

Explore North Coast Board Meeting Minutes

Date February 4, 2021

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

Absent:

President Scott Hagerty called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Reports

Treasurer/Secretary Report: John reported that ENC has 123 members, listed, 67 of which are active, 55 inactive, and 1 membership is pending.

The balance in the ENC checking account is \$8,155, up \$341 from the January meeting report.

John suggested that it really did not make a lot of sense to develop a budget for 2021 at this time, because of the uncertainties for club activities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paddle Host Coordinator Report: Steve reported that there is only one paddle event (February 13) currently on the ENC calendar. Steve has and will continue to contact all the paddle hosts at the beginning of each month to inquire if any are willing to host paddling events. The hope and expectation are that once vaccinations become more widespread, paddle hosts will be more willing to lead events.

New Business

Marcella has collected suggestions from members for activities ENC could sponsor during the pandemic. These included, Zoom-based lecture series (possible topics could include studies on sea life, citizen science, birding, kayaking tours/expeditions, reports of kayaking trips members have taken, and Q&A sessions on boats, gear, and repairs). Note that Mike Zeppegno, who coordinates the lecture series, has already started to explore options for Zoom-based presentations.

Marcella also suggested that ENC might host a virtual gear auction through Zoom and become involved in local coastal cleanup activities. She also suggested that ENC take a proactive role this year in promoting National Safe Boating Week (May 22-28). After some discussion, a subcommittee was formed (Larry, Marcella and Kathleen) to formulate a plan of action for ENC's involvement in National Safe Boating Week and will report their ideas to the Board by February 24.

Continuing Business

Following the discussion at the January Board meeting on the significant increase in costs for individuals to belong to the American Canoe Association, the Board has agreed to the following changes in ENC membership obligations:

- ENC will no longer support family memberships
- ENC annual dues will be raised from \$10 to \$15 (necessary to cover ENC expenses)

- ENC members will have the option to either
 - Join ENC (\$15) and the ACA (\$40) for an annual total of \$55. ENC will manage the joint ENC and ACA memberships, as we currently do. Members choosing this option, will only have to sign one ACA waiver form annually and will be covered by the ACA insurance during ENC events.
 - Join only ENC (\$15) and forgo the ACA membership. Members who choose this option will be required to pay the insurance fee (\$5) and have a signed ACA waiver for *each* paddle event in which they participate.

The Board also agreed to update the brochures with the revised membership information by having stickers printed and placed in the appropriate location within the brochure.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Steven A. Smith

Minutes Adopted: /s/ Scott Hagerty

Date: _02/13/2021

Board Officer

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