assembly area is very rutty. Some cars may not be able to make it up the road.

The Soquel Mill interpretive area project will be delayed until the Soquel bridge is repaired. Repair is scheduled for June 30th.

Jack reported that Rhonda Salisbury (Visitors Bureau) said that they are planning to have Jonah Weintraub of Time, Inc. do a "photo shoot" of Madera areas of interest to be included in a publication called "Hidden Gems". They want to include views along the Byway and Nelder Grove. The current schedule is for August. Jonah will contact Jack. Elizabeth Christie, a local photographer and hiker will be involved as well. Cori asked Jack to create a "Partnership Agreement" for the Forest Service.

VI. Adjournment of formal meeting

Next meeting Wednesday, July 13th, 5:00pm in the Forest Service conference room.