

Contra Costa Hills Club

Virtual Board Meeting

April 11, 2025

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

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

Committee Member present: Yvonne Moss, Herb Yonge, Noel Siver,

Absent: Cameron Mitchell

Minutes Approved: March 14, 2025 minutes: M/S/C

President's Report: I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the longer days of daylight and sunshine. April 2 is the most important day this month for the Club as we gather at Bistro Boudin in San Francisco for our Annual Spring Luncheon. I believe that there will be some fifty members in attendance to enjoy each other's company, the food, and the spectacular view. Although some of you may think that the cost is more than you may want to pay for the luncheon, keep in mind that since the pandemic prices have indeed risen. However, thanks to many of you who have made generous contributions to the Social Committee, the cost has been reduced most favorably. Again, I cannot thank Lucy enough for the great job she does coordinating these events. I also want to extend my thanks to Fran Ternus, who recently resigned from the Board. She was a valuable Board Director with insightful comments and a positive attitude. Of course, that means that we need to fill the position. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the Board. The Club, as I have emphasized before, only exists as long as there are members who volunteer to sustain the organization. There are many excellent hikes scheduled for the 2nd quarter, so take a look to see when you will want to join your fellow hikers for an enjoyable Thursday or Sunday hike. I look forward to seeing you on a hike or perhaps at the luncheon. Take care and stay well, Stew
Motion to approve Lucy as new board member, seconded. Carried unanimously.

Vice-President's Report: Lack of Sunday hikes in June, totally full for Thursdays. Discussion later.

-Move to get the word out on more ways to increase membership, Connie is working on sending emails. Peter Nurske volunteered to help with notification of members who have not re-joined yet.

Membership: We have 144 members (137 paid plus 7 honorary). Connie double checked the checks so we have more funds too.

Conservation Committee Requests: Beryl has requested \$500 for conservation. Motion to allocate another \$500, seconded. Unanimously passed.

Bills:

Treasurer's Report: Not available, Cameron on a world tour...will be back in May.

Corresponding Secretary: 3 cards sent

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Overnight outing increase in mileage costs:
 - Discrepancy over whether it is \$0.60 or \$0.62
 - Stew to contact Jim and Marilyn about typo, to look GSA for price (now \$0.70 according to Herb)
 - Gas included, divided by number of riders.
- Encourage newer hike leaders to submit hikes to the schedulers farther in advance.
 - Attend events that may attract younger members to CCHC.
- The following (5) concerns were sent to me by Lois Switzer.
 1. Suggestion: two-month hike schedule. (More of a burden on Jim and Marilyn-leave at 3 months)
 2. It's noted that there may be fewer hikes because of rules: carpools, bathroom availability, public transportation. Discussion - flexibility or ironclad? Up to hike leader, should be noted in hike description.
 3. What happened to the list of hikes - maps for the hikes? Voluntary list done by Steven Chun, no longer being done. Hikes in archives to review and re-do.
 4. Noted that a step-by-step approach may be preferable to maps. (?)
 5. Suggest weekend hikes could be on Saturday or Sunday. Could be shorter, could overlap, guideline, not a rule.
 - Jim will make the change on the next hike schedule. Will begin in third quarter, if approved by Marilyn
- Engage what members would like to see happen to attract younger hikers. Noel suggested a table at Solano Stroll.
- Need banner, canopies, table, screen, people to staff. September 18th is the same date as the last day of the Mendocino trip (September 14-18).
 - Noel has informed me that a Meetup Group would cost \$14.99 per month; however, it may be possible to join for free for a year.
 - Meetup Groups: Discuss concerns that Meetup Groups may attract too many people
 - In case of this concern, number of hikers could be limited to a certain number.
 - Noel and Lucy to work on verbiage for Meet-Up, tabled until next board meeting.

Announcements:

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:11am. M/S/C

Next Virtual Meeting: May 9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary