

June 2024 Meeting Agenda

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association

Location: Community Room - Stanley Library + Virtual
 Call-in Details: **(253)215-8782**, Meeting ID: **817 2612 8900**
 or join by **Zoom** link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726128900>

Date: **June 20, 2024**
 Time: **10am – 12pm, mst**

Participants

Officers	Stewart Wilder <i>President</i>	Terry Clark <i>Vice-President</i>	Roland Miller <i>Secretary</i>	Liesl Scherthanner <i>Treasurer</i>	Gary Gadwa
Directors	Ed Cannady	Paul Hill	Bernice Hartz	Susan Kim	Amelia Jones
	Jenny MacNichol	Becky Obletz	Dave Pinney	Caitlin Straubinger	
Others in attendance	Kathy Atchley <i>C/T Liaison</i>	Erica Cole <i>Business Manager</i>	Laurii Gadwa <i>Volunteer Recorder</i>	Lin Gray <i>Executive Director</i>	SNRA Representatives

Agenda Item	Discussion (topics, key points, etc.)	Action Required	Responsible Party	Duration
Call to Order/Roll Call			Stewart	
Review of Consent Agenda & Minutes of previous meeting	Discussion/Motion to approve		Stewart	2 min
OPEN TOPICS/UPDATES/REPORTS				
• President's Report		Discussion	Stewart	10 min
• Board Vacancies	1 vacancy; Term renewals: Roland, Liesl,	Discussion	Terry	10 min
• Director/Officer Terms	Gary, Paul, Amy; Voting in officers	Action Item	Stewart	
• SNRA Liaison's Report	SNRA Updates with Jake Stromeyer, Michael Fuller and Steve Frost	Discussion		15 min
• C/T Liaison's Report	FS Updates	Discussion	Kathy	5 min
• <u>Executive Director's Report</u>	Updates: Training, Events, Grants, etc. Fiscal Sponsor Agreement proposal	Discussion Action Item	Lin	10 min
• Finance Report	Treasurer's Update Approval of Financial Report	Discussion Action Item	Liesl	10 min
• <u>Outlets Update</u>	Sales/Operations	Discussion	Erica	5 min
• Membership Update	Membership/Outreach	Discussion	Caitlin	5 min
• <u>Crew Update</u>	Naturalists/Volunteers/Museum	Discussion	Alicia	5 min
• Preservation Comm Update	Oral Histories	Discussion	Committee	5 min
• Executive Comm Update	Brokerage Account	Discussion	Committee	10 min
• Center for the Sawtooths	Closing date set: June 24 Next steps	Discussion	Committees	25 min
• Round Table/Open Topics		Discussion		5 min
<u>Next Meeting</u>	August 22, 2024 – 10am-12pm MT Location: Redfish Visitor Center + Virtual		Stewart	
Adjournment				
Friday, June 21 - 6pm: <u>Crew Welcome Party</u> at the Stanley Museum. SIHA will pick-up pizza, please bring a dessert or snacks! +1s welcome. RSVP to Lin by 6/20 so we can order enough pizza 😊 Wednesday, June 26: Visitor Center opens (hopefully)! Daily, free programs begin. Friday, June 28: 7pm Evening Program: <i>The Sawtooth's "Snowbirds": Migratory Bird Treaty Act</i> with our returning Naturalist Heath				

Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association

Executive Director's Update

June 14, 2024

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- *Director Terms, Officers*
- *Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement*
- *Approval of Finance Report*

UPDATES

- **HIRING:** As you all know, hiring was tricky again this year. Here is our summer crew line up:
 - Redfish: Alicia Lindbom – Coordinator; Naturalists: Heath Bagley (year 2!), Rory (goes by Cush) Cushen, and Jenna Downing; Volunteers: (working 40 hours combine) Chari (pronounced Sherry) and Steve Maier
 - Museum: Morgan McCully and Azelie Wood both hired as Historic Specialists
- I've just pulled together our **2024 drawing** details for a 3-night stay at Beckwith's Lodge. We'll be selling tickets for \$20 and 6 tickets for \$100. The drawing will be Labor Day.
- Our **roadside clean-up** was held June 12th. About 12 people participated. But they were able to hit the sections of road closest to Stanley, and multiple people noted that the roadsides didn't seem too bad because we have been making the effort annually. We've already started brainstorming ways to get better participation next year and may shift the clean up to a weekend day.
- We are slated to open the **visitor center** June 26th, though the parking lot may not be fully open until the 28th. Things are starting to take shape if you haven't been out there to see the changes it is worth a look. I am eager to get access to begin cleaning and setting up for the summer.
- **Tour de Force** is slated to use the Museum grounds for their Huckleberry Drive on July 18th. They will be providing a donation to SIHA and part of their donation will include the cost of having the Museum road repaired. I've check with the SNRA about the road and have shared FS specs for blading with the organizers so it is done to the Forest Service standard.
- The **Stanley Museum** opened Memorial Day weekend. As of June 13th we've been open 12 days and had 400 visitors, a little lower than the first 12 days in 2023 with 448. As a reminder, Erica will be sharing sales numbers at board meetings, including the visitor center and museum from now on.
- Sawtooth **Salmon Festival** planning is under way. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Language and Cultural Preservation Department, and hopefully some members of the business council, will be joining us for a sign dedication during the festival. We are also planning a new addition of a paint night after FLS on Friday at Sawtooth Spirit. We are still working out the details, but it looks like there will be about 25 slots at \$35/person to cover the cost of supplies. IRU's artist-in-residence will lead the painting and IRU is creating a landing page for sign-ups if you are interested be on the lookout for that. We are working to create opportunities and events to make Salmon Fest more than a one-day event - but with additions that do not take a ton of effort.
- **Action Item:** Just this week SIHA was approached by the **Sawtooth Coalition** to be a fiscal sponsor for a grant. This is something they had asked me about in the past but didn't have an immediate need. They are working to find funding for operations/facilitation through the National Forest Foundation. Until the Coalition has its own nonprofit designation it needs a fiscal sponsor. We don't have a draft agreement yet, hopefully I'll have it by our meeting. I am looking for approval from the board to work with the coalition to complete this fiscal sponsor agreement.

- The Stanley Chamber's grants administrator has shared that they may have some funding for SIHA to use for **online advertising** of FLS. I'm not sure when we'll get the go ahead but if we do it will be interesting to see if it makes a difference in attendance this year.
- I'm working on scheduling two **special programs**. 1) a presentation by Mark Moulton on riparian restoration efforts in the SNRA, "Grazing History of the Sawtooth Valley." 2) A presentation by John Bieter about his work documenting Basque arborglyphs and his hope to create a citizen monitoring program locally to capture aspen arborglyphs in the Sawtooths.

NEEDS

- **RSVP to CREW WELCOME PARTY – JUNE 21th at 5:30pm – APPITIZERS/DESSERTS** Please join us on Saturday June 21th at 5:30pm to meet SIHA's summer crew and welcome them aboard. We are ordering pizza so let me know if you will be joining us at the Board meeting so we have something for everyone.

GRANTS

To be researched/submitted:

- CHC Foundation – July 31 deadline - only funds fixed assets that benefit Custer County – It looks like they have funding other historical societies in the area. I'm considering requesting funds for office and tool shed/ice house roofs and seeing how it goes.

Submitted:

- Idaho Community Foundation - \$5,000 requested general support
- Val A. Browning Foundation - \$25,000 requested for 2025 Redfish crew compensation
- Submitted December 31 - we have not officially been denied funding but expected not to be: License Plate Fund/Sawtooth Society - \$10,400 requested for 2024 naturalist compensation.

Active Grants:

- **Redfish Wayfinding:** \$1,783 awarded - Stanley WinterFest Community Grant for new information kiosk and wayfinding signs to be installed at Redfish once we are open and see how people are using the new path and parking lot.
- **Suzi Boyle Giving** - \$1000 awarded for technology costs related to fundraising efforts. Cost/transaction fees for an online raffle ticket platform or similar fundraiser.
- **2024 Redfish Fund** - \$25,000 awarded for partial 2024 Redfish crew compensation, report submitted June 1.
- **Sho-Ban Interp Project.** Idaho Humanities Council, major grant cycle. \$5,550 awarded for Shoshone-Bannock Interpretive signage/exhibit. + 2022 Q1 License Plate Fund, \$6,500 awarded for Shoshone Bannock Interpretive project
 - **UPDATE on Displays:** Interpretive signs are installed at the Museum and will be installed at the visitor center once we have access. Replica artifacts are still in the works. I hope to have them by the beginning of July. We have scheduled an open house with the Tribes conjunction with Salmon Fest.
 - An additional \$30,000 was awarded by the FS in 2023 for outdoor interpretive signs, more replica artifacts and an outdoor mobile classroom. **UPDATE on Replicas:** I continue to meet with Sho-Ban staff; a willow working class was held at Fort Hall on March 20. Over 40 tribal members and nonmembers of all ages attended. SIHA will receive a replica winnowing basket for education/display. Other classes (with corresponding replicas) include a parfleche class in the fall and a fish trap class. The fish trap class is scheduled to take place during the Sawtooth Salmon Festival. Benches, a portable speaker and whiteboard have been purchased for our mobile classroom. We'll be using most items at the visitor center once we have access.

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

- Fri. Jun 7 Museum Open Daily, SIHA staffs Stanley Ranger Station on weekends
- Fri. Jun 20 Board Meeting – 10am-12pm Redfish Visitor Center
- Sat. Jun. 21 Summer Crew Welcome Party – 5:30pm-7pm Stanley Museum
- Wed. Jun 26 Visitor Center Opens...hopefully
- Fri. Jul 12 FLS: Women in Wildfire Forum with Jolie Pollet, Melissa Wegner, and Samantha Cluff
- Sat. Jul 20 History Day
- Fri. Jul. 26 FLS: Krista Willmorth, “Savoring the Sawtooths: Foraging as Stewardship in the Mountain West”
- Sat. Aug 3 Smokey Bear’s Birthday
- TBD Aug. End of Season Potluck – Aug 5? 8?**
- Fri Aug. 9 FLS: Greg Kaltenecker, Director, Intermountain Bird Observatory, “Bald Eagles, Celebrating a Successful Recovery!”
- Fri. Aug 23 FLS: Salmon; Sip and Splash Salmon Fest paint night with Sawtooth Spirit
- Sat. Aug 24 Sawtooth Salmon Festival
- Mon. Sep 2 Museum Closes Daily Ops – open weekends in Sept. (volunteers may be needed to help staff on weekends!)
- Sun. Sep 15 Redfish Closes Daily Ops – open weekends in Sept.
- Fri. Sept. 13 FLS at Community Library: Kimberly Heinemeyer, “Wolverines in Winter: Ecology and Conservation of a Rare Carnivore in Large Landscapes”
- Sept. SNRA Clean-up Event
- Sep 16 & 22 Tentative Museum Work Days

IMPORTANT DATES

- Our next scheduled board meeting is **Thurs. August 22, 2024**, at the Redfish Visitor Center.

Submitted by Lin Gray

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association **Outlets Update**

Board Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

Sales Comparison

January – May sales at all locations total \$9,047 compared to \$8,157 in 2023. You can find the sales details on page 3 of this report.

Based on June sales at the Mountain Village Merc, Stanley Ranger Station, SNRA Headquarters, and Museum, I'm optimistic for another great year in sales.

US Bank Savings Account

As mentioned in the April Board Meeting, Laurii and Ken Carlsen were still listed as signors on the US Bank savings account. Thanks to Laurii, Ken and Laurii were removed from the account and I was added as a signor.

Idaho Dept of Parks and Recreation

The following stickers for IDPR will be sold at these outlets:

- ✓ Invasive Species Motorized: SRS, Museum, and RVC
- ✓ Invasive Species Non-Motorized: SRS, Museum, and RVC
- ✓ OHV (off-highway vehicle): SRS and Museum
- ✓ Boat Registration: Museum only

Fuelwood Permits

The Museum will sell the SNRA and Salmon-Challis Fuelwood Permits again this summer.

While SIHA will only make a nominal amount for selling IDPR stickers and fuelwood permits, it is a great reason for visitors and locals to visit these locations. The goal is to gain more exposure for SIHA, increase sales, and grow attendance at SIHA events.

