

MENDOCINO MUSHROOM CLUB

Minutes of Meeting January 30, 2018

Meeting was held at the Ford House Visitor Center on Main Street in Mendocino CA 95460, beginning at 5:05 pm. Fourteen people attended: Mario Abreu, Mary-Ellen Campbell, Nancy Denison, Pat Ferrero, Alison Gardner, Jim Gibson, Gabrielle Levine, Evan Mills, Ken Sasaki, Eric Schramm, Harolde Searles, Jill Surdzial, Trisa Tabrizie, and Mary Williams.

Pat Ferrero opened the meeting with the subject of possible next events for MCMC participation. Discussed whether November or December is a better month for MCMC for another mushroom dinner. After discussion, the vote was for November: **Saturday, November 10, 2018** for an event including a mushroom dinner.

An earlier event for MCMC participation is the **“Almost Fringe Festival” April 13, 14, 15, 2018.** Discussion led to demonstration /mini-class around mushroom dyeing to be held at Ford House. Jim Owens, Ford House Director liked this idea and we confirmed for Ford House calendar during tonight’s meeting. Nancy Denison volunteered to work on details for this event. Members should be looking for dye mushroom specimens which can be frozen or dried to use for this event.

Dye Demo Volunteers:

Pat Ferrero
Mario Abreu
Alison Gardner
Mary Ellen Campbell
Nancy Denison
Jim Gibson’s daughter Ruby
Jill Surdzial

The rest of the meeting was devoted to “mushroom show and tell” with mushroom samples that the attendees brought to share. Eric Schramm contributed much to the discussion, identification and habitats of his and others’ specimens as well as telling stories of mushroom adventures. Alison Gardner provided Candy Cap identifications for samples brought by Ken and Jill. We had a great discussion about drying candy caps. Both Alison and Eric agree that drying them at low (room temperature or under 100 degrees in a dehydrator) temperature preserves the flavors best. One can use a fan to blow room temperature air over the mushrooms.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE and TREASURER'S REPORT

At tonight's meeting we received 4 renewals for 2018 and 2 new members totaling \$120 to add to the bank balance. *Trisa Tabrizie who was at tonight's meeting announced she wanted to become a member, too. After bank deposit, new bank balance will be \$693.16.

Bank Balance brought forward from November 30, 2017 Treasurer's Report	\$581
<u>Receipts</u> from new and renewed memberships	<u>120</u>
Sub Total	\$701
<u>Disbursements</u> from bank service charges	<u>8</u>
Cash in Bank – January 31, 2018	<u><u>\$693</u></u>

*Trisa's membership dues were received later in the week and deposited to the Club's PayPal account.

Final report on Mushroom Dinner at Casper Community Center (CCC)

Pat Ferrero met with Dana Fox to tie up final loose ends related to the dinner on Nov 10th 2017. This included CCC issuing final checks due to Alison Gardner and Eric Schramm. Eric received his late Dec and Alison's was lost in mail and reissued. Pat hand delivered the check to Alison at the Jan MCMC meeting.

CCC shared the financial details of how the dinner went including all sales and expenses. The detailed sheet will help us plan our Fall dinner on Nov 10th (Sat) at the Casper Community Center. That date is now confirmed and is within the dates that will give us coverage with Visit Mendocino for the Wine & Mushroom Events in Mendocino. Fee for the all day rental is \$650 and we can discuss if we want to do any collaboration with Casper or do this as a solo fundraiser for the MCMC.

Summary of event:

Sales:

Food;\$3,700

Bar \$1,188

total sales \$4,888

Total donations

Food \$365

Bar \$155

total -\$520

Receipts recap

Cash \$4,832

Checks \$255

Paid to Chad/Mark(\$70) -\$571

Total receipts \$5,408

In addition the MCMC paid for the following not reflected in above figures.

MCMC \$400 (4) chefs fees

MCMC \$100 gift bags to chefs

MCMC \$200 towards printing of brochure

Donations (2) \$243 balance of printing

Total \$943

Plus the MCMC donated hundreds of hours to organizing and participating in the event.

I have asked that our cash and in kind donations be added to the minutes of the CCC report.

It was the biggest fundraiser for CCC at PUB NIGHT EVER and the community response was an overwhelming thank you to the MCMC for making it happen. Dana Fox was particularly grateful and has taken out memberships for him and his wife and he also paid Alison's member ship for the year.

We have a lot of goodwill with CCC and they look forward to discussing our Fall dinner.