



Donner Summit Association (DSA) Core Action Team Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026 5-6 PM
In-person meeting at Nancy O Gallery & Glass in Soda Springs



The Blinking Light District in downtown Soda Springs (DSCN9791.JPG)

Motions and votes are given in *italics*; action items are in **red bold**. For various reasons, the minutes below do not reflect the strict chronological order of discussions during the meeting.

1. Welcome:

In Pat Malberg's absence, Bill Oudegeest called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Chris started a Zoom session; no one connected. Pat called Tom's phone.

Core Action Team (DSA Board) Attendees: Tom Denzler, Pat Malberg (by phone), Bill Oudegeest, Chris Parker, Dick Simpson, Mike Spain, John Svahn, and Beth Tanhoff.

Others: Steve Carle (liaison from Serene Lakes Property Owners Association).

2. Approval of the Agenda:

John moved to approve the agenda; Tom seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously (MSC-U).

3. Approval of Minutes from the July Meeting:

Dick noted a typo on page 3 (Nvada should be Nevada).

MSC-U (Dick/Chris) to approve the July meeting minutes with the typo correction.

4. Financial Report (Tom):

There was not much activity during July. DSA filed its tax forms; \$25 was paid to Department of Justice. Insurance renewal is due at the end of August. Tom said insurance includes an umbrella and a commercial policy, but the exact coverage is not known. **Beth has a copy of the policy and will work with Tom to investigate alternatives**, seeking less expensive coverage. Bill suggested contacting DSHS for information on their insurer. Special events are covered by one-day policies.

The Microsoft question raised at the July meeting concerns a \$69 charge for software; it has been charged automatically to a DSA credit card for three years. We may not need this. **Beth will investigate.**

5. County and Other Reports:

Nevada County: No County representative was present. No one had additional information.

Truckee Convene, Champion, and Catalyze Forum: Pat said the meeting focused on outreach and community engagement. She found presentations by PG&E and others to be very interesting.

Placer County: No representative from the County was present. No one had additional information.

6. Ongoing Projects

- a. Portable Toilet Inventory/Map: John thinks the project is still in progress, but there have been some complications. An abandoned toilet, crushed by last winter's snow, has been removed. Pat repeated her concern that we need a toilet at the southbound PCT trailhead in addition to the toilet at The Hub. Tom noted that the single toilet at The Hub is being paid using Lamson-Cashion funds. John said there might be some help from The Backcountry in Truckee; but they want a toilet at a climbing site. There may be other opportunities for help from organizations not presently

involved. **Chris will contact Cory Caldwell about how to coordinate and manage this for next year.**

- b. Gould Park: Dick said he and Pat participated in the “trail day” on July 18; they were joined by four people from the Cisco Grove community. The total number of volunteers increased from five in October 2025; and this year’s participation of four Cisco Grove people was up from one last year. Publicity included notices on the *DSA News* web page, signs in the Park on both sides of the River, and recruiting by both the coordinator of a Cisco Grove community picnic (on the same day) and the local Firewise Coordinator. Trails now extend across two-thirds of the park; but the next (final) section will be through dense alders and will go slowly. Dick may organize another trail day in October to start this work.
- c. Placer County General Plan: Pat said there is nothing new.
- d. North Fork Fire Mitigation: Dick visited Truckee Ranger District and asked about signage and whether we could install some; a response is pending as their fire battalion commander is in Oregon. Someone else had asked TRD very similar questions a week before Dick. Pat contacted Jim Ricker of the North Fork American River Alliance; three-way e-mail exchanges have followed. NFARA seems agreeable to signing, fire ring breakup, and trash removal. Jim suggested recruiting young people, who might be able to haul out trash more efficiently than older recruits. Beth suggested reaching out to the Truckee High Cross-Country ski team; they might be interested in a training exercise. She provided the e-mail address of the Truckee Middle School coach (andyanderso@gmail.com).
- e. Hub Maintenance: Bill said there is nothing new.
- f. Graffiti Abatement: Pat and Jenna Prescott have agreed on a graffiti removal campaign September 10 starting at 9 AM. Sugar Bowl will provide workers, a truck, and a sprayer. John Scott will coordinate on site. Pat needs 50 gallons of paint; John indicated that he could arrange it. The Board agreed to pay for the paint (there was no formal motion), but John indicated that some of it might be provided as a donation. Pat needs to make an inventory of other supplies currently in The Shed. Discussion then turned to how we should publicize the event. Beth will send an e-mail to her DSA list pointing volunteers to a signup web site; this will protect leaders from spam. Steve offered to publicize the event to SLPOA members; Beth will provide him with the signup link, and he will request an e-mail blast to SLPOA members.

- g. Economic Development: Sophie, an assistant to Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, requested information from Pat, who is not sure what she wants. Sophie apparently contacted others on the Summit with the same request. Bill noted that there is an information session in North San Juan on August 27. (North San Juan Community Center, 29190 CA-49, North San Juan; info at NevadaCountyCA.gov/Cannabis). It appears to be similar to the session hosted by Nevada County in Soda Springs on July 2.
- h. SummitFest 2026: Beth will need more help than usual in 2026 because she is temporarily without full use of her right arm (an old injury receiving new treatment). Most Board members said they will be available to help. Scott White has offered to help with setup. Helen Lummis will get the ABC license. Steve offered to be the auctioneer again (or serve as the understudy for someone else). Beth would like to get the donated kegs into the Soda Springs refrigerator by Thursday night. Tom is traveling and will not be available until Friday PM. The agreement for the event has been signed between Mike and Bill. Mike still needs a certificate of insurance.

Elissa sent Dick and Beth a list of donations; Beth has others and is following up with a few more. One donation might require some work or funding from DSA; follow-up is in progress. The adult price is increasing from \$25 to \$30 this year; as before, it includes entry, music, a meal, and a drink. She hopes to have the poster ready early next week; she and Helen will put the banner at the blinking light shortly after.

7. Internal Matters

DSA Admin Vacancy: Dick reported no responses to postings on the DSA web site. In the meantime, Beth and Helen have agreed to handle many of the responsibilities as a tag team (see SummitFest paragraphs above).

Physical Records Preservation: Dick wanted to find a sealable bin which could preserve important paper records, but he has not had time to search for one. Although it would not be easily accessible during winter, he thinks storage at The Shed would be feasible. Pat offered a “yellow” bin, but others warned they do not protect well against moisture. **Beth will look for a bin. If she finds something at Ace, John said he can buy it.**

New Members for the DSA Board: Andrea Broaddus had expressed interest at the July meeting. An informal survey of the Board before this meeting turned up only support. Steve said he had tried to contact someone in Plavada about possibly joining the Board; there has been no response, but several Board members suggested that he try again.

MSC-U (Dick/Chris) to appoint Andrea Broaddus to the DSA Board.

Future Meetings: September 17 is the next scheduled meeting. Pat said the proprietor of Summit Soups is willing to host, an idea that received considerable support.

8. Announcements:

None

9. Adjournment:

At 5:48 PM Bill asked for a motion to adjourn. It came so quickly that the Secretary does not know who made it or who provided the second. Since motions to adjourn are not subject to discussion, he was not able to follow up.

MSC-U to adjourn.

Minutes approved by the DSA Board of Directors at its meeting on September 17, 2026.

signed by DSA Secretary, Richard Simpson _____



Members of the Board prepare for the August meeting (DSCN9790.JPG)