2024 Products

A majority of the product orders for 2024 are complete. If you have any ideas for new products, please share your thoughts with me.

New in 2024 (items not mentioned in the April Board Report)

Adult Books

Cougars on the Cliff

Haunted Idaho

Idaho Ghost Towns and Mining Camps

Idaho Myths and Legends

Misc Items

Baseball Hats: new styles and colors
Birds of Prey Bandana
Idaho Playing Cards
Jabebo Earrings – new birds, fish, and mammal designs
Smokey's Helpers Color Me Bandana

Games

Jr Ranger Animal Poop Matching Game
Jr Ranger Bingo Game
Jr Ranger Grumpy Old Bear
Smokey Bear Playing Cards

Reference Books Exclusively for Caribou-Targhee Outlets

Best Climbs in Grand Teton National Park
Fishing Yellowstone Waters
Grand Teton Wildlife Pocket Naturalist Guide
Yellowstone National Park Cookbook
Yellowstone Trees and Wildflowers Pocket Naturalist Guide
Yellowstone Wildlife Pocket Naturalist Guide

Submitted by Erica Cole

Sales by Location as of May 31

Sawtooth Outlets	2024	2023
Fairfield Ranger District	\$105.60	\$79.85
Ketchum Ranger District	\$364.92	\$300.90
Lost River Ranger District	\$185.71	\$43.62
Redfish Visitor Center	\$0.00	\$0.00
SNRA Headquarters	\$2,499.51	\$3,548.87
Stanley Museum	\$704.86	\$287.66
Stanley Ranger Station	\$1,713.13	\$883.45
Sawtooth Outlets Total	\$5,573.73	\$5,144.35
Gallery Sales at Redfish VC		
Gallery Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Less 65% Commission Paid to Artists	\$0.00	\$0.00
35% SIHA Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Caribou/Targhee Outlets		
Ashton Ranger District	\$626.68	\$303.38
Island Park Ranger Station	\$37.85	\$42.80
Palisades Ranger District	\$179.89	\$134.56
Teton Basin Ranger District	\$244.37	\$147.23
Caribou/Targhee Outlets Total	\$1,088.79	\$627.97
Misc Outlets		
Made in Idaho Store	\$0.00	\$112.06
Mountain Village Merc	\$2,059.56	\$1,948.39
Recreation Resource Management of America (trail map sales only)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stanley Chamber of Commerce (trail map sales only)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wholesale Trail Map	\$325.00	\$325.00
Misc Outlets Total	\$2,384.56	\$2,385.45
Grand Totals	\$9,047.08	\$8,157.77

SIHA Finance Report

Presented to the Board of Directors
Meeting Date: May 31, 2024



Happy Summer!

This report is a financial summary through May 31, 2024.

Looking at the numbers, we are primed for summer activities with a lot of good product, staff, and program plans -- we are ready for sales! At present, SIHA is "in the hole" and running a good-sized deficit. That should begin to balance as operations increase, although having Redfish Center closed will continue to impact our bottom line.

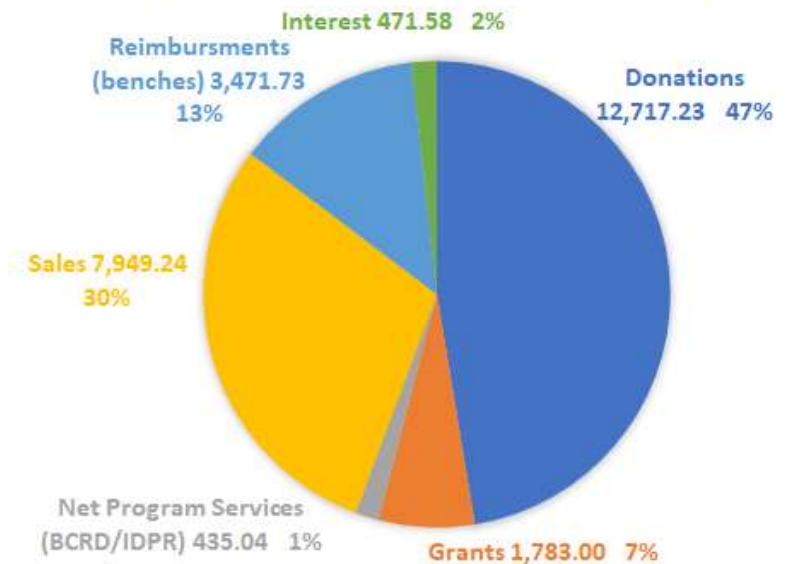
Some line items have been recategorized since our last reporting cycle. If these adjustments cause confusion, or questions arise on anything presented, please let me know. The reports are cash basis (based on cash received and dispensed), thus there are some variations from other reports presented today.

To give a better (albeit very busy) operational picture, the graphs at right do not include CeSaw donations and expenses.

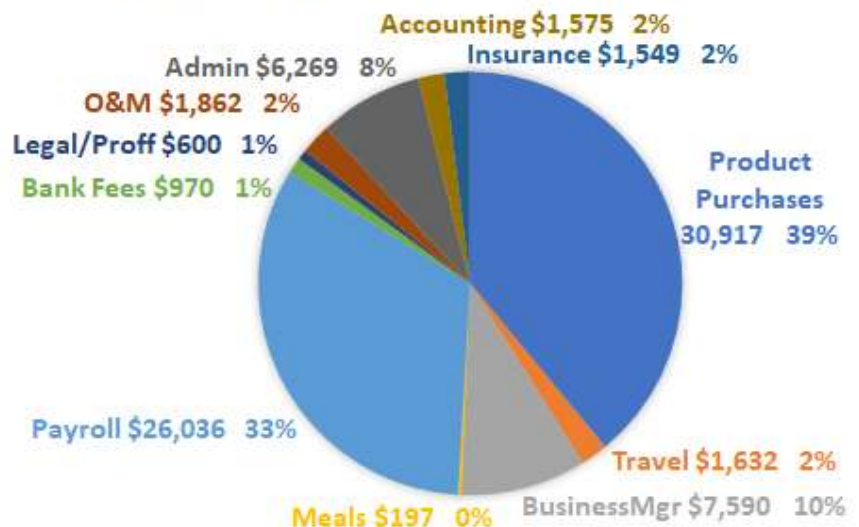
The reports that follow include:

- Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
- Project (Dedicated Funds) Balances
- Center for the Sawtooths (CeSaw) Income and Expenses from inception to date
- Statement of Activity with Income, Expense, and Budget details (this report also shows a comparison to the same period last year and separates the CeSaw line items)

SIHA INCOME SUMMARY JAN - MAY 2024



SIHA EXPENSE SUMMARY JAN - MAY 2024



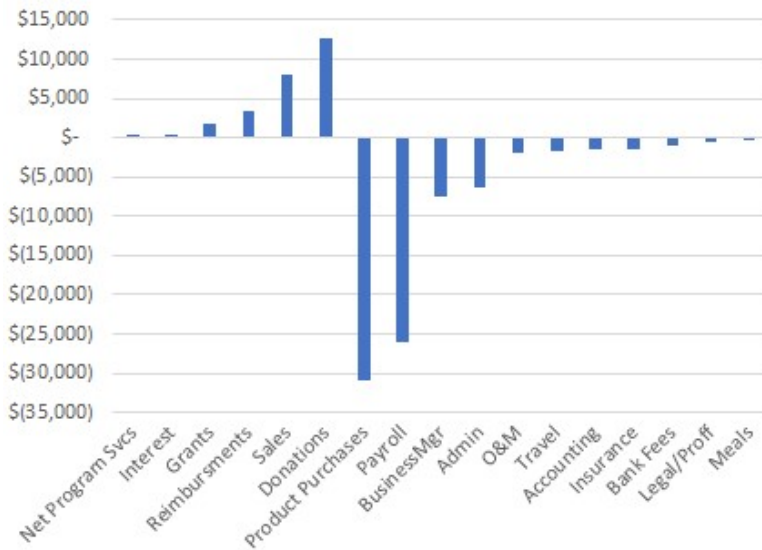
Prepared by

Liesl Schernthanner, SIHA Treasurer, 6/18/24

SIHA Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2024

Income vs Expenses (Does not include CeSaw)



ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1010 Cash Account	297.63
1030 Cash Banks	250.00
1100 US Bank Checking *7239	22,725.33
1200 US Bank Savings *5884	204,154.71
DL Evans Bank - CeSaw	115,950.00

Total Bank Accounts

\$ 343,377.67

Other Current Assets

1410 Inventory Asset	58,270.27
1900 Undeposited Funds	142.14

Total Other Current Assets

\$ 58,412.41

Total Current Assets

\$ 401,790.08

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 401,790.08

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Credit Cards	\$ 508.71
2150 Sales Tax Payable	-424.49
2160 ID Tax Commission Payable	713.56

Total Liabilities

\$ 797.78

Total Equity

\$ 400,992.30

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$ 401,790.08

Dedicated Funds	1/1/24 Balance	Income	Expenses	5/31/24 Balance
Building Fund	\$59,834.39	\$450.00	\$245.50	\$60,038.89
Caribou/Targhee Fund*	\$37,951.05		\$595.12	\$37,355.93
Center for the Sawtooths**	\$9,077.73	\$101,950.00	\$750.00	\$110,277.73
FLS	\$1,747.96		\$712.75	\$1,035.21
Museum Roof Fund	\$3,595.00			\$3,595.00
Oral History Fund	\$3,902.16		\$1.00	\$3,901.16
Redfish Fund***	\$42,992.09		\$2,092.39	\$40,899.70
Redfish Wayfinding	\$0.00	\$1,783.00		\$1,783.00
Salmon Festival Fund	\$2,974.10			\$2,974.10
Sho-Ban Interp Project	\$2,015.72	\$3,471.73	\$3,078.16	\$2,409.29
Trail Map Fund	\$3,191.83	\$27.00	\$654.56	\$2,564.27
Wildlands Fund	\$1,377.31			\$1,377.31
Dedicated Funds Balance				\$268,211.59
Unrestricted Funds				\$75,308.22

* C/T Fund starting balance updated

** CeSaw Fund Balance: SIHA's \$15K contribution, all expenses paid, and donations to 5/31/24

** Redfish Location Expenses

CeSaw Summary of 6/17/2024	Income	Expenses	Balance
SIHA Transfer	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Donations	\$126,050.00		\$141,050.00
Dues/Filing Fee		\$50.00	\$141,000.00
Insurance		\$81.00	\$140,919.00
Legal Fees		\$7,912.50	\$133,006.50
Ground Maintenance (initial testing)		\$12,628.77	\$120,377.73
Totals	\$141,050.00	\$20,672.27	\$120,377.73

The above summary covers Center for the Sawtooths income and expenses since 2021 to present.

SIHA INCOME & EXPENSE & BUDGET SUMMARY

SIHA INCOME & EXPENSE & BUDGET SUMMARY				SIHA Comparison	CeSaw
	2024 Jan-May	2024 Budget	2024 % of Budget	2023 Jan-May	2024 Jan-May
Revenue					
4000 Contributed Support					
4110 Individual/Business Donations	12,677.23	50,000.00	25.35%	20,057.99	101,950.00
4150 Fundraisers/Miscellaneous	40.00				
4210 Grants - Foundation/Private	1,783.00	81,500.00	2.19%	3,000.00	
Total 4000 Contributed Support	\$ 14,500.23	\$ 131,500.00	17.79%	\$ 23,057.99	
5000 Earned Revenue					
5100 Program Service Fees	6,660.45	25,000.00	26.64%	6,779.00	
5200 Other Income		200.00	0.00%	500.00	
Total 5000 Earned Revenue	\$ 6,660.45	\$ 25,200.00	26.43%	\$ 7,279.00	\$ 0.00
5800 Sales of Product Revenue	7,949.24	\$ 120,000.00	6.62%	8,163.42	
Total Revenue	\$ 29,109.92	\$ 276,700.00	10.52%	\$ 38,500.41	\$ 101,950.00
Cost of Goods Sold					
6100 Cost of Goods Sold	30,917.35	60,000.00	51.53%	11,175.29	
6210 Gallery Paid		8,000.00	0.00%		
6220 BCRD Paid	5,993.41				
6230 IDPR Paid	232.00				
6300 Inventory Shrink/Adjust/Gifts	0.00	\$ 0.00		190.12	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 37,142.76	\$ 68,000.00	54.62%	\$ 11,365.41	\$ 0.00
Gross Profit	-\$ 8,032.84	\$ 208,700.00	-3.85%	\$ 27,135.00	\$ 101,950.00
Expenditures					
7200 Payroll Expense					
7210 Wages	23,459.15	118,888.00	19.73%	21,935.90	
7220 Health Stipend	800.00	1,920.00	41.67%	300.00	
7230 Taxes - Payroll	1,776.66	9,095.00	19.53%	1,671.34	
7290 Mileage		1,000.00	0.00%		
Total 7200 Payroll Expense	\$ 26,035.81	\$ 130,903.00	19.89%	\$ 23,907.24	\$ 0.00
7300 Business Manager	7,589.50	30,000.00	25.30%	6,374.50	
7400 Accounting Fees	1,575.00	5,100.00	30.88%	2,155.57	
7500 Legal & Professional Fees	600.00	13,000.00	4.62%	3,272.50	750.00
7700 Travel	1,632.06	1,900.00	85.90%	1,074.92	
7800 Training & Continuing Education		600.00	0.00%	175.18	
8000 Administration					
8010 Advertising/ Promotion (Outreach)		6,750.00	0.00%	409.36	
8030 Website	88.60	2,250.00	3.94%	299.00	
8110 Supplies & Materials	3,362.15	12,500.00	26.90%	3,394.42	
8120 Office Supplies	1,693.40	3,300.00	51.32%	301.77	
8130 Postage	240.30	250.00	96.12%	78.19	
8180 Board Expenses	167.90	500.00	33.58%	157.90	
8190 Dues & Subscriptions	717.00	1,500.00	47.80%	832.99	
Total 8000 Administration	\$ 6,269.35	\$ 27,050.00	23.18%	\$ 5,473.63	\$ 0.00
8200 Operations & Maintenance					
8210 Building Maintenance	186.51	1,000.00	18.65%	495.11	
8220 Grounds Maintenance	17.25	4,000.00	0.43%	29.63	
8230 Equipment Maintenance	57.02	250.00	22.81%	698.19	
8250 Utilities	1,482.55	3,000.00	49.42%	1,141.63	
8260 Automotive	118.58	350.00	33.88%	197.32	
Total 8200 Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,861.91	\$ 8,600.00	21.65%	\$ 2,561.88	\$ 0.00
8400 Insurance					
8410 Liability Insurance	1,549.00	1,200.00	129.08%	1,043.00	
8420 Work Comp		600.00	0.00%		
Total 8400 Insurance	\$ 1,549.00	\$ 1,800.00	86.06%	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 0.00
8600 Bank Charges					
8610 Credit Card Processing Fees	966.01	4,000.00	24.15%	990.83	
8620 Bank Fees	4.09	250.00	1.64%	110.72	
Total 8600 Bank Charges	\$ 970.10	\$ 4,250.00	22.83%	\$ 1,101.55	\$ 0.00
8870 Meals	197.20	500.00	39.44%		
Total Expenditures	\$ 48,279.93	\$ 223,703.00	21.58%	\$ 47,139.97	\$ 750.00
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 56,312.77	-\$ 15,003.00	375.34%	-\$ 20,004.97	\$ 101,200.00
Other Revenue					
5910 Reimbursed Expenditure	3,471.73			1,075.68	
5920 Interest Earned	471.58	\$ 300.00	157.19%	152.91	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 3,943.31	\$ 300.00	1314.44%	\$ 1,228.59	\$ 0.00
8980 Capital Improvements				3,718.86	
Net Revenue	-\$ 52,369.46	-\$ 15,003.00	349.06%	-\$ 22,495.24	\$ 101,200.00

June Board Report

Alicia Lindbom, 2024 Summer Programs Coordinator

June 16, 2024

And we're off! Sort of.

As you know, 2024 has had an interesting beginning due to the Redfish road construction. Preparations for how that would affect SIHA started over the winter, with Lin and Clare bringing over as many supplies and materials as the museum office could hold. You may have noticed that, if you stopped in this spring to visit and had trouble finding Lin behind all the tubs and boxes! My husband, Jeff and I arrived in late April, just in time for a few more dustings of snow, with the rest of the crew arriving by the 24th of May and just skirting the covid and colds that swept through the Forest Service crew.

Along with material shuffling, there was also the consideration of where we would hold training this year, as much of it is usually done at the Visitor Center. Thankfully, the weather was mild and many presentations were able to be held outside, with the others at the museum or ranger station conference room. I spent much of May listening, learning, and getting training arranged, then once everyone was here, we jumped right into two intense weeks of Forest Service presentations, local history tours, trailhead scenarios, and program prep. We enjoyed a rafting trip with The River Company and a trail ride with Mystic Saddles. We also had a fun workday at the museum, which included meeting a number of you, installing the newly restored museum road signs (huge thanks to Michael for his work on those), setting up the toolshed for visitation, and lots of other little to-dos. Thank you to everyone who could come and help!

By June 7th the staff were sharing their newfound knowledge at trailheads and practicing answering visitors' questions at the Ranger Station on various days and during weekends, in lieu of the Visitor Center. Now that training is nearly complete, the rest of my month will be spent working on the schedule, helping staff with their programs and outreach duties, and working with Lin and the crew to get the Visitor Center prepped and ready to open as soon as the pavement goes down. Visitors at the lake have been asking about it, so fingers crossed for our anticipated opening of June 26th!

The warm and sunny weather has meant we've been able to serve more people in the field compared to Numbers for visitor interactions at the Stanley Ranger Station (for the days SIHA was there, phone and in-person) and trailheads/roving were 495. This is actually slightly higher than the numbers in 2023 for the same dates, despite not having programs. This is likely due to the warm, sunny weather we've been experiencing. However, if we count the Visitor Center numbers from 2023 into it, that is another 587 people added. So we can see that we really are missing engagement opportunities with the delayed opening of the VC. View the charts below for visitor numbers.

Programs will hopefully begin on June 26th, with our first evening program by our returning naturalist, Heath, on June 28th: *The Sawtooth's "Snowbirds": Migratory Bird Treaty Act*. We

have a wide variety of topics and presentation styles within our crew, so if you have a chance this summer, come by and spend some time with our naturalists and historic specialists!

Below is our Visitor Center program schedule for the end of June. We hope to see you all at the Summer Crew & Board Member get together on June 21st at 5:30 pm at the Stanley Museum!

SUNDAY-THURSDAY:

11:00 Junior Ranger

12:00 Patio Talk

1:00 Ranger Talk

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

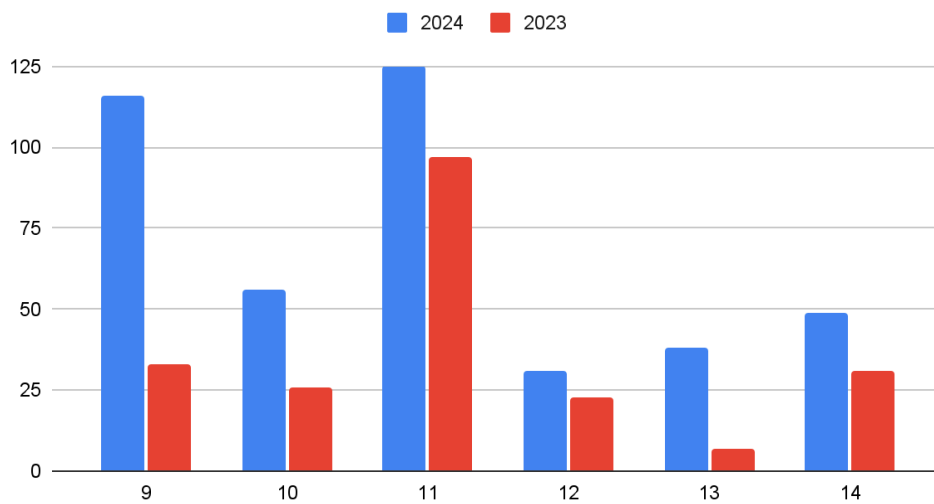
11:00 Junior Ranger

12:00 Patio Talk

1:00 Ranger Talk

7:00 Evening Program

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