

Contra Costa Hills Club
Virtual Board Meeting
May 8, 2026

The May board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

Members at large present: Noël Siver

Absent: Sharon Wang, Rosemary Johnson

Minutes Approved: April 10, 2026 minutes: M/S/C (Gee, Perdichizzi)

President's Report: Thank you as always for your valuable volunteering to the Club. I want to thank Noel, Yvonne and Suzy for the time and effort they just put into working on the Club's archives that you know will eventually be part of the Contra Costa County Historical Society collection. Furthermore, the Club is a member of CCCHS, which will give Club members the privilege to visit the Martinez facility to search our archives. Thank you to Noel, Yvonne and Suzy for meeting to begin prepping our materials for archiving. An important reminder to the Nomination Committee: Please be aware that the Club is looking for a member to join the Website Committee whose committee members - Fred Mock, Liz Howell, Lewis Conner – will be most helpful to let you know what your responsibility entails. Those who remember, it wasn't too long ago that some members gathered for the "Breakfast Brunch" and an informal "Just Lunch." Both are unofficial CCHC events. If there is interest in starting up these activities once again, please get going. Lastly, Jim and Marilyn are looking for hike leaders for the next quarter - July, August, September.

Vice-President's Report: Jim and Marilyn are looking for hike leaders for the 3rd quarter hike schedule.

Membership: Connie reported 149 paid plus 7 honorary members for a total of 156. About 40 members from last year have not yet been renewed.

Bills: CCC historical Museum - boxes & folders for archived materials	\$ 300.66
Connie Gee – postage April Knapsack	21.06
Federation of Outdoor Clubs	\$ 25.
Lindsay Wildlife Experience	\$ 50.
One Tam	\$ 50.

M/S/C (Baranowski, Branning) to pay the bills.

Treasurer's Report: Books are in order.

MSC (Mitchell, Mark) to set aside \$ 220 to the Harold French Bench maintenance fund for possible future contract renewal.

Corresponding Secretary: Helen sent out ten cards.

Old Business: Club Archive from Noel: On Wednesday, May 6, Suzy Mark and Noël Siver went to the home of Yvonne Moss in Concord to begin the process of transferring the CCHC archives that are currently in three-ring binders and other formats into Manila folders and then into archival quality document boxes that will be deposited at the Contra Costa County Historical Society in Martinez. From a previous exchange of emails with Leigh Ann Davis, executive director of CCCHS, and Lisa S. Gorrell, recording secretary of CCCHS and a certified genealogist, we knew that the material needed to be organized by year and that it needed to be separated into three categories: financial; minutes; and newsletters, hiking schedules, etc.. Our original intention was to begin with the earliest material from 1920. However, because the material from the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s consists of a lot of scrapbooks and three-ring binders with pages of black and white photographs, we soon abandoned that plan and began with the binders from 2025, 2024, 2023, etc. the contents of which consist of printouts in letter

format. We separated this material into the three categories (financial; minutes; and newsletters, hiking schedules, etc.). We put all three of the categories—each in their own Manila folder—in one archival box labelled with the year. We thought this was how CCCHS wanted the material to be organized. On Thursday, May 7, when Yvonne went to CCCHS and told them what we had done, CCCHS clarified that they want the financial records and the minutes to be in their own separate document boxes labelled by year. Yvonne was going to reorganize the material when she returned home. Jim commented he would like information on archives to be printed in the Knapsack.

Mailed copies of Knapsack: Cameron will do the mailing in June and July.

Club Informational Brochure: Suzy shared a request that a QR code that links to the club website would be helpful on the brochure. She will add in future printings.

New Business:

Holiday Luncheon cost: Lucy shared that the subsidy for lunches is now about \$ 1,200. The group discussed staying at Mona Lisa in December or seeking another option. Many like the North Beach restaurant though there are concerns about cost and menu. A suggestion of a cost of \$ 60 was not popular. Helen suggested a menu of pizza and appetizers. More to come.

Announcements: The Fremont annual picnic will be on June 25th at Mission Peak this year. Suzy will bring club merchandise with logo to the picnic.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at about 11:30 a.m. Motion to adjourn M/S/C (Perdichizzi, Wong Johe)

Next Virtual Meeting: June 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cameron Mitchell, Acting Recording Secretary