

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ
MINUTES – General Meeting
Date: 2-21-17 Time: 3:00 pm Location: La COSTA RESTAURANT

Prior to the meeting a representative from the Parks Department spoke to us on the current status of anchoring around Isla Espiritu Santo, Isla Partida, and Los Islote.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Richard Tripp at 4:10 pm.

The following Board members were in attendance and introduced themselves: Richard Tripp, Commodore; Sandy Elterich, Treasurer; Teri Hagen, Rear Commodore; Bill Holbrook, Vice Commodore; Lynda Foster, Secretary; Patsy Verhoven, Director; Bruce Macken, Director; and Gary Batha, Jr. Staff Commodore.

Richard Jank, Director, was the only Board member not in attendance.

All general members introduced themselves.

There was one addition to the agenda for Health and Welfare. Bill Holbrook reported that Robert Stevenson (S/V Coastal Lee) is in the hospital and needs blood donated.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

- Treasurer's report - Sandy Elterich
 - The Club is doing well; we have received 51,750 pesos in memberships so far this year .

- Commodore's report - Richard Tripp
 - After overseeing the data base for several years Leanne Lawrence submitted her resignation as of March 15th to the Board. Richard advised that the Board accepted her resignation and is need of a volunteer to take over this position. He then thanked Leanne for all her work as membership chairman the last few years and presented her with flowers and a bottle of wine in appreciation for her work.
 - We have everything we need to install the donated VHF radio donated at La Costa except for an antenna and someone to install the unit.
 - Richard reviewed the new pricing structure for Club merchandise purchased by members and non-members.
 - There will soon be Wi-Fi access in the Club house for members only. Each person's individual Mack number will be entered into a data base which will allow you access to the Wi-Fi.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Club House Bill Holbrook
 - All is going OK. The idea of adding additional shelving for the books has been tabled for now; we will be shoring up a couple of the shelves that are sagging. A suggestion was made of having a place to put cup hooks for people who bring their own coffee cups.

- Coffee Hour Bill Holbrook
 - We still need backup volunteers for coffee hosts

- Charity Teri Hagen
 - Senior Citizens' Home – The Club continues to support this charity with the donation of adult diapers and lactose free milk. She asked the members to help by purchasing these items when shopping.

- Mama Bonita's Shelter – Teri explained that Mama Bonita takes in people who have no place else to go; she takes in both children and adults. There have been some changes in Mexican laws in the last couple years and these changes have finally been instituted in La Paz and they are impacting this shelter. Mama Bonita has a hard time understanding the changes and what she needs to do so there are two local attorneys who are working with her. The fashion show was a huge success and the money raised from that event will be used to fix some of the problems that these new regulations have addressed. There were questions from the members on the legal status of the ownership of the house and whether there were any employees in the house. Bill Holbrook requested that a list be posted at the Club house of what all is needed at this shelter.
- Pet Therapy Program- Jean Wise gave a report on this program at the Senior Citizen's Home. She advised that people are needed who would be willing to transport dogs from La Paz to Portland and/or Seattle. There is no cost involved for the volunteer; all expenses are paid by the dog shelter.
- FANLAP – Jean also asked that members continue to support this program by donating rice, oil and beans which can be left at Marina de La Paz or Marina Palmira.
- Community Liaison Richard Tripp
 - There is nothing new to report other than the Navy may take over running the port sometime in the future.
- Elections Gary Batha
 - He needs 2 people to help him collect names for the elections. He asked that anyone interested in either helping on the elections committee or running for an office to contact him.
- Health and Welfare Bruce Macken
 - Bruce advised the ICE form is now on the Club's website. Patsy Verhoven projected the form on the screen and explained how easy it is to complete it. And it was stressed that this form is not just for members: all cruisers should complete it so this important information is needed in case of an emergency.
- Inventory Sandy Elterich
 - The inventory was completed on Monday; she will be buying new T-shirts and polos very soon. Please contact her if anyone has a special color they would like to order; the order will be going in next week.
- Membership / Website Patsy Verhoven
 - We currently have 393 active members. A question was asked if there was any way a member can check on the web-site to determine when their membership expires. Patsy advised there was not.
 - Patsy announced members can now submit new and renewing memberships on-line and pay for it via Pay-Pal. A short discussion was held on how the Pay-Pal account will work.
- VHF Morning Net Bill Holbrook
 - Still need volunteers as back-up hosts.
 - It was suggested that the morning net host should announce that the net is brought to you by volunteers of Club Cruceros.
- Vista Room Teri Hagen
 - The Vista room is being used every day and due to this activity the room needed to be cleaned more than once a week so an additional cleaning day has been initiated.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- Charity Beach Party Richard Tripp
 - The Beach Party was a huge success. The bake sale/auction raised 6,800 pesos. All proceeds will go to the charity fund.
- Fashion Show Teri Hagen
 - It was a great success and lots of fun. There were lots of people who helped put on this event. She especially thanked Leanne as the bookkeeper and Rainy as the announcer - she was great.
- Valentine's Party Teri Hagen
 - The food was great. The ticket sales were disappointing; only 35 tickets had been sold by the day of the event; 10 more were sold at the door. However, the Club didn't go in the red for this even but it's possible the Club may not do it every year.

- Candelaria Day Lynda Foster
 - Very successful event; after everyone had been served tamales and beans the leftovers were offered to anyone who wanted them and paid a donation. The donations raised 670 pesos.
- Carnival Float Bruce Macken
 - The decorations were taken off the float last week due to the weather; they will be putting them back on tomorrow and need volunteers to help. Still need more people to be on the float so sign up in the Club house. Roberto, the carpenter, has donated his time and equipment to provide the music for our float. The parade dates are: Sunday, 2/26; Monday, 2/27; and Tuesday, 2/28. The float meets on the Abasola at 3:00 pm on Sunday. All riders should be there by that time. The bake sale that was held today raised 2,000 pesos to help offset the costs incurred for the float.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner Bruce Macken
 - The event will take place March 17th at La Costa restaurant; it is being promoted on La Paz Gringos Yahoo group and through other media; Marta is preparing the meat; it takes 10 days to season it.
- Bay Fest Richard Tripp
 - Next planning meeting is March 2nd at 10:45am in the Club house. We still need more volunteers. There will be no ham exam this year as there wasn't sufficient interest. The theme for Bay Fest is *Under the Sea Fantasy*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wi-Fi access at Club house for members Bill Holbrook
 - It's still in the testing mode. Neil Schroyer is putting in a new, upgraded, dedicated phone line just for the Club house and to only be used by members. Bobi is working on the data base for entering the Mack numbers for all members. A question was asked about what will happen if a person doesn't renew their membership; that will be dealt with at that time.
- Guest speaker needed for March Richard Tripp
- Dennis Ross announced that Stan and Sally Henning will be in the Vista Room on Wednesday , February 22nd, at 6:00 pm to speak on their sailing adventures over the last several years.
- A drawing was held for a bottle of wine. The wine was won by Steve who donated it back to the Club and it was auctioned off and sold for 400 pesos.

NEXT BOARD MEETING **Date: 3/14/17 Time: 4:00pm Location: Vista Room**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING **Date: 3/21/17 Time: 4:00pm Location: La Costa Restaurant**

A motions was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm