

Contra Costa Hills Club

Virtual Board Meeting

May 9, 2025

The May board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:09am.

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, Cameron Mitchell

Committee Member present: Noël Siver,

Absent:

Minutes Approved: April 11, 2025 minutes: Moved, seconded. Motion carried.

President' Report: Thank you to everyone who has helped make CCHC the excellent club that it continues to be.

A shout-out to Connie for taking care of the membership checks the past several weeks. And to the hike leaders for the past few weeks.

Welcome back Cameron from her voyage.

Welcome Noël, who will speak later on "Meet-up".

Thank Fred Mock for printing-he will be gone in September and August, Suzy Mark to be back up printer.

Vice-President's Report: Change in the dates for distribution and printing of CCHC newsletter. Publishing schedule will change. Now to printed mid month for (July) for summer hikes. Include hiking lists in newsletter monthly. Up to Jim, whatever works for him.

Hikes will now come out 2 weeks before that month.

Only 34 people requesting printed copies.

Membership: Here is the latest collection of membership dues. An additional 38 so 175 have paid plus 7 honorary for 182 members. Have not heard from 29.

Conservation Committee Requests:

Earth Justice \$ 100

One Tam \$ 50

Lindsay Wildlife Experience \$ 50

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs \$ 25

Total \$ 225

Do we transfer to Conservation \$ 1,500 + \$ 1593 = \$ 3,093???

Voted to go forward last meeting.

Bills: Bills to be paid:

Connie Gee - postage for April newsletter - \$ 34.31

postage for May 1 newsletter - \$ 29.20

Total \$63.51

Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

February, March, and April Reports of Income and Expenses by Month.

CD's renewed, one in Feb, one in March

Bill to Suzy for Annual Meeting room rental at Garden Center pending.

Discussion: Treasurer Request to Journal another \$ 200 for Harold French contract renewal in approx 2031 - actual renewal of contract would be voted upon when due - report reflects moving \$ 200/year for renewal option at that time so that funds are available. Did we approve this???

Corresponding Secretary: 3 cards sent

Old Business: Noël and Lucy to inform us about using "Meetup" as a way to attract new members.

Lucy has experience with a meet up group...no sweep, no circle up, no concern for people if they straggle behind.

Rosemary brought up the fact that people who hike with meet-up don't want to join a group.

Might get people who like our parameters and want to join. We won't know until we try. Suggested a trial meet-up membership of 6 months. Definitely limit the numbers of meet up to coordinate with how many people the hike leaders want to lead.

Motion to try for a 6 month period with a cost of \$125.29. Moved, seconded. Motion carried. Noël will oversee meet-up procedures.

Hike leader have potential to opt out of meet-up. Set for the first hike June 1.

New Business: Suzy Mark found information about tree planting organization that we can consider.

Plant a Tree in Honor or Memory in a California National Forest - A Li | A Living Tribute

<https://shop.alivingtribute.org/products/plant-a-tree-california>

Cost of trees:

100 trees. \$250.00

200 trees \$500.00

500 trees \$1000.00

750 trees \$1500.00

Friends of the Forest 1,000 trees \$2,000.00

Forest list

Lake Tahoe, California

Angeles National Forest

Eldorado National Forest

Klamath National Forest

Lassen National Forest

Mendocino National Forest:

Plumas National Forest

San Bernardino National Forest

Sequoia National Forest

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Sierra National Forest

Sierra National Forest

Stanislaus National Forest

Tahoe National Forest

Good idea, but vote tabled to June meeting.

Solano Avenue Stroll, September 14, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.- We need volunteers if we are going to participate. \$225, lack of volunteers at this point. Not sure how much "bang for the buck" we'd get...Table until we see what response we get from meet-up and do not have a conflict with the first day of the fall outing. Maybe next year?

Annual Meeting change of date: The Garden Center at Lake Merritt no longer will accept weekend reservations from our Club. Therefore, the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Furthermore, we can enshrine the second Thursday of March as the new date for the Annual Meeting if agreed upon. Motion made to change the 2026 annual meeting to March 12,2026 by Rosemary Johnson; seconded by Stew Perlman. Need to change the meeting date to the second Thursday in March in the bylaws. Vote unanimous for changing. Stew to get in touch with Liz Howell to publish on website. Total cost to rent the facility, including small kitchen, \$342.

Announcements: Remember to contribute to the Extracurricular. Lois Switzer does a wonderful job with this, but needs more to work with.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am. Moved, seconded. Carried unanimously.

Next Virtual Meeting: June 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary