

## MENDOCINO COAST MUSHROOM CLUB

### Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Potluck meeting was held at Pacific Textile Arts facility, 450 Alger Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 at 5:30 pm. Eleven members attended: Mary Ellen Campbell, Nancy Denison, Pat Ferrero, Alison Gardner, Jim Gibson, Marylynn Henes, Tom Jelen, Gabrielle Levine, Eric Schramm, Ken Sasaki, and Jill Surdzial. Everyone was given a name tag and later gave a short description of their background and interests.

**Pat Ferrero led the meeting** with the purpose of planning an event for the 2017-2018 mushroom season and to answer the question "Do we want to continue as a club"? because so few members have stepped up to make things happen. Nancy Denison took notes for minutes. According to September, 2016 meeting minutes, Pat Ferrero and Evan Mills had brainstormed the organizational aspects of MCMC and suggested (instead of traditional Pres, VP etc.) there be three committees: **OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PROGRAMMING**

**OPERATIONS:** Cash in bank remains at \$833.00 which are the net proceeds of November, 2016 event and memberships received at that time (39 paid members @ \$20= \$780). There have been no new members since November, 2016, although there may have been additional names added to the Email list. Since Nancy Denison is the sole signer on the bank account, she requested an additional, responsible person to be a second signer and to act as Treasurer if Nancy is not available. Marylynn Henes (who has a business background) volunteered. **(Subsequent to this meeting, on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Marylynn and Nancy met at Savings Bank and added Marylynn to the Bank signature card with only one signature necessary for a transaction).** Tonight, \$20 in cash donations were collected from the meeting attendees to pay rent to Pacific Textile Arts for the meeting space.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thanks to Evan Mills and Alison Gardner for keeping the communication lines open since the November, 2016 event.

**PROGRAMMING:** No reports on whether any forays planned after November, 2016 event, really happened and no reports of any other activities.

**DISCUSSION:** During the 2-hour meeting time, lots of active discussion: Possibilities for a public event with speaker and food, similar to last year's successful event at St. Anthony's hall in Mendocino; should it be during the county Mushroom, Wine & Beer Festival November 3-12 even though it is too late to promote in the festival brochure? What other dates, venues could we have an event? Who are possible speakers and when can they be available and what places can be available at same time to hold an event locally. Need venue with kitchen to prepare/serve food and seat 75-100 people. There is a new Ford House administrator. Do we want to collect mushrooms for display at Ford House? (They are looking for help on month-long display in November). Can a mushroom dyeing demo be part of the event? What is our responsibility to those who paid a membership fee last year and what is a member's responsibility to the club? Which mycologists/identification experts might be coming to our area during the mushroom season who could be possible speakers, foray leaders? If we can't find a speaker from outside our area, could Teresa Sholars be a speaker (she's a club member). Teresa is teaching a 4-week college class on "Introduction to Mushrooms" beginning October 26<sup>th</sup>, including field trips.....class is probably full. We have many questions around the rules, regulations, expense of permits for picking in Jackson State Forest; current administration has toughened up on regulations. Participation in forays and identification from an expert is probably the most popular reason for supporting the club. Does

anyone know people on private property who would allow MCMC members to pick? Some of the participants in this meeting have connections to other mycology clubs and mycologists and will pursue possibilities. Many experts traditionally come to our area during the fall-winter season. A suggested all-day event, if all people/venue available at same time: Eric Schramm talk- Journey of Connection; Zach (chef in Santa Cruz) cooking demo; Alissa Allen, Mushroom Dyeing; David Aurora, mycologist.

In summary, each of the eleven at the meeting took on jobs as follows:

**OPERATIONS:** **Nancy Denison** and/or **Marylynn Henes** will oversee collection/disbursement of funds for memberships, donations, event sales/costs including set-up and cashiering at events; banking and bookkeeping tasks; taking notes at meetings for minutes.

**Jim Gibson** will be the tech person (projection, mikes, lighting) for public events.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** **Ken Sasaki** and **Jill Surdzial**, both with computer technology backgrounds will take over the communication tasks from Evan Mills.

**Mary Ellen Campbell** will prepare the promotional material for events.

**PROGRAMMING:** **Pat Ferrero, Evan Mills, and Tom Jelen** will search for event location and speakers. **Alison Gardner** will prepare food and oversee kitchen tasks/ volunteers for events. **Gabrielle Levine** will assist Alison with food for events. **Eric Schramm** with his experience in the Forestry Service will connect with their administrator to work out a plan for MCMC members to easily go on forays in Jackson State Forest. **Jim Gibson** will go with Eric to visit Forest Service administrator and will lead forays.

Each of the above is to report back to Pat Ferrero [pfcine@earthlink.net](mailto:pfcine@earthlink.net) with results.

#### **ADDENDUM TO THE SEPTEMBER 13TH MEETING:**

Next meeting will be called in early October to organize logistics, as soon as a venue and program is finalized. Pat reported on September 23, 2017 that we are currently aiming for a public event on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> during the Mendocino County Mushroom, Wine & Beer Festival.....details in progress.

Notes from Nancy Denison, Marylynn Henes, and Pat Ferrero, compiled and submitted by Nancy Denison