

EPPOC Draft Minutes
Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, 9:30-11:30 am

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- Approval of February 2024, minutes – approved
- Reports by several HOAs about successes and challenges for 2024 and plans for 2025.

Clint Jodie, General Manager of Lake Mont Pines POA – Jodie worked at Bear Valley and other jobs and was maintenance person at Lake Month Pines and a year and a half ago he become General Manager of Lake Mont Pines. Successes: Lots of successful activities last summer, campfires, and much more. Jodie's wife Jamie is the office manager, and they work together to hire lifeguards, run the snack shack, employ teenagers as life guards and other functions. Lake management schedule is being formulated with help from biologist. Vegetation, dam, intake management all going well. Challenges: short term rentals can make for conflicts with loud parties. The Board is considering adding regulation regarding short term rentals that may add additional code to the code that is being promulgated by the County. Adding new deck to their community building has been a challenge because of permitting process. Issues with geese and the lake. All in all, excellent feedback from the community on the direction being taken.

Thomas Hein, General Manager of Blue Lake Springs HOA – Thomas also spoke about successes and challenges. Many successes, Snowflake Lodge and the swimming pools, the lakes get lots of use. Folks are happy with the recreational opportunities. They have done lake dredging, working with County on the spillway. Challenges, because 2,000 properties fire safety is a priority. Starting new program this year. Because of Covid BLS lost their volunteer inspectors. They will be using their CC&Rs to do inspections. Ward Redman is a new Board member, and he is leading the program to do year round pin to pin fire compliance. Short term rentals are sometimes been an issue and at this point BLS anticipates that the new County Short Term Rental Statute may be sufficient to address the issues.

- Reports:
 - EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman \$505.10 in the treasury
 - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis
 - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty – sent regrets
 - FOAM (Friends of Arnold Meadow) – Colleen Dienger
 - Calaveras County Public Works – Monica Remus – road crew in our area has five persons. They are continuing ditching efforts. They note that some homeowners are placing their yard waste in the ditch. County does not have resources to remove yard waste, they keep the ditch open but not cleared. Property owners are responsible for the culverts under their driveway. Citizens can enter a work request on the County website.
 - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – opening station 3 in Hathway Avery area has been very helpful in terms of staffing. A new fire engine will be arriving in 18 to 24 months (it's a four-year process). EPFD negotiated a \$55/year per household rate with PHI Air Ambulance. You may reach PHI at: tthayer@phiairmedical.com. Pamphlets are available to the Blagen Road firehouse. Be sure to request the \$55 group rate. Joan Lark will be hosting the annual lot clearers meeting at the firehouse on April 1st where she speaks with the lot clearers about this upcoming season.
 - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Tim McCollister
 - Sheriff's Department
 - CalFire – Battalion Chief Dennis Lange – As of April there will be even engines in Calaveras and seven engines in Tuolumne county. Chief Lange asks us to review the new Zone Zero and clearance requirements: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace>
 - CCWD –Kelly Gerkenmeyer, Bertha Underhill – Bertha complimented Kelly on the excellent job he has done updating the CCWD website. <https://www.ccwd.org>
Kelly reports that in the Copperopolis area extensive work has been done on the waste system. The next project for CCWD in our district is the tank above White Pines Lake that serves as the main tank for the Arnold area water.
 - County Office of Emergency Services – Bajit Singh no report
 - Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson – no report
 - CalWaste – Jillian Goss
 - FOCAS – Kim deArrillaga & Christine Albertine
 - Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin – adult crafts the first Wednesday and children's crafts the first Friday of the month. Book club doing well, meets 4th Tuesday of the month, reading Island of the Missing Trees. Please join Friends of the Library and getting library cards.

- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith no report
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Vida Kenk – young Giant Sequoia seedlings are sprouted especially in areas that had prescribed burns. Please do not leave the trail and damage them. There are Library passes available at the Arnold Library that allow free entrance to State parks. There is a mandatory docent orientation for new volunteers at the State Park on Marcy 29 and 30th. See Vida's attached newsletter about how to sign up for U.C. California Stewardship classes being offered May 29,30 June 5,6. Debbie is the new Manager of CBTA. She has also been elected to serve on the Board of the Calaveras Community Foundation.
- Calaveras Council of Governments – no current representative
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand – Spring Fling will be April 12th at 19th Hole. Pre-registration required, no tickets available at the door. There will be a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning at White Pines Park. Those who are attending the Logging Museum Jamboree can swing by early for breakfast.
- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach – ARTA is becoming its own 501(c)3. Rob Houghton is leading the Strategic Planning Committee and formulating documents that are required by certain types of grant funding agencies, documents that we have not had in the past. There is going to be a run on the ART on June 1st. Signup here for the 5k, half marathon, or a 22-mile run of the entire Arnold Rim Trail starting on Fullen Road.
<https://arnoldrimtrail.org/event/run-the-rim-trail-run/>
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- Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda?
 Ken Sanders wanted to let everyone know about ERSN (Ebbetts Radio Safety Network). <https://ersn.net> to get more information.
 Martha announced that she, Martin Huberty, and Marcie Powers are putting together a "Fire and Forest Film Festival and Forum" the last weekend of May 30, 31, and June 1st. Stay tuned for more details.
- Adjournment: 11:30 am (approximately)

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