

OEFA meeting February 25, 2015

I. Participants:

Tony Catalano
Jeff Mott
Lisa Speegle
Mary Anne Pella Donnelly
Debby Chakarun
Robin Patterson
Anne Stephens (note taker)

Minutes from January were approved

II. Presentation by Emma and Rob Gage: Gage's Fly Fishing and Eco tours

The Gages are interested in joining OEFA as a provider to take classes on drift boat trips on waterways between Redding and the lower Yuba River.

They have set up the Waterways in Education Fund (through North Valley Community Foundation) and have two individuals working as fund managers. Interested classrooms can apply for grants through the Waterways in Education Fund.

Donors to the fund will be fly fishing clubs etc.

Jeff asked if Emma and Rob have "tested" the program with groups yet...they've done the programs with kids, but haven't tried out the the funding operation yet.

They are on the CREEC.org website, but not OEFA yet.

Liability issues were discussed. Gage's has a \$3million in insurance coverage

They can take 4 kids per boat plus a chaperone.

Also have access to the Feather River Fish Hatchery boat ramp ½ day fish hatchery tours and ½ day floats.

The are aligning their programs

Can be contacted at robb@gageonthefly.com

(530) 990-3990

They will meet with the Land Trust and OEFA together in the next few weeks

II. Partnership with the Northern California Regional Land Trust

Land trust board approved our agreement

The NOAA grant did not go forward because it did not allow enough indirect (10%) And required a lot of fiscal management and reporting that the NCRLT wasn't prepared to take on for that amount of indirect.

All we're getting from the land trust is insurance and their fiscal management. No office space or phone/ printing.

III. Relationship Plumas County Office of Education

Tony and Jeff are meeting with Rob Wade on Monday, Feb. 29 to discuss the partnership and taking Butte County students to the Storrie Fire area for field trips. Mary Anne Pella Donnelly is interested in taking her students from Chico Junior, and Suzy Bauer from Chico Country Day is also interested.

IV. Website and Social Media

Lisa doesn't have access to the Facebook Page (Shea does)

Website: she has posted two events from the Chico Creek Nature Center
Mary Anne and Tanya Heaston have two proposed dates for NGSS Provider workshops that need to be added to the site.

Send any announcements to Lisa.

Gretchen Bender emailed us a Legal Zoom document to apply for our 501c3 status.
Costs \$159.00

V. Sustainability Conference

Nate Millard and Tony Catalano will present, and will give an update of OEFA's activity

VI. Tehama County Outreach

Debby is meeting with Lorna Manual about working with the high school teachers and students

VII. Discuss Brad Cooke's input during

Brad needs a fiscal agent: Relationship with Land Trust will help him
He will be an independent contractor (1099) Brad will contract with schools to come to the Forebay.
Forebay Aquatic Center will provide pdfs, water safety instruction, some transportation for schools.

VIII. Criteria for participation in OEFA

Providers need to meet certain standards
We don't currently have a process for approving providers.
The North American Association for Environmental Education Guidelines for Excellence are a good resource, as is the newly released Blueprint for Environmental Literacy.

<https://naaee.org/our-work/programs/guidelines-excellence>

<http://resources.spaces3.com/89c197bf-e630-42b0-ad9a-91f0bc55c72d.pdf>