

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Fitch Mountain Association, July 6, 2008**

President Kate Barrett called the meeting to order at 11:18. Sixty-seven people had signed in, including Pres. Barrett, Sec'y Ellen Silge, and trustees Penelope La Montagne, Donita Proctor, and Al Pucci.

The minutes of the January 2008 membership meeting were approved as written/posted (moved, Don McEnhill; sec., John Murray).

Guest Speakers: Randy Collins and Linda Collister, of the Healdsburg Fire Department, and Carleon Sanford, fire prevention specialist, made presentations about the history, dangers, and prevention of fire on Fitch Mountain. Lisa Bell, Sudden Oak Death Program Coordinator for UC Davis Extension, showed how to recognize signs of sudden oak death and told what to do about it. (Details of these presentations are in the Speakers Supplement for July 2008, posted on the web site [[www.fitchmountain.org](http://www.fitchmountain.org)].)

Business:

The Treasurer's report shows \$118.28 in checking, which is the lowest in a long time. (This does not reflect dues paid today.) We have \$2392.84 in savings.

It was moved (Phyllis Pucci) and seconded (Maryanne Murray) that we double dues to \$20. In a "referendum" vote, this was unanimously approved. Because this would require a by-laws change and notice ahead of time, the Trustees will put it up for an official vote at the July meeting.

Barrett turned the meeting over to Donita Proctor to conduct the election of officers and trustees. Two 6-year trustee positions are open, and one 3-year term due to the resignation of Joseph Taylor. Kate Barrett, Traci Immordino, and Al Pucci are running for 6 years and Don McEnhill for 3. Laura Rodriguez and Sylvia Seventy have been nominated for president and Colin Joy for vice-president. There are no nominees for treasurer. (The secretary's position is not up yet.)

Presidential candidate Laura Rodriguez withdrew from contention in deference to Sylvia Seventy's longer experience on the Mountain. Seventy said that she had no idea that she'd been nominated and didn't really want to be president. Asked whether she'd be willing to be a trustee, she agreed. Thereupon Rodriguez re-entered the presidential race.

Proctor read a candidate statement submitted by Immordino. Candidate statements were made by Pucci, Barrett, Rodriguez, and McEnhill. Phyllis Pucci nominated Steve Nelson for trustee (3-year position). Phyllis Pucci requested information from all the candidates about where they stand on the Del Rio dam construction, and we subsequently heard the opinions of Rodriguez, Barrett, Immordino (in absentia, via Proctor and Al Pucci), Joy, McEnhill, and Nelson.

No further nominations were forthcoming for president or vice-president. Barbara Recchia nominated Maryanne Murray for treasurer.

There were some questions and comments about the paper ballot. It was noted that it was very confusing, and that La Montagne's name should be crossed off because she was not running again.

Proctor clarified that members could vote for two people for 6-year trusteeships, from four candidates (Immordino, Barrett, Pucci, and Seventy); and 1 person for the 3-year trusteeship, from two candidates (McEnhill and Nelson). Nelson said he would be willing to serve for 6 years, so his name was switched to the 6-year trustee position. Officer candidates remained as Pres., Rodriguez; V-P, Joy; and Treas., Murray (1 vote for each office).

Members were asked to mark their ballots, and Proctor asked Ellen and Martin Silge to collect the ballots and tally them. The results were: 6-year trusteeships: Kate Barrett and Al Pucci. 3-year trusteeship: Don McEnhill. President: Laura Rodriguez. Vice-President: Colin Joy. Treasurer: Maryanne Murray.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.