

## **CCNA May Board Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2023 6:00pm - Zoom call**

Board Members in Attendance: Karen Shelton, Bob Bernstein, Ralph Sattelmayer, Lorie Moreno, Emily Giza, Frank Wheeler , Keith DeVore

Board Members Absent: Gloria Carlisle (stepped down as of this month), Bill Busath, Stan Makris

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

- 1. Secretary's Report:** Approval of April minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Keith made a motion to approve the minutes, Frank seconded the motion, all voted aye and the minutes were approved.

- 2. Membership Report:**

93 total members 2022

116 members (to date) for 2023

Of those 116 members;

44 were prepaid from the prior year

58 resulted from the mailer

14 joined after the annual meeting

(101 are returning members and 15 are new members)

2023 membership total (to date) \$2,465

2024 prepaid memberships (to date) \$820

- 3. Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning balance checking \$6096.79

After some of the expenses for annual meeting were paid ending balance was \$4958.50

Savings beginning balance \$6155.09

Ending balance after interest added was \$6155.88.

- 4. Debrief Annual Meeting and Membership:**

The annual meeting was well attended and had good energy. There were 80 attendees. Some attendees raised concerns at the meeting and in follow up emails after about the following:

- the disappearance of the pedestrian barriers at the sharp NW curve of Oak Avenue and California Ave after roadwork in the area.

ACTION ITEM: Lorie to follow up with Sac County Department of Transportation

- the speed at which cars drive on Palm Drive between Fair Oaks Blvd and California Ave and inquired about speed bumps

ACTION ITEM: Stan is working with neighbors to petition for the speed bumps

- Ancil Hoffman and the lack of maintenance of non-native vegetation, general trash, and large precarious limbs which create fire risk and hazardous conditions for users of the park

ACTION ITEM: Lorie spoke with ARPA and is working to schedule a meeting with the director to discuss plans to address these issues; (Ancil Hoffman should be subject to the county ordinance on weed abatement)

- the slow response by the sheriff to issues on Palm Drive

ACTION ITEM: Lorie to monitor further complaints if they come in.

5. **Summer Recess-** Lorie will draft an initial short work plan for next September for Board to respond to on CCNA's priority projects for the year.

ACTION ITEM: Each member should list two to three items to prioritize after the summer recess.

6. **Presentation: Water Forum:** Erica Bishop, Program Manager at the Water Forum for habitat work, science and monitoring work on the American River, discussed the salmon habitat restoration project plan for 2023 at Ancil Hoffman.

Upper River Bend Phase 1: Due to the success of the restoration project in 2021 including significant increases in chinook and steelhead spawning, native revegetation of thriving willows, yarrow, lupine, grasses and mugwort, the plan is to create additional habitat for the native salmon.

What to expect:

- the construction project will take place at the tall tower located on the river just east of the golf course driving range and last for 8 weeks (July 1 - October 31)

- will include work on the gravel bars to create a spawning habitat, large woody habitat, native seeding and willow planting, sod and trail repairs and excess material off-haul.
- noise will be limited to 7am to 6pm.
- the sieve equipment to sort the gravel will be washed to avoid invasive species. A work barrier will work to keep the river clear. The wood being used consists of decommissioned orchard trees.
- the Ancil Hoffman trail will remain open for the duration of the project; however river access will be limited during active construction and open during non-work hours.
- for rafters, there will be no in-river work on weekends and holidays.
- trips hauling excess material away will take place 1-3 times per hour Monday through Saturday and will be used to maintain the trail along the river. The hauling route will be out Tarshes Drive, left on California, right on Van Alstine to ensure most direct and expeditious route out of the community using protected traffic signal onto El Camino.
- there will be invitations to the work sites to learn about the project. The plan went through much oversight, coordination and required approval from many partners including Effie Yeaw, Ancil Hoffman, Carmichael Water District, Parks Commission, ARPAC and direct communication with rafting and fishing community/vendors.
- public safety and mitigation is of utmost priority.
- there have been both negative and positive responses from the fishing community.
- Lorie suggested that the safety signage and fact sheets posted around the project include Farsi and Ukrainian translations due to the heavy user base of those users of the park.
- Project team anticipates high flows into August due to the heavy snowfall in Tahoe and resulting snowmelt. Everything will be lined up/coordinated in order to maximize work time with respect to the water flow. They will be coordinating with Folsom dam to limit flow for a couple of weeks when needed.

7. **Website host changes:** Jorel Cooper, President of Carmichael Creek NA, presented how their website functions as we consider switching up or improving the functionality of the CCNA website. He shared his screen and gave us a virtual tour of the website noting its ability to keep track of membership, sign up for membership including payment options of PayPal and credit card, send notifications, and track events in the calendar. Emails are sent individually so there are no bounce backs. Members can subscribe to the calendar and easily download meeting dates to their own calendars.

There is a documents section where you can house minutes, agendas, an interactive map, newsletter, and annual meeting documents. They have the county map on the website to help the public identify the boundaries of the association. The cost associated with the website is \$200 per year for hosting, domain name, and SSL certificate. It's a Microsoft product (.net), a common

program. To set up our website, Jorel would copy an unpopulated structure like Carmichael Creek's site in order to create our website. It doesn't have a "clip and drop" function; you would have to manipulate files (FTP). He would set up and maintain the site as he does the Carmichael Creek site.

It was agreed to continue the conversation until after the summer break when we will consider Jorel's offer.

**8. Carmichael Water District merger and CCNA engagement:**

ACTION ITEM: June 15th meeting of the Carmichael Water Board discussing the merging of two districts. We should have CCNA board representation at this meeting. Keith reviewed the proposal documents and noted that with 28 water districts in Sacramento County, consolidation could help with economy of scale and political advocacy. Disadvantages may include change in character of water, dilution of local control and more layers of bureaucracy. If we are concerned, we should write letters to the water board as they are considering this move. Emily, Frank, and possibly Karen and Bill will make the effort to attend.

**9. Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings:**

It would be a good idea to have a set day of the month on which to hold CCNA board meetings. Lorie proposed the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

ACTION ITEM: We will decide on which day/week works best. We will consider a hybrid format.

**10. New Board Members:** Brandon Grundhoefer expressed interest in joining the CCNA Board. He works with Cal Fire. The board voted with Bob moving to vote Brandon on as a new board member. Frank seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.