

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ

MINUTES—General Meeting

Date: 1-19-16 Time: 4:00 pm Location: La Costa Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Gary Batha, at 4:00 pm.

The following Board members were in attendance: Gary Batha, Commodore; Richard Tripp, Vice Commodore; Sandy Elterich, Treasurer; Lynda Foster Secretary; Teri Hagen, Brian Jablonski, and Steve Ott, Directors; and Shelly Ward, Jr. Staff Commodore.

The following Board member was not in attendance: Shirleen Kisrow, Rear Commodore.

Gary announced he was going to keep the meeting short to allow the guest speakers plenty of time for their presentations.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the last general meeting were **not** read or approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- **Treasurer's report** -Sandy Elterich reported the coffee hour is doing well and the Club received 11,100 pesos in new and renewal memberships in December 2015.
- **Commodore's report** - Gary Batha announced that Marina de La Paz will be initiating a "**no loitering**" policy at the clubhouse beginning next Monday, January 25th. This new policy is being put into effect to stop people from sitting around at the club for hours at a time and to stop people from looking for rides across to the mainland. He advised from now on the use of the clubhouse and the radio at the clubhouse will **only** be for Club members and their guests. A lengthy discussion followed with many questions from Club members. Mac Schroyer responded to all questions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Clubhouse** – There was no report at this meeting.
- **Charity Beach Party**- Richard Tripp reported that the event was well attended; all the games ran smoothly; and it was very successful in that, after expenses, the Beach Party raised 12, 853 pesos for the Club's charity fund
- **Charities** – Teri Hagen reported on the following charities:
 - *Charity Fashion Show* was excellent; 93 women attended; and the event raised 8000 pesos for the Club's charity fund.
 - *Senior Citizens' Home* – A group of club members will be going to the Senior Citizens' home soon to visit and will provide them with personal toiletries and other items they need.
 - *Mama Bonita's homeless shelter* - This is another charity the Club will be helping this year. The current project the Club will be involved in is installing a new hot water heater for them. Teri advised that volunteers are needed to help with this project.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the possibility of increasing Club membership from 100 pesos to 200 pesos a year. It was mentioned that more significance should be made of how much charity work the Club provides and that membership dues helps this happen. A **motion was made and seconded** to increase Club membership from 100 pesos to 200 pesos. There was some discussion on whether or not transient cruisers would be willing to pay the increased amount. A call for a **vote** was taken; the **motion passed**. Another **motion was made to amend the previous motion to make the effective date for the increased Club membership to be February 1, 2016. That amended motion was seconded and passed.**

- **Coffee Hour** –There was no report at this meeting.
- **Community Liaison** - There was no report at this meeting.
- **Membership**– There was no report at this meeting.
- **VHF Morning Net**– There was no report at this meeting.
- **Vista Room** - There was no report at this meeting.
- **Website**- Patsy Verhoeven reported she put new pages on the website on the rules for going out to view the whale sharks and also for swimming with them. She is also working on updating the charities page. Dave (Questor) advised Patsy that the links for the weather are not working.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- **Dia de la Candelaria, Feb 2nd** – There was no report at this meeting.
- **Valentine's Party** – There was no report at this meeting.
- **St. Patrick's Day Party** – There was no report at this meeting.
- **March 31 – April 3rd – Bay Fest** - Gary Batha reported that all drawings for the t-shirt design contest must be on 8 ½ X 11 paper and must be delivered to Cindy at La Paz Yachts by February 1st. He also advised there is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for volunteers to help at Bay Fest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Movie night**- There was no report at this meeting.
- **K9 Refuge Center** - Lynda Foster reported the drop-off box for food has not been installed yet at Marina de La Paz but if anyone wants to donate dog food they can either leave it at the clubhouse or call her on the radio.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Ordering Mexican Charts** - Lynda Foster reported that the catalog for Mexican charts is now on the Club's website; the link is found under *cruising Baja*. The price of each chart is 413 pesos plus 50 pesos for shipping. A minimum order of 10 charts is needed. And delivery time for the order is about 2 weeks from the date ordered and money deposited. Anyone wishing to order Mexican charts should contact her.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 9th** at 4:00 pm in the Vista Room.

The next General meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 16th** at 4:00 pm; location to be advised.

A **motion was made, seconded and passed** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

After the meeting was adjourned presentations were made by the following guest speakers:

- Stephanie, Pro Fauna Baja Organization
- Judy Peterson, Director of FANLAP
- Russ Ham, photographer, presented a slideshow and history of the sculptures along the Malecon

Attachments: Financial Reports; report on the Charity Beach Party; and hand-outs from the guest speakers.