

Contra Costa Hills Club  
Virtual Board Meeting  
March 13, 2026

The February board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**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

**Members at large present:** Sharon Wang (incoming recording secretary), Noël Siver, Yvonne Moss (historian)

**Absent:** Roland Hebert – Roland was absent at the beginning of the meeting but joined us part way through.

**Minutes Approved:** February 13, 2026 minutes: Moved by Cameron Mitchell, seconded by Suzy Mark. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** As we move into March, please note two important dates that are coming up next month. We will celebrate Roberta O'Grady's birthday at Quarry Lakes in Fremont on Sunday, the 8th. Yes, the robust, indomitable Roberta is turning 90 years old. Talk about an inspiration to all of us. If you have hiked with her, you know what I mean. Please bring refreshments to share. Meet at the Union City BART at 10:00 a.m. for a one-mile hike to the park. Or, you can drive there if you desire. Then, on March 12, CCHC will have its Annual Meeting at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt. We can use some help setting up the chairs and tables for the meeting, so please arrive at 10:00 a.m. Next, we will hike around the lake; it's about 3 miles. If you don't want to hike or assist in setting up, arrive around 11:00 a.m. for refreshments and friendship. Carl Nolte, of the San Francisco Chronicle will be our guest speaker. If you read the Chron, then you know who he is. And if you don't, his column appears on the second page of the Sunday edition's first section. Mr. Nolte's columns are always interesting and focus on San Francisco's rich history and contemporary issues. If you would like, you can bring refreshments to share along with the members of the board. I genuinely hope that you can make both dates. Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers, hike leaders and those members who sustain our club.

Be well, Stew Perlman

Thanks to all who attended the annual meeting. Thank you to the board for bringing treats, especially Helen and Roland for bringing sandwiches.

Thanks to Carl Nolte for speaking and stressing the importance of women in the fight for conservation of our free spaces.

**Vice-President's Report:** Still have some open hikes coming up, one or two Thursdays and more Sundays. Knapsack is the new name of the newsletter...Jim needs NEWS!! BBQ June 18<sup>th</sup> in Fremont.

**Membership:** Connie removed Ellen Paisal who passed away recently. So our final count is 201. Received 85 renewals yesterday at the annual meeting.

**Bills:** Yvonne Moss - computer ink – scrapbook \$ 73.19

**Conservation Request:**

Save San Francisco Bay	\$300.
Friends of Five Creeks	\$100.
Earth Justice	\$300.
John Muir Land Trust	\$300
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy	\$164.
National Parks Conservation Association	\$200.
Total:	\$1,364.00

Motion to pay bills by Mike Branning, seconded by Jim Baranowski. Motion Carried.

Total donations by Conservation for last fiscal year: \$5,164.00

Lucy has suggested paying for Carl Nolte for transportation costs: \$50.00, paid in cash at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The board was given the latest Revenue & Expense Report.

**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:** 2 cards sent by Suzy Mark.

**Old Business:** We will be donating the club's archives to the Contra County County History Society. This will require becoming members of CCCHS and making an annual donation to the historical society. They are "honored" and very excited to archive our history. Still waiting to receive the archival boxes. CCCHS Deed of Gift Form to be completed, donation to be made. Can deliver things in installments. Leigh Ann 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.

Noël suggested a separate folder for bequests over the years, send to Suzy.

Helen suggested a written protocol regarding the archives, Noël to write protocol.  
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 of the board to bring refreshments.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am. Motion to adjourn by Lucy Perdizzichi, seconded by Rosemary Johnson. Motion Carried.

**Next Virtual Meeting:** April 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary