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Present: Larry Buwalda, Scott Hagerty, Kathleen Kinkela-Love, Marcella Ogata-Day, John Schmidt, Steve Smith, Jennifer Tavares

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen at 7:00 p.m.. President Scott Hagerty asked Kathleen to preside over the meeting because he was suffering from laryngitis.

Reports

Treasurer/Secretary Report: John reported that the budget overall is in good shape. Income was about one-half (\$1503/\$3025) of expected but expenses were about one-third (\$1111/\$2943) of expected. Larry noted that ENC had not been billed for the public service announcement ENC did through Redwood News, to promote National Safe Boating Week. Kathleen suggested ENC give \$250 to Redwood News to offset their costs. The Board approved this unanimously (motion by John; second by Kathleen).

Membership appears to be 64 paid individuals to date. John recommended that Marcella should be the report person for membership since she manages the data base for it. Marcella graciously agreed.

Paddle Host Coordinator Report: ENC supported one paddle in June lead by Sandy Haux. One paddle in July was the meditation paddle at Big Lagoon hosted by Mike Zeppegno. Mike and Larry will host a low tide paddle at Trinidad on Saturday, July 24. No paddles are currently scheduled for August; Steve will send out a solicitation to the paddle hosts to try and generate more paddle events.

New Business

ACA Fees: John recommended, and the Board agreed, to assess non-ENC paddlers who belong to the ACA a \$5 fee. As such, the ENC's current fee structure is:

- ENC membership and ACA membership is \$55 annual (\$40 for ACA and \$15 for ENC)
 - ENC members with ACA membership pay no insurance fee for ENC paddling events
- ENC membership is \$15
 - ENC members who are not ACA members pay \$10 fee for insurance per paddle event
- Non-ENC members who are not ACA members pay \$15 fee per paddle (\$10 for insurance and \$5 to ENC)
- Non-ENC members who are ACA members pay \$5 fee per paddle to ENC)

Update to paddle hosts and event procedures: Marcella has worked diligently to modify our paddle host and paddle event procedures in an effort to adjust for the new ACA fee structure and to minimize paperwork for the paddle hosts.

Social Thingy: The Board had previously hoped that ENC might try to host the annual Social Thingy this October. At the last board meeting we agreed that we would make a “go/no-go” decision at the July Board meeting. The Board has decided to be cautious and not host the Social Thingy this year because of the recent alarming rise in COVID 19 cases in Humboldt County and the relatively low vaccination rates of county residents. The risk to visitors from outside our area and the risk of bringing additional cases to Humboldt County were deemed too high to go forward with this event. Instead, Scott suggested that we host a one or perhaps two-day event for our local paddlers in an effort to rejuvenate the local paddling community. Scott also suggested that we include stand-up paddlers in this event along with a gear swap. The Board also felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to listen to our membership about their paddling needs/interests. Steve and Larry will head a committee and provide a proposal to the Board by August 24.

Board Meeting Frequency: The Board agreed to continue with quarterly meetings as prescribed by the ENC Charter unless additional meetings were deemed necessary. The Board also agreed to stay with Zoom meetings instead of face-to-face meetings.

Continuing Business

Recognition of ENC member contributions: Steve will work with Kathleen to draft a letter recognizing the contributions Marcia and Simeon Tauber have made to ENC and designating them as Patron members.

Stories for the Newsletter: Marcella asked for members to contribute stories (e.g., paddle events), and links for the newsletter.

Mendocino: There will be no overnight outing to Mendocino this year because of COVID and because of the difficulty of finding camping vacancies this summer.

Gear Swap: The Gear Swap will be incorporated into the Fall Event (yet to be named) referenced above under new business and the Social Thingy.

Next Meeting

The next ENC Board meeting will be on September 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Steven A. Smith

Minutes Adopted: _____ Date: _____

Board Officer

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