

**Contra Costa Hills Club
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2024**

The November board meeting was held virtually through Zoom. President Stew Perlman called the meeting to order at 10:02.

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

Committee Members present: Lucy Perdichizzi

Absent: Cameron Mitchell

Minutes Approval: October 11, 2024 Board Meeting; Motion to accept minutes, seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report: Thanks to everyone who participated the past several weeks in keeping CCHC vital and strong. Thank you to Fran Leighty and Dorothy Bradt for having served on the Nominating Committee and to Liz Howell for joining the Conservation Committee. Letter received from Fran Leighty, now in Utah.

Zygmunt Deutschman memorial service Nov. 9th, at Newman Center, Berkeley, Mass 2-3pm, Reception 3-4 pm

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 **\$ 45,049.10**

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 4 cards.

CCHC received a thank you letter from Fran Leighty.

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.

Board meeting: Need coverage for December Board meeting. Stew & Audrey traveling to Australia/New Zealand in December. Issues/concerns request to be sent out Dec 6th. Agenda distributed Dec 11th. Jim as VP will chair /Suzy will cover if needed.

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

Dec 26th-Coyote Hills-hike and more!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM. Moved, seconded. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: December 13, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Wong Johe
Acting Recording Secretary