

**Contra Costa Hills Club
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2024**

The December board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Board Members present: Jim Baranowski, Mike Branning, Helen Wong Johe, Connie Gee, Suzy Mark, Rosemary Johnson, Fran Ternus, Patricia Derickson, Mindy Svorny-Moore, Cameron Mitchell

Committee Members present: Lucy Perdichizzi

Absent: Stew Perlman

Minutes Approval: November 8 2024 Board Meeting; Moved, seconded . Motion carried.

President's Report: As 2024 recedes into the past, I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. It's been an interesting past few weeks that may just continue to see the dismantling of important environmental protections in our country. Please remember to do your best to contribute to the CCHC Conservation Committee which supports a variety of significant environmental organizations. Or, you could donate directly to those organizations if you desire.

The past year has been filled with many wonderful hikes, two outstanding Outings, two fun and delicious luncheons and a myriad of related activities. I want to thank those of you who have participated in 2024 as members of the board, members of committees, hike leaders, and anything else that has contributed to the success of our club.

The world is fraught with what seems like a continuous loop of hate, violence, and destruction on so many levels. However, the human spirit endures and there is nothing like getting together on Thursday or Sunday with your fellow CCHC hikers or Mike Branning's Monday hikes, to gather the fortitude to refresh your soul and move forward to help you and the world stay positive and optimistic.

I hope that everyone will have a most enjoyable Holiday Season and that 2025 will bring us peace and a renewed spirit, good health, and prosperity.

Stay well...

Respectfully Submitted by Stew Perlman

Vice President's Report: Many hike dates are available.

Membership: Connie Gee: 46 newsletters going out; 219 members

Conservation Committee Requests:

- John Muir Trust \$200

- Regional Parks Foundation \$200
- Bay Area Ridge \$100
- California OAKS Foundation \$ 150

Motion to fund conservation requests, seconded. Motion carried.

Beryl Vonderheid is actively recruiting new committee members.

Expenses: No pending bills

- Ed Osada \$175 for purchase of 2 sets of walkie talkies
- Fran Ternus \$ 116.15 for plant for Fran Leighty in honorarium

Both expenses previously approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Total Savings (CD's)	\$ 32,381.26
Total Funds as of October 31, 2024	<u>\$ 45,049.10</u>

Discussion regarding maintaining balance of \$50k or more. Cameron checked with April, it can be done.

Discussion: Consider what want to do with funds. Suggestion-request various organizations to present what they feel is needed/wanted. Rosemary Johnson, Patricia Derickson and Jim Baranowski presented their thoughts. Board will entertain further discussion and suggestions in future meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Patricia sent cards.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Lucy Perdichizzi: Holiday Luncheon update

Holiday luncheon will be held on December 11, 2024 at Mona Lisa Mare e Monti. Deadline is Dec 4th. 46 sign-ups thus far. Apricot jam to make a presence. Suggestion to renew notification of event to members.

Nominating committee: Need to be active in hiking to be able to recruit. Need more members for committee.

Current board members to consider serving from April’25-Mar’26.

Dec 26th-Coyote Hills-hike and more!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:12am. Moved, seconded

Next Virtual Meeting: January 12,2025 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Svorny-Moore
Recording Secretary