

Contra Costa Hills Club
Virtual Board Meeting
February 13, 2026

The February board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Vice-President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Board Members present: Stew Perlman, Mike Branning, Mindy Svorny-Moore, Suzy Mark, Lucy Perdichizzi, Jim Baranowski, Rosemary Johnson, Connie Gee, Helen Wong Johe, Cameron Mitchell, Roland Hebert

Members at large present: Sharon Wang, Noël Siver, Yvonne Moss (historian)

Absent:

Minutes Approved: January 9, 2026 minutes: Moved by Suzy Mark, seconded by Cameron Mitchell. Motion carried.

President's Report: We've been pretty fortunate to have good weather the past several weeks for hiking considering the lack of rain we have been experiencing. However, we know that can change for it is still winter. Thanks to the hike leaders the past several weeks. Remember that the 2026 Annual Meeting is on March 12, a Thursday. Furthermore, mark your calendars for March 8 as we celebrate the indomitable Roberta O'Grady, who will turn 90. I want to thank the nominees who have volunteered to serve on the board from April 2026 through March 2027. The slate will appear in the Knapsack Newsletter and CCHC website. I want to thank Sharon Wang who has stepped up to be elected as our new recording secretary. Of course, my gratitude is extended to all of you who continue to serve in your volunteer positions. Lastly, a committee will be looking carefully at the club's archives to determine what to keep and what to discard. This will be a monumental task to say the least.

There will be a CA Trail Survey and information about our National Parks on the website, shortly.

Members can purchase paper cookie bags from Sue Lai to help reduce plastic. She will bring the items to the March 8 hike if she is able to attend. If interested, please contact Sue.

Take care and see you on the trails,
Stew Perlman

Vice-President's Report: Knapsack is the new name of the newsletter...Jim needs NEWS!! April/May/June in need of hikes. Only 2 Sundays and 3 Thursdays are filled. BBQ June 18th in Fremont.

Membership: No new members this month or at least Connie is withholding new members until April. Our total is 195 paid plus 7 honorary for 202.

Bills:

Rosemary Johnson: reimbursement for Groups.io account due Feb 20th \$ 220.00

Suzy Mark: Garden Room rental - Annual Meeting at Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt. \$ 311.00

To formalize honorarium discussion: "I move that we make a \$ 200 donation in honor of Carl Nolte for his presentation to us at the annual meeting. His donation request is to National Liberty Ship Memorial, pier 45 suite 4A, San Francisco, CA 94133

Conservation Request: (one request, only)

Marine Mammal Center \$ 300.00

Motion to pay bills by Suzy Mark, Seconded by Jim Baranowski. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Board given latest report of income & expenses.

Nominating Committee Report:

Here is the current slate:

President: Stew Perlman

Vice President: Jim Baranowski

Corresponding Secretary: Helen Wong Johe

Recording Secretary: Sharon Wang

Membership Secretary: Connie Gee

Treasurer: Cameron Mitchell

Directors: Mike Branning, Roland Hebert, Rosemary Johnson, Suzy Mark, Lucy Perdichizzi

Corresponding Secretary: 4 cards sent by Suzy Mark.

Old Business:

One of the items on the agenda for this Friday's board meeting will be to vote on whether or not to donate CCHC's archives to the Contra Costa County Historical Society in Martinez. If the vote is in the affirmative, CCHC's archives will become the

property of CCCHS. We have been assured that members of CCHC would still be able to have access to our archives after they were moved there.

Donating the club's archives to CCCHS will require becoming members of CCCHS and making an annual donation to the historical society. There are seven levels of support. If the board decides on Friday in favor of donating CCHC's archives to CCCHS, it will probably also decide which level of support to opt for.

CCCHS is making room for our records, easily accessible to club members. CCCHS Deed of Gift Form to be completed. Can deliver things in installments. Leanne is ordering boxes through the organization and we will be able to get them at a cheaper rate. Told to keep everything, keep first few (leather) scrapbooks intact. We are donating our archives to CCCHS, they will have ownership, but will not limit our access.

Helen suggested a written protocol regarding the archives, Noël to write protocol.

CCCHS membership dues: seven different levels, ranging from \$20-\$1500 (student to Founders level). Gives us information on events, etc.

Motion to pay \$750 (1951 Club) for annual membership. Moved by Rosemary Johnson, seconded by Connie Gee. Motion passed.

More costs anticipated for boxes, binders and plastic sleeves.

Memberships due in April, cost \$25 for individual, \$40 for 2 people at same address. Additional \$10 for postage, for printed material. Dues to Connie Gee. Membership policies clarified: guests can hike informally with CCHC before joining, but will not be covered by insurance. Must join if going to hike regularly with the club precisely for insurance reasons.

Announcements:

Spring Luncheon: Suggested Spring Luncheon will be on April 29 at Hong Kong East Ocean Restaurant in Emeryville.

Suzy and Jon Mark to assist with welcoming committee. Cost: \$48 for CCHC members, \$60 for non-members.

Moved by Lucy Perdichizzi, seconded enthusiastically by Stew Perlman. Motion carried.

Phone calls for annual meeting listed on agenda. Members on the board to bring refreshments.

March 8th celebration for Roberta O'Grady on her 90th Birthday.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:37am. Motion to adjourn by Helen Wong Johe, seconded by Cameron Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: March 13, 2026 at 10:00am, Annual meeting March 12th at 10:00am Lakeside Park Garden Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary

Action Items:

1. Suzy: call Kathy Garcia to invite her to annual meeting 3/12; Send "thinking of you" card to Fran Ternus
2. Stew: contact Sue Lai to ask if she will attend the annual meeting and bring paper cookie bags
3. Stew: send out announcement on groups.io encouraging attendance at the annual meeting, including Carl Nolte's name and background.
4. Correct Sharon's last name from Yang to Wang in records and contact her for next meeting.
5. Jim: send out emails next week requesting hikes for April, May and June.
6. Jim: create instructions with pictures showing how to print hike schedule in booklet form for members.
7. Lucy: ask Carl Nolte if he needs PowerPoint presentation equipment, if he has/needs transport to/from meeting and what sandwich preference he has.
8. Cameron: Mail \$200 honorarium directly to National Liberty Ship Memorial on behalf of Carl Nolte after the annual meeting.
9. Mindy: Send redacted minutes to Fred Mock for the website (Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan)
10. Noël: Create written protocol document detailing archive procedures, which documents go in and when they are transferred to CCCHS.
11. Yvonne: Schedule date for volunteers to come to her home to help transfer binder contents into archive folders and boxes.
12. All board members: call new members to invite them personally to annual meeting. Numbers in today's agenda.