

Explore North Coast Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022

Present: Kathleen Kinkela-Love, Larry Bulwalda, Marcella Ogata-Day, John Schmidt, Brian Orland, Jennifer Tavares, Terry Bean, Lena Ashley

Absent: Jeff Pockett

Reports

1. **Approval of the March 10, 2022, Minutes:** Adopted as presented. John moved, Terry seconded, approved by all.
2. **Membership Report:** Members have been renewing their memberships. Overall club membership remains roughly 62 active members. Brain mentioned Lucy, is a new enthusiastic member who has been coming to club events. She recently bought a sea kayak at the HAC equipment sale event. Please say Hi to Lucy and encourage her at club events.
3. **Treasurer/Secretary Report:** The Board agreed to quarterly reports. John reported deposits for the Mendocino Paddle Trip are coming in. No other news.
4. **Paddle Host Coordinator Report:** Brian reported the Coastal Clean-up went well with the help of the Oyster Company volunteers and their flat bottom boat which was great for loading and hauling trash collected. The North Coast Env. Center provided re-purposed bags. Michael Morris won the Hum Pie Trash Prize for his impressive trash haul! Ivy from WEC suggested a follow-up Coastal Clean-up in September, the Oyster Co is willing to help, and we have an opportunity to organize with other local groups too.

Other Reports

5. Larry's report on ENC Gear (2 radios & 2 tow belts): One radio is operative, and the 2nd is not. After discussing the radios, the Board decided to see if one extra radio is enough for now. We discussed paddle hosts should always have a radio, radios are submersible but should also be in a waterproof case, and the club could purchase a 2nd radio in the future if needed. Larry will keep the radio, he is in Arcata, and any paddle host or club member that needs a radio can pick the club radio up from Larry.
6. Club Bylaws update: John and Terry proposed updates to the *Bylaws of Explore North Coast* and provided red line edits of changes. John discussed the changes, explained the club has not functioned as a full club voting for new board of Directors for years, which spurred the desire to update the Bylaws. We agreed Marcella will send notice to all members that the Board is considering changes to the bylaws, provide the proposed ENC Bylaws for members review, and inform members John is our contact for questions. Thanks, John, for all your help.

Continuing Business

7. Risk Management discussion: In the past we had paper risk management waivers to sign, and now, thanks to Marcella's clever work, they are e-waivers

and online. All club participants need to sign a risk management waiver. There is a potential \$2,000 fine for not completing risk management waivers. Paddle hosts need to be equipped with paper waivers for add-on, or last-minute participants.

8. July 28-31 Mendocino Paddle Trip discussion: Marcella has a list of 23 to 24 folks who have signed-up;10 have sent deposits. Our reservation at the Leisure Time RV Park, located 2 miles east of Fort Bragg on Route 20, will accommodate 25 tents. Ideally, we will plan two different paddles per day. Different trips will need different risk management waivers, so we anticipate multiple waivers for the Mendocino weekend paddles. We can set up e-waivers in advance and have paper waivers on hand at the paddles.
9. Newsletter Information: Please send Marcella information for the Newsletter.
10. Book Sales: Kathleen has 3 boxes of books and the Board agreed books can be sold for \$10.00 each. If any member is willing to bring books to a paddle event, please contact Kathleen.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be July 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Minutes taken and submitted by Lena Ashley

Minutes Adopted: _____ Date: _____

Board Officer

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