

## Explore North Coast Board Meeting Minutes

**Date** October 13, 2020

**Present:** Marcella Ogata-Day, Kathleen Kinkela-Love, John Schmidt, Steve Smith

**Part Time Present:** Scott Haggerty (Note: Scott was on fire duty and only able to attend part of the meeting via telephone); Jennifer Tavares (Note: Jen joined the meeting a 6:40 p.m.). Quorum was met only when Scott or Jen were present.

**Absent:** Celine Pele, Larry Buwalda

6:00 P.M. Vice President Kathleen Kinkela-Love called the meeting to order.

### Reports

**Treasurer/Secretary Report:** John reported that, based on our budget, ENC has about \$75 net profit to date. John also reported that ENC has 119 members to date, 68 of which are current in their dues and 51 who are delinquent in their dues payment. This year, to date, there have been 39 membership renewals. John noted that among those who have not renewed their memberships are founding members, Marcia and Simeon Tauber. John offered a motion to make Marcia and Simeon life-time membership with ENC. Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

John also suggested that the Board consider whether it might make more sense for ENC to require members to join the ACA independently of joining ENC, noting that many other paddling clubs make this separation. John argued that this approach would make tracking membership funds less burdensome. The Board agreed that this was worthy of study but that no changes should be made to our membership processes/requirements during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

**Paddle Host Coordinator Report:** Steve reported that currently there are no more scheduled paddles on the calendar because of the pandemic. Two solicitation calls have gone out to the paddle hosts and the vast majority are unwilling to risk hosting events at this time. Three ENC paddle hosts, however, are willing to host paddle events and may propose dates in the future.

### New Business

**Review Covid guidelines.**—The Board felt that the guidelines were acceptable and not in need of review at this time.

**ENC Annual Dues.**—Some concern had been expressed over whether it made sense for ENC to require dues when the club was not providing services (i.e., paddle events, lectures, etc.). After some discussion, the Board decided that members will likely self-select to not pay dues and can always rejoin the club anytime they choose. The Board agreed to include a note in the membership newsletter regarding the challenges of the pandemic and hosting events, that we understand if some members choose not to renew their annual memberships during the pandemic, and that we will happily welcome any members back if they rejoin ENC after the pandemic crisis.

**Elections to the Board of Directors.**—The terms for five Board members (Celine, John, Marcella, Scott, and Steve) expire at the end of 2020. At least, John, Marcella and Steve

are willing to serve another term. Per the ENC By-Laws, the Board of Directors must have at least 5 members and may have up to 11 members. Members serve two-year terms and may serve a maximum number of four consecutive terms. All Board members whose terms will expire this year are eligible to serve another term, should they choose to do so. The Board will seek additional members for the vacant seats, but will waive election by the membership unless the number of nominees to the Board exceeds 11.

**Continuing Business**

*Guidebooks.*—There have been some, but not many, sales since the last meeting.

*Paddle Host Mentorship.*—No report due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

*New Member Welcome Program.*—No report due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Social Thingy Reschedule.*—No Report due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Mendocino Weekend Reschedule.*—No Report due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Membership Management.*—Marcella and John noted that the new Membership Management Program seems to be working well.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be arranged for January 2021

Minutes taken and submitted by Steven A. Smith

Minutes Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Officer

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