

**Contra Costa Hills Club
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2024**

The June board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

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

Committee Members present: Yvonne Moss

Absent:, Lucy Perdichizzi, Helen Wong Johe

Minutes Approval: May 11th Board Meeting – Moved/seconded to accept minutes. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Thank you to all of you who have contributed this past month and beyond to continue to make CCHC such a worthwhile organization. I want to especially thank Suzy Mark for the excellent CCHC brochure

that she has completed after feedback from the Board and several revisions. They will be available at the Fremont Picnic for distribution. And thank you to Kathryn Rato for the "Bakeries - Themed" hike in San Francisco on June 6. Perhaps, the Club can consider other food or themed hikes. Thank you to Jerry and Anita Ford for printing the new brochures.

The Bakery hike last Thursday was lovely. We had lunch at the second bakery. Gave me the idea of a 'themed hike' for hike leaders to put together (architectural, art, Medallions, Bear hike in Berkeley).

**Respectfully submitted by:
Stew Perlman**

Vice President's Report: Jim Baranowski: Only missing one Thursday hike and one Sunday hike for next quarter. Will stay with quarterly schedule.

Membership: Connie Gee: It was a slow month for renewals but we have 8 who renewed and one new member for a total of 208 members. (7 honorary members)

Rosemary Johnson says we have 182 on groups.io, pretty close. May talk to others to see if they'll join.

Expenses:

Conservation Committee Requests:

1. Earth Justice, \$ 100

2. San Bruno Watch \$ 100

Motion to pay conservation and bills carried.

Total Funds as of May 31, 2024 \$ 37,125.28

Harold French Bench in Sibley Volcanic Park:

From Nov 10, 2017 Minutes - The bench & plaque cost \$ 2,500, which includes placement and maintenance for 10 years. After 10 years, an additional maintenance contract for another 10 years can be purchased (from East Bay Parks) for \$ 2,200.

Cameron would like to fund this over time, so we have appropriate funds to pay for it. Cameron moved over \$220.00 for 2023 and 2024. Total fund = \$660.00 at this time.

Looking for contract at this time to prevent an increase in charges. Patricia will check with Sue Elliot to see if there's a maintenance contract in the 100 year celebration paperwork. Check with Park District to see if they have a copy of the contract.

Corresponding Secretary: Patricia sent 7 cards to members in May.

Old Business:

Audit Committee report will occur at the July 12 Board Meeting as requested by April McMahon.

Discussion tabled regarding the bylaws that states: "not allowing monetary gain by its members," until we meet and discuss with Audit Committee. An Honorarium had been offered to the Overnight Outings Committee to mitigate expenses they incur scouting". Helen suggested developing a "fund" to reimburse some of the cost. Audit Committee will speak to that in July.

Continued discussion regarding the behavior of a member who may not be able to hike with the Club because of their actions. Stew has received the incident reports regarding the situations from two members.. Russ (our insurance broker) says as long as the person signs a waiver we are within our rights to refuse the ability to hike with the club, as said signature indicates an agreement to follow behavior guidelines and they have not. Stew will write a letter, run it by Russ and send by Certified Mail (signature required).

New Business:

Should Connie send out an incident report form to the hike leaders along with the sign-in/waivers? Cameron suggested printing the incident report on the back of the hike waiver, so the hike leader has it readily available. However, the hike waiver is the sign-in sheet. Incident report will be on the back of the first page of the sign-in sheet, extra sheet will follow. Connie will include these in her sending with the sign-in sheets, extra postage (if needed) will be paid by the club.

Jim Baranowski will talk to website guru's to put the brochure and his monthly newsletter on the website. Put brochure on the "Home" page. Send to cchc-website-group@googlegroups.com or Sue Lai.

Audit committee suggested that there be an "intermediate" person to collect dues or money from the luncheons if the person who usually performs that duty is unable to do so. The treasurer needs an intermediate third person to document the money has been received as we need double documentation of monies received. Tabled until July 12th meeting with auditors.

Mindy Svorny-Moore thanked Cameron Mitchell in advance for taking minutes at the July meeting. Mindy will be traveling.

Thank you to Jim Baranowski for arranging our Zoom meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:23:am. Moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Next *Virtual Meeting*: July 12, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary