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Fort Ross and Salt Point parks have benefited greatly from many dedicated volunteers and staff who have given generously to these parks. Board of directors from FRIA and FRC have fundraised, organized events, overseen volunteers, spearheaded interpretation and restoration projects, and offered substantial support to California State Parks across many decades.

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- Fort Ross Interpretive Association (FRIA): 1976 2012
- Fort Ross Conservancy (FRC is the same legal entity as FRIA but the organization changed its name): 2012 - present

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FORT ROSS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 25, 1978

LAST NIGHT, FEBRUARY 24, YOUR FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET AND ELECTED THEIR OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. "CATCH 22" : TWO OF THEM HAVE EXPERING TERMS, THIS MARGE, YEAR. FROM THE BOARD WHEN YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP ELECT THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS IF YOU DON'T ELECT THOSE TWO TO THE BOARD, THEY CANNOT SERVE AS OFFICERS; SO YOU HAVE THE LAST SAY, FOR SURE.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD JUST ELECTED ARE:

CHAIRMAN: FLORRIE MILLIGAN (MRS. BILL)

VICE CHAIRMAN: MARINA ILYIN GORRESPONDING SEC'Y: JEANETTE ROSSON (MRS. MARVIN)

RECORDING SECRETARY: RICHARD TOOKER

TREASURER: MOSES HALLETT

THE TWO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WHOSE BOARD TERMS EXPIRE IN MARCH AND WHO MUST BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD IF THEY ARE TO SERVE AS OFFICERS ARE: FLORRIE MILLIGAN; CHAIRMAN; AND RICHARD TOOKER, RECORDING SECRETARY.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN VACANCIES TO FILL ON THE 13-MEMBER BOARD. IF YOU FEEL CONFUSED, IT MAY STEM FROM THE BY-LAW PROVISION THAT. OFFICERS ARE TO BE ELECTED AT THE BOARD MEETING JUST PRECEDING THE MMURL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (WHICH ELECTS THE BOARD). THE REASON FRO THAT WRITING IN THE BY-LAWS WAS SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS. FLORRIE MILLIGAN AND RICHARD TOOKER CERTAINLY QUALIFY.

LORRIE MILLIGAN: WAS THE ONE WHO ORIGINATED OUR FORT ROSS DOCENT RAINING AND HISTORY COURSES. SHE HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE OUR NCORPORATION AND IS WELL KNOWN TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DO THE JOB N THE SITE AT FORT ROSS.

LICHARD TOOKER HAS ALSO BEEN ON THE BOARD, WRITES WELL, ATTENDS AITHFULLY, AND HAS ACCEPTED THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF RECORDING ECRETARY FOR THE COMING YEAR. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA TONEER SOCIETY, COASTAL DIVERS CLUBS; IS A MARITIME HISTORY BUFF NO PROVIDES THE CALM VOICE OF PROBLEM SOLVER OF OUR VOLATILE GROUP.

REMEMBER: YOU MAY MOTE FOR SEVEN (7) PEOPLE FOR THE BOARD. EACH OF HE ELEVEN (11) CANDIDATES IS WELL QUALIFIED TO SERVE YOU. IT WILL E DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

FLORRIE MILLIGAN (SEE ABOVE) (SEE ABOVE) . RICHARD TOOKER

. JACKIE HALLETT: JUST FINISHED HER TERM AS TREASURERS PIGNEERED BOOK-SHOP SALES-COUNTER; COAST RESIDENT; VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINARY.

. ED VON DER PORTEN: FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THIS ASSOCIATION. LIVES IN

SANTA ROSA WHERE HE TEACHES HISTORY AND MUSEUM SCIENCE. ANGELA LEBEDEFF: PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT IN SAN FRANCISCO; ORGANIZER OF SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (RUSSIAN) AT FORT ROSS; ATTENDS REGULARLY AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS!

. LIDA SCHNEIDER: RESIDENT OF JENNER; MEMBER OF ORIGINAL DOCENT CLASS; GENEROUS VOLUNTEER AT BOOK AND GIFT SHOP.

. VIRGIL (BUO' LUCKEY: PARK RANGER WORKING AND LIGING AT FORT ROSS. HE WAS NOMINATED BY THE VOLUNTEER DOCENTS, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BEE HIM ON THE ASSOCIATION BOARD, HE IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC

EVE CRITTENDEN; COAST RESIDENT; NEWBYN SOUR LINE COAST RESIDENT; NEWBYN SOUR LINE COAST RESIDENT; PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE

BOARD; CALL FAMILY HISTORIAN.

. JOYCE CONSTANT: COAST RESIDENT; ACTIVE MEMBER BOOK AND SALES COUNTER VOLUNTEERS; HAS DONE MANY HELPFUL PROJECTS IN THE

COMMUNITY. . . PAUL SHEBALIN: WILD-LIFE BUFF; COAST-GUARDSMAN; FREQUENT VISITOR AT FORT ROSS.

OF THE ABOVE ARE ACTIVE PAID UP MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

AND PLACE OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: THE BOARD DECISION, ON DIRECTIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS THAT ELECTION OF BOARD ABERS SHALL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THIS YEAR, MARCH 17, BY WRITTEN BALLOT (NOT MAIL BALLOT). YOU MUST ATTEND VOTE. MARCH 17, 1978 7:30 P.M. 415 STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA AT AMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (TEL: 528-5268). No proxies allowable.

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MEMBERS ' ANNUAL MEETING
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION
MARCH 17, 1978 7:30 P.M. 415 STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA, CALIF.
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

LOCATION: IT IS EAST OF FREEWAY #101: TAKE STEELE LANE EXIT; THEN TURN EAST ON STEELE LANE AND FOLLOW EAST ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE. THE BUILDING IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF STEELE LANE AND THERE IS PARKING ALL AROUND THE BUILDING (WHICH LOOKS LIKE A CHURCH BECAUSE IT ONCE WAS.

INTRODUCTION OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD.
WRITTEN BALLOT ELECTION OF SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD..
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

MOVIES: "THE RUSSIANS COME TO FORT ROSS IN 1927" (DON'T MISS IT)
AND "CARLOS AND HIS SHEEP" ( A RETURN BY POPULAR DEMARD.

DOUBLE FEATURE.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE FOR THE YEAR: APRIL 1 TO MARCH 31;

\$ 3.00 SINGLE; \$5.00 FAMILY

MAKE CHECKS FOR MEMBERSHIP PAYABLE TO:
FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION INC.
MAIL TO OR GIVE IT TO HER AT THE ANNUMAL MEETING
BETTY MUSSER, 9352 CLINT COURT, CAZADERO, CALIF. 95421

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR READERS: ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IS RICHARD A.
PHERCE, AUTHOR AND TEACHER AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, ONTARIO, CANADA.
HE HAS SENT TO THE EDITORS OF THE NEWSLETTER SOME INFORMATION OF
REAL INTEREST. WE HOPE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE. WE WILL PRINT
OTHER ITEMS WHEN SPACE PERMITS.

YOU ALL KNOW THE NAME OF ROTCHEV WHO PRESIDED OVER THE LIQUIDATION OF FORT ROSS IN 1841. BUT, DID YOU KNOW HE HELPED CAPTAGN SUTTER ESTABLISH HIS SETTLEMENT IN SACRAMENTO IN 1838 ? AND WHAT HAPPENED TO ALEKSANDR GAVRILOVICH ROTCHEV AFTER FORT ROSS ? NOW COMES A QUOTE FROM MR. PIERCE:

WHEN WE STAND .RAINY DAYS AND SUNNY, IN THEIR HOUSE AT FORT ROSS, WHICH INCLUDES OUR BOOK AND GIFT COUNTER, THESE LONG-DISTANCE COMINGS AND GOINGS ARE SOMETHING TO PONDER. MAYBE WE CAN FIND A COPY OF PRINCESS HELENA'S BOOK TO EXHIBIT THERE.

WE CAN DREAM. THEY DID

THE EDITORS
MUSSERS AND CRITTENDENS