

**Contra Costa Hills Club  
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2024**

The May board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Vice President Jim Baranowski called the meeting to order at 10:04am. A quorum was present.

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

**Absent:** Stew Perlman, Rosemary Johnson, Suzy Mark.

**Committee Members present:** Lucy Perdichizzi:

**Minutes Approval:** April 12th Board Meeting – Motion carried.

**President's Report:**

I hope that everyone is enjoying the pleasant spring weather as we enter into May. For those of you interested in joining the trip to Mammoth Mountain in September, you have just a few more days to make your decision. Remember, in order to qualify you have a better chance of going if you earn the points through volunteering which may be necessary to attend. I want to thank the hike leaders who have volunteered to lead our Thursday and Sunday hikes this month and through the next quarter. The club can certainly prosper from having more Sunday hike leaders if those hikes appeal to you. In addition, Suzy Mark has designed a creative and informative CCHC brochure that we can distribute to individuals who just might be interested in joining the club. A good number of us who did not know about the club were fortunate to run into hikers and were curious about who we are. Now, we will have brochures to give to them and perhaps they will ultimately become members. If you have not yet planted your summer vegetable garden, now is a good time to get started. Stay well and happy trails.

Respectfully submitted by  
Stew Perlman

**Vice President's Report: President is on vacation**

**Membership:** Connie Gee: For May there are 192 paid members and 7 honorary for a total of 199 members. There are over twenty members who have not renewed yet. Cameron to send out a reminder to the remaining 22 members who have not renewed yet.

**Expenses:** Cameron Mitchell - postage monthly mailing 27.88 + dues waivers 13.60 = \$41.48

### **Conservation Committee Requests:**

1. Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs 25.00
2. Lindsay Wildlife Experience 50.00
3. One Tam 50.00
4. S.F. Parks Alliance 100.00

Received money from dues, \$2824 total before payments.

Motion to pay bills/conservation. Motion carried.

### **Treaurer's report:**

Total Funds as of March 31, 2022 \$ 31,088.53

We have a fair amount of money, use about \$10,000.00/year for operating costs

**Corresponding Secretary:** Patricia sent 18 cards to members in March.

### **Old Business:**

Connie Gee made a request in April for the board to create a fund for the overnight committee for scouting trips/food/gas. Much discussion follows. Cameron read the bylaws, a statement of "not allowing monetary gain by its members". Honorarium for spending time and money? Stipend? Funded by donations?

**\*\*Be it resolved that the club offers an honorarium in the amount of \$100.00 for scouts of the Overnight Committee as partial reimbursement for expenses incurred as a significant cost.**", proposed by Jim Baranowski.

Audit committee has not met as of this time, need to table the discussion until Cameron has an opportunity to run it by the audit committee.

Zelle discussed as possibly used as a payment option for dues. IF considered, use one person for all Zelle. Cameron prefers checks (so does Lucy), it's in the minority...cash or checks work.

Moved that the club continues I it's usual path of accepting checks or cash as payment. Seconded. Motion carried.

Last month, the club voted to reimburse Diane Cannon for taking Fran Leighty home after she became ill on the Chico Trip.

**From Diane Cannon:**"I am overwhelmed & humbled by this fine, thoughtful gesture from our wonderful club. You are the ones to be commended for your generosity and I appreciate the offer more than you know. Fran is my special friend & she has already reimbursed me for the trip. So I feel the best place for this money is right back to our club. Consider it a 'round about' donation from me, who never donates, to be spent in any area you wish."

Lucy proposed to split the \$150.00 half and half to each luncheon, and invite Diane as her personal guest to the next luncheon.

Cameron noted that conservation can be funded by general fund, but luncheons need donations to be affordable through subsidies. Helen brought up starting a special fund that would accept donations to fund.

Quorum board vote dictates donation to luncheons.

**New Business:**

Incident with member on a 2 weekday hikes (same person both incidents), resulting in an issue following directions, being in the correct place, etc. She was obviously confused and not able to hike. Incident report needs to be filled out and submitted to the board, for both April 21, 2024 (Diane Cannon) and May 9, 2024 (Ed Osada). Helen Wong Johe to email Ed Osada and Diane Cannon to fill out incident report.

Jim Baranowski to post updates on website as to guidelines for hike participation and behavior. Also will discuss issues with Stew Perlman, President.

Cameron suggested commending Diane Cannon for her actions above and beyond the of a hike leader on April 21,2024.

Cameron suggested sending letter outlining the verbiage in the guidelines on behavior, but Jim thinks we still need to have a heart to heart discussion with the person.

Hike leader need to be notified not to allow persons barred by board on hike.

Progress report at June meeting.

**Thank you** to Jim Baranowski for arranging our Zoom meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:21:am. Moved/seconded. Motion carried.

**Next *Virtual Meeting*:** June 14, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary