

Explore North Coast Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022

Present: Kathleen Kinkela-Love, Larry Buwalda, Marcella Ogata-Day, John Schmidt, Jeff Pockett, Terry Bean, Brian Orland, Lena Ashley; Jennifer Tavares joined near the end of the meeting

Absent: None

Call to Order: President Kathleen Kinkela-Love called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm via Zoom. John Schmidt motioned to approve the minutes and Lena Ashley seconded. The minutes from the 12/7/21 Board Meeting were unanimously approved. Kathleen shared with the Board her goal to hold short concise Board Meetings.

Reports

Membership: Marcella reported current membership is steady at 60+/- active members. Kathleen reported she recently renewed her membership and that it was a simple process. Marcella said she plans to meet with Karen Cramer to review membership and to enlist her volunteered help with membership recruitment/retention.

Treasurer/Secretary Report: John sent the Treasurer's Report & ENC Bank Statement prior to the meeting. He explained the bank account remains stable. John explained the summer 2022 Mendocino trip will require reservation payment and participant fees. He also suggested he could prepare the treasurers report as a quarterly report, rather than for each Board meeting. Finally, John stated one action item remains: changing the Paypal account from Greg Bundros to John Schmidt as Treasurer. The Board unanimously adopted the budget and John's proposals.

Paddle Host Coordinator Report: The group reviewed the well-attended Christmas and New Year's holiday club paddles. Marcella said she will train Jeff Pockett to set up paddle host events electronically. She reported 18 people have signed up for the 1/16/22, Hookton Slough paddle. The group discussed encouraging participation and potentially removing limits from *non-ocean* paddles to allow greater participation. We also discussed proposed January, February, and future events, with a goal of having a couple paddle events scheduled each month with skills events scheduled every other month. The goal of ultimately developing a yearly calendar is envisioned. The Mendocino paddle is tentatively scheduled 7/28-7/31, 2022; camping at McKerricher State Park. Jeff finished by discussing his plans to schedule paddle host training/skill building events this spring that both members and paddle host would jointly attend.

Other Reports:

New Business

Grant Program Discussion: ENC sponsors a grant program for anyone who pursues safety/skills training and for assistance with membership fees. The grant covers 50% of the safety/skills training costs, or cost for joining ACA. Grant recipients are asked to volunteer their time and give back to the club. A goal of the grant program is to provide reach-out to members, and potential new members. Motion was made to add \$300 to the grant program: the motion was passed unanimously. A general discussion of guest instructor training followed.

Website Report: Marcella reported she will soon send out a Beta version of the updated website to all board members for review/comment.

2022 Coastal Clean-up: The group agreed on a desire to organize a Coastal Cleanup, Covid permitting in 2022. We discussed past participation with Center Activities and the Wiott Tribe and holding the clean-up even during a high or king tide. Brain suggested he could coordinate with NEC and Baykeepers to see if we could jointly sponsor a Coastal Cleanup.

Continuing Business

ENC past relationship with HSU's Center Activities Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center (HBAC)- Larry provided a history of ENC's past relationship with HBAC, how Center Activities approached ENC to cosponsor trainings, and that ENC provided ACA certified trainers for HBAC events and sponsor paddle tours. ENC was jointly involved with HBAC getting hundreds of paddlers on the water. Our club held free introduction courses, Olli courses, and beginning, intermediate and advance paddle training for over 5 years. The Club also hosted a lecture series at the HBAC building in Eureka. Larry explained the relationship unfortunately fell-out with a change of HSU's administration and with Covid.

Brian expressed an interest in reestablishing an ENC Zoom speaker lecture series for club members and the public to attend.

Bylaws Update/Edit:

John explained our bylaws do not fully reflect how we nominated and elected board members this year. He suggested we update the bylaws to align with the process we used this year. John asked if anyone wanted to help him and Terry volunteered. See the ENC Bylaws attached to this meeting's Agenda package.

ACA Risk Management document: Kathleen suggested we all review the ACA Risk Management Requirements for Paddle America Clubs (revised 2021) so we can be prepared to discuss them next meeting. Kathleen emailed the 7-page document on 1/12/22, with the Board meeting Agenda package.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Minutes taken and submitted by Lena Ashley

Minutes Adopted: _____ Date: _____

Board Officer

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