

Contra Costa Hills Club Annual Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2024, Oakland

Lakeside Garden Center

The day began at 10:15 A.M. About twenty hardy members hiked around the three plus mile Lake with vigor and enthusiasm, especially considering we all had one hour less sleep. We returned to the garden center to eat bag lunches and to enjoy refreshments generously provided by the Board members.

At noon, **Guest Speaker Joe O'Connor** was introduced by Roberta O'Grady.

I met Mr. O'Connor when he moved into my residence, Cardinal Point. I noted his photographs of nature he put outside his door a small display of recent photos of plant and animal life in Alameda and along the estuary. He has made presentations to our community on his studies of nature.

Mr. O'Connor grew up near Boston, Massachusetts. His degree is from the state University of New York in Ecology and Physiology. He enjoys, sailing, hiking, cross country skiing, fishing and winter camping. During college he had job as a caretaker on a 5,000-acre nature preserve.

He was in the Department of environmental and health Sciences at New York University. His studies were on the life in Chesapeake Bay, the Hudson River and Atlantic Ocean. At this time he lived very near the Appalachian Trail and did lots of hiking.

Mr. O'Connor spoke on **'And What is That Based On - Geological Wonders Surrounding Us in the Bay Area.'**

His talk began with a reference to Albert Wegener, a German, who wrote on the origins of the continents and oceans, 1912- 1915 and introduced the concept of continental drift. He also briefly described the work of Henry Hess, an American, who described the oceanic mountain ranges or mid-ocean ridges which result in drift of continents. He showed us the 7 major tectonic plates. Their movement leads to the formation of mountains and earthquakes and volcanoes. We had interesting views of the major types of rock found in the Bay Area. These are 1) Sandstone - a sedimentary rock formed from compacted grains of sand; 2) Grey Wacke - volcanic rock fragments, hard dark sandstone with grains of quartz in compact hard clay; 3) Serpentinite - a metamorphic rock composed of serpentine minerals; 4) Chert - sedimentary rock composed of microcrystalline quartz; 5) Basalt - igneous rock formed by the rapid cooling of lava, the oldest type of rock. He pointed out where we can view these rocks on our hikes in the local hills, especially in the parks of San Francisco. Learning about the geology of our Bay Area home is a great opportunity to enhance our enjoyment of hiking.

Attendance: 46 members were in attendance, formulating a quorum.

Business Meeting – President Stew Perlman called the meeting due to order at 1:10pm.

President's Message: On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank those members who kindly and responsibly attended the 2024 CCHC Annual Meeting this past Sunday at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, Lake Merritt, Oakland. After we had the opportunity to greet one another, about fifty of us were treated to an interesting presentation by Joe O'Connor, last year's guest speaker as well, to inform us with a Power Point presentation of the Earth's geology. What was particularly interesting were the pictures of the variety of rock formations we have observed on our hikes to Fort Funston, Twin Peaks, Tank Hill, Kite Hill, Buena Vista Park, etc. I think we all know now how to identify chert. Stew reviewed and highlighted the past twelve months of Club activities and recognized the valuable individuals who have contributed to the success and sustainability of the Club. A Business Meeting followed and the Board of Director nominees were officially accepted in a voice vote to serve from April 2024 through March 2025. I want to thank everyone who came to the meeting, and I hope that everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Kathy O'Toole, Ron Van Dette, Patricia Derickson, Dorothy Bradt, Roberta O'Grady, Frank Martin, Fran Leighty

Thank you and kudos to members who have worked most diligently to sustain our club this past year.

Website Committee: Sue Lai, Fred Mock, Liz Howell, Lewis Conner

Hike Schedulers: Marilyn Vihman, Jim Baranowski

Social Committee: Chairperson- Lucy Perdichizzi, Patricia Derickson

Printing: Fred Mock

Overnight Outings Committee: Chairperson Ed Osada, Lynne Vogensen, Bill Chen, Helen Johe, Jamie Watson, Angela Toy

Conservation Committee: Chairperson Beryl Vonderheid, Barbara Mow, Sylvia Saunders, Lois Switzer, JoAnne Schultz, Kate Steinel

Audit Committee: April McMahon, Linda Margossian, Herb Yonge

Historian: Yvonne Moss

Hike Schedule Editor: Noel Siver

Mailing: Connie Gee

Groups.io Coordinator: Rosemary Johnson

Extracurricular Coordinator: Lois Switzer

Nominating Committee: Chairperson Cameron Mitchell, Fran Leighty, Dorothy Bradt, Lily Ho, Harry Fong

Board of Directors: President Stew Perlman; Vice President, Jim Baranowski; Treasurer, Cameron Mitchell; Recording Secretary, Mindy Svorny-Moore; Corresponding Secretary, Patricia Derickson; Membership Secretary, Connie Gee; Directors: Mike Branning, Rosemary Johnson, Suzy Mark, Fran Ternus, Helen Johe

Forty Years Certificate: Beryl Vonderheid - Stew presented a certificate representing Forty Years Membership in CCHC to Beryl! By achieving this status, she no longer is charged dues for her membership!

Annual Reports were presented: Copies of Four reports were circulated for viewing: Conservation donation list identifying 29 organizations who received a total \$ 3,575; from the Treasurer, a summary of two luncheon social events; from Treasurer, the cash flow statement as of today (not fiscal year end), from Connie Gee, membership chair the current membership statistics that show the numbers of members located in various local and out of area cities.

The reports are included at the end of the minutes.

Nominated Board Members –Stew presented the Slate of Officers for the coming year: Stew Perlman - President, James/Jim Baranowski - Vice President, Cameron Mitchell - Treasurer, Mindy Svorny-Moore - Recording Secretary, Connie Gee - Membership Secretary, Patricia Derickson - Corresponding Secretary, Board of Directors - Mike Branning, Rosemary Johnson, Fran Ternus, Suzy Mark, and Helen Johe. All members of the Board will serve from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

Stew asked for nominations from the floor. None offered. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the Slate.

Chair Committee Announcements - Committee Chairpersons and Committee members serve from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Stew sent an email to Chairpersons in October 2023 to assess what members would be leaving their committee as well as the status of the Chairperson.

If you are a Committee Chairperson, Committee Member, or you serve in another capacity, please let Stew know if you are going to leave your position, so someone can be found to fill your spot.

Jan Lecklikner announced a Pole Hiking Training to be held Saturday May 11th, 10am-3:30pm at Lake Lagunitas, Fairfax. Small group, space limited to 12 (minimum of 7 needed to run class), \$65.00

Register with Jan at jleck.2@gmail.com or (415) 971-3783. Make checks payable to Jayah Paley; mail to Jan Lecklikner at 2816 Dohr St., Berkeley, CA 94702
Carpools from Del Norte BART to be arranged. \$8 parking fee at trailhead.

Closing Remarks by Stew Perlman, President.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Svorny-Moore, Recording Secretary

Committee Reports Below:

Reports: Social

Spring Luncheon:

Money Collected:

		39.0	\$1,911
Members	49	0	.00
non Members	0		0.00
Donation from members			<u>344.23</u>
			\$2,255
			.23
Money Spent: Bar Camino		46.0	\$1,680
	49	2	.23
Deposit			<u>575.00</u>
			\$2,255
			.23
Profit			0.00

Holiday Luncheon - November 29, 2023

Money Collected

		40.0	\$3,040
Members	76	0	.00
		52.0	
Non members	2	0	104.00
Guest	1	0.00	
Donations from members			<u>964.00</u>
			\$4,108
subtotal	60		.00

Money Spent: Mona Lisa Mare e Monti

		52.0	3,608.
	79	0	00
Deposit			<u>500.00</u>
			\$4,108
			.00

Profit 0.00

TOTAL FUNDS CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

	31,732
Total Funds March 10, 2024	.42
	29,431
Total Funds March 19, 2023	.73
	29,890
Total Funds March 31, 2022	.21
	31,634
Total Funds March 31, 2021	.25
	29,976
Total Funds March 31, 2020	.35
	33,207
Total Funds March 31, 2019	.05
	33,904
Total Funds March 31, 2018	.18
	35,683
Total Funds March 31, 2017	.97
	35,751
Total Funds March 31, 2016	.37
	39,637
Total Funds March 31, 2015	.83
	35,884
Total Funds March 31, 2014	.83
	35,240
Total Funds March 17, 2013	.17
	35,756
Total Funds March 18, 2012	.98

CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB

CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTIONS April 2023 to March 2024

Bay Area Ridge Trails		\$100
Berkeley Partners for Parks		150
California State Parks Foundation		250
Citizens for East Shore Parks		100
CWF California Oaks		150
Earth Justice		200

El Cerrito Trail Trekkers	100
Federation of Western Outdoors Clubs	25
Friends of Sausal Creek	100
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy	100
Lindsay Wildlife Experience	100
Marine Mammal Center	200
Mount Diablo Interpretive Association	50
Muir Heritage Land Trust	250
National Parks Conservation Association	150
Natural Resources Defense Fund	0
One Tam	50
Pt. Reyes National Seashore	150
Regional Parks Foundation	300
San Bruno Mountain Watch	100
Save Mount Diablo	100
San Francisco Parks Alliance	100
Save San Francisco Bay	100
Save the Redwoods League	300
Solano Land Trust	150
Tamalpais Conservation Club	50
The Trust for Public Lands, CA	150
Sempervirens Fund	0
Arbor Day Foundation	0
Total	\$3,575

CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB
REPORT OF CASH FLOW
Fiscal Year April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

Checking

Checking Account Balance April 1, 2023

8,755

.05

Cash In

	5,350.0
Membership Dues	0
Donations to General Fund	211.00
Knapsack postage collected	400.00
	1,693.0
Donations to Conservation	0
Donations to Spring Luncheon	678.00
Donations to Holiday Luncheon	599.00
	1,941.6
Spring Luncheon	1
	3,271.0
Holiday Luncheon	0
Polo Shirts	209.00
Patches	
Bandanas	
	14,352.
Total Income	61

Cash Out

Knapsacks, schedules, postage	386.19
	3,525.0
Memberships/donations Conservation	0
Memberships - O-EBGCI	0.00
Lakeside Center Rent	310.00
P.O. Box 2056	460.00
Zoom Pro account annual fee	0.00
Secretary of State	20.00
IRS filing	25.00
	5,818.8
Luncheons	4
Dues refund & postage	41.64
T-shirts & Hoodies	0.00
Patches	0.00
Bandanas	
Misc. expenses: stamps, copies, suppl	118.00
Groups.io annual fee	0.00
	1,993.1
CCHC Insurances	7
	5,200.0
Fremont Bank checking	0
	17,897.
Total Expenses	84

Checking Account Balance March 10, 2024	5,209
	.82

Savings Account Balance April 1, 2023		20,85	
		5.68	
			5,200
Fremont Bank Checking			.00
	Inter		
	est		
	26.3		2,526
CD	7		.37
	370.		19,37
CD	78		0.78
			21,89
Balance Total March 10, 2024			7.15
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TOTAL FUNDS CCHC March 10, 2024			32,30
			6.97

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP STATS

The membership year ends with 232 members.

Thirty-three are new members.

Members live in the following communities:

ALAMEDA COUNTY: 88

Alameda - 11	Albany - 5
Castro Valley - 4	Dublin - 3
Fremont - 8	Hayward - 3
Newark - 1	Oakland - 16
San Leandro - 2	San Lorenzo -

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY: 114

Antioch - 1	Bay Point - 1
Clayton - 8	Concord - 16
Danville - 4	El Cerrito - 16
Hercules - 7	Kensington - 4
Martinez - 2	Moraga - 5
Pinole - 2	Pittsburg - 1

Richmond - 6 San Ramon – 3 Walnut Creek – 15
MARIN COUNTY: 2 Kentfield – 1 Mill Valley - 1

SAN FRANCISCO CITY & COUNTY: 18

SAN MATEO COUNTY: 6

Daly City - 5 Foster City – 1

SOLANO COUNTY: 3

Benicia – 1 Vacaville - 2

FURTHER OUT AND OUT OF STATE:

Lathrop – 1, Lodi - 2, Santa Clara -1, Santa Rosa - 1,
Helena, MT – 1