

# CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ

## Minutes – Board Meeting

Date: 1-10-17 Time: 4:00 pm Location: Vista Room

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Richard Tripp at 4:00 pm.

The following Board members were in attendance: Richard Tripp, Commodore; Lynda Foster, Secretary; Teri Hagen, Rear Commodore; Bill Holbrook, Vice Commodore; Bruce Macken, Director; Richard Jank, Director; and Gary Batha, Jr. Staff Commodore.

The following Board member was not in attendance: Sandy Elterich, Treasurer.

There were no general members in attendance.

The only addition to the agenda was to discuss the potential of allowing people to pay their membership online.

**A motion was M/S/P** to approve the minutes from last Board meeting

It was suggested that someone should ask Steve Ott if he would be interested in serving as a replacement director for Jeff King. Richard Tripp will talk to him.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

- Treasurer's report - There was no treasurer's report.
- Commodore's report - Richard Tripp
  - VHF radio donated for use at La Costa: Bill Holbrook talked to Victor, the electrician, about the power supply that was in the bodega. Victor believes it will work up to 6 amps. **Bill will get an estimate for the repair.** An antenna is still needed to get the VHF radio operating. We have been given an estimate of 700-800 pesos for an 8' antenna. Richard will look into getting one at Fermar. **Bill Holbrook will check with Will at Tax/Mex Services and Richard Jank on installing the radio.**

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Club House Bill Holbrook
  - Bill suggested that someone be asked to help Annie with organizing the books in the Clubhouse. He also suggested that either Casa Buena or Allende Books might want some of the used books. A discussion was held regarding the need to strengthen some of the book shelves under the window as they are sagging. **Bill will work up a plan for the potential new shelves and also look at reorganizing the table area for returning books.**
  - Teri suggested it might be time to change the door codes again because of problems with the door to the backroom not being locked all the time. **This was tabled until after Richard has a chance to meet with Neil and review the tapes.**
- Coffee Hour Bill Holbrook
  - A discussion was held regarding the problem with the current coffee pots not heating up. The last time new coffee pots were purchased was in 2014 and they were \$75.00 (US) a piece. Coffee hosts need to be reminded to unplug the coffee pot after 20 minutes.
- Charity Teri Hagen
  - Senior Citizens' Home – The Club delivered 2000 pesos worth of adult diapers and lactose free milk to the Senior's home along with many donated items from the cruising community. There is a wheelchair in the bodega that has broken wheels. Before it is donated to the senior's home it needs to be checked

out as the new wheels don't fit. **Bill Holbrook will check out the wheelchair and see what is needed to fix it.**

- Mama Benita's Shelter – The quilter's group helped Jeanne Brown put on a Christmas party for the residents. Every resident received a gift.
- Community Liaison Richard Tripp
  - There was no report.
- Health and Welfare Bruce Macke
  - The emergency contact form is now on the website and can be filled out online. That information is stored on the Cloud. We need to assign one or two additional people to have access to the Cloud besides Patsy. It was suggested either or both the Commodore and the Health & Welfare chairperson be given this access.
  - Two more names need to be added to the memory board: Steven Spangler (S/V Verizon) and Peter (S/V Rock and Roll).
- Inventory
  - There was no report
- Membership
  - We currently have 393 members. Richard advised he was received two separate emails from members asking if they could renew online via PayPal as they aren't in the area but still want to support the Club by renewing their memberships. **A motion was M/S** and a discussion was held on the possibility of offering PayPal on the Club's website. Teri suggested this matter be discussed with Leanne first before any decision is made.
  - Teri stated the board members need to be more pro-active in encouraging people to join the Club and somehow make it more attractive to renew both husband and wife. It was suggested that non-members be charged higher prices for events and for Club Cruceros merchandise. **A motion was M/S/P** that any non-member has to pay 100 pesos over the regular member price for any item, Club merchandise and ticket prices to Club events. A sign indicating this new pricing structure needs to be posted in the Club house.
- VHF Morning Net Bill Holbrook
  - Currently have two volunteers to fill in when needed.
- Vista Room Teri Hagen
  - The room is getting used every day and getting very dirty by the end of the week. She would like to have the room cleaned twice a week. After a brief discussion it was agreed Teri should arrange for the second cleaning.
- Website Patsy Verhoeven
  - There was no report

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS**

- Fashion Show Teri Hagen
- Teri advised the plans are going well. There will be 3 male models in the fashion show this year and some men have already bought tickets.
- Valentine's Party Teri Hagen
- Teri will be meeting with Martha in the next few days to discuss the menu and other arrangements. We will need a minimum of 100 people for Martha to close the restaurant to other diners.
- Carnival Float Bruce Macken
  - The Club has been offered the use of a panga for the parades for a rental fee of 2000 pesos. A trailer is still needed. We need access to both of them beginning very soon and through February. It was

suggested that Bruce ask on the morning net for anyone who may have a boat and/or a trailer and be willing to let the Club use them. The plan is to have a total of 10 people on the truck and the boat. It was suggested that a sign be put on both sides of the truck with Club Cruceros logo and listing all the charities the Club supports in La Paz.

- A discussion was held about what could be purchased as “throwables” from the float. Pencils with the Club’s logo was suggested. Teri advised there is left over candy and beads from New Year’s Eve .
- Bruce advised the decorations for the float are estimated to cost around 8600 pesos; and the total expenses for the float including sound system and “throwables” could be as high as 12,700 pesos. Bill Holbrook made a **motion** that the Club allocate 5000 pesos towards decorating the float. There was no second and after some discussion it was decided to **table this motion** until the general meeting next week to give Bruce time to get more information on the costs. We will meet 10 minutes before the General meeting to vote on this motion.
- Charity Beach Party Richard Tripp
  - Need chair persons for bocce ball and the bake sale. Baja Rummy cribbage and darts will start playing on Friday afternoon. A meeting with all chair persons will be scheduled soon.
- Teri advised she felt not enough of the board members are volunteering to help on the Club’s events.
- Bay Fest Richard Tripp
- Richard will schedule a planning meeting. There is very little information available on prior Bay Fests. Richard Jank has information from Jean Wise and will get it to Richard. A short discussion was held on possible seminars for Bay Fest.
- St. Patrick’s Day Party Bruce Macken
  - Dave (S/V Ansa) will assist Bruce with planning this event. Richard and Bruce will meet with Martha to discuss arrangements for preparing the dinner. Tickets will be presold and we will need a minimum of 100 attendees for Martha to close the restaurant to other diners.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Guest speakers are still needed Richard Tripp
- By-Law Change Gary Batha
  - Gary suggested a change needs to be made to the By-Laws so that treasurer and spouse cannot serve on the board at the same time. Richard Tripp will review the By-Laws and this issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** **Date: 2/16/17** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: Vista Room**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING** **Date: 2/21/17** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: La Costa Restaurant**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was **M/S/P** to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.