

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ

Final Minutes – Board Meeting

Date: 3-14-17 Time: 4:00 pm Location: Vista Room

Call to order by Commodore, Richard Tripp at 4:00 pm.

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

The following Board members were not in attendance: Richard Jank, Director; and Gary Batha, Jr. Staff Commodore.

The following general members were in attendance: Sue Goodwin (M/V Yarnspinner); Shirleen Kisrow (M/V Chip Ahoy); Bobi Holbrook (S/V Wandering Puffin); Dennis and Susan Ross (S/V Two Can Play); and Bob Van Gorder (M/V Judi K II).

The following items were presented by non-board members for open discussion:

- Dennis and Susan Ross had 4 items to present to the Board:
 - Appreciation plaque at Marina Palmira was in appreciation of them hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The last year it was updated was 2015 so we need attachments for years since then.
 - The time period allotted to transfer money to Sandy from the proposed Pay-Pal plan for payment of membership fees can't be 30 days as proposed. The By-Laws state money must be transferred within 10 days. Patsy will take care of this.
 - A draft copy of the *proposed By-Law change/amendment relating to Article III (Organizational Structure)* on the issue of not allowing members of the same household or vessel be on the board at the same time was passed out to the Board. This will be discussed at the next general meeting.
 - A copy of a *Club Cruceros Proposed Standard Operating Procedures* that was originally discussed in 2015 was passed out. The Board was to work through it and put it into effect and it was never done. These *Proposed Operating Procedures* need to be adopted and put into effect.
- Susan Ross had 4 items to present to the Board:
 - The glass enclosed Club bulletin board needs to have things moved around and/or removed to give more room for the important items. The large photo should be removed.
 - She had been asked by another cruiser what Bay Fest was and who/what Club Cruceros is. She feels the Board is not doing enough to educate and/or promote Club Cruceros and Bay Fest to new cruisers.
 - There should also be more outreach to Marina Palmira by the Club.
 - Need to put out more information regarding the Club on the morning net.
- Shirleen Kisrow had 1 item to present to the Board:
 - She felt there was much confusion over what the Club has spent on Mama Bonita's. She went over a financial report of the Quilters Club and how much money they had donated to Mama Bonita's over the past year. She believes the Club could donate more money based on what the Quilter's Club did as a small group.
- Bob Van Gorder had 3 items to present to the Board:
 - He provided an update on what has been done and is being done to locate Sunny, who has been missing for several days.
 - The wheelchair that was provided to Steven Spangler (S/V Verizon) has been returned to the Club.
 - The washing machine that was purchased on behalf of Steven several months ago is wanted by the couple that took care of him for several months. Bob and/or Keith were not aware that the machine was to be returned. They have offered to buy another one to replace this one. The family that took care of Steven has offered their services for any cruiser in the future that may need this type of individual care.

The open discussion by non-board members was completed at 4:24 pm and the Board meeting was opened.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

- Treasurer's report - Sandy Elterich
 - All of the financial reports for the last month were reviewed. A ***motion was M/S/P to pay Bruce and Anne for the additional pesos spend on the Carnival float beyond the amount 5,000 pesos allocated.***
- Commodore's report - Richard Tripp
 - Bill Holbrook advised the VHF radio donated for use at La Costa has been partially installed by Tex Mex Services; the antenna will be fixed; Roberto, the carpenter, will make a shelf for the VHF radio; all should be completed by Bay Fest.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Club House Bill Holbrook
 - The stepstool worked OK during Carnival for getting on and off out float. The stepstool just needs to be locked opened so Anne doesn't have to try to open it. He will keep looking to see if there is a better stepstool available.
- Coffee Hour Bill Holbrook
 - Yes, volunteers are still needed for coffee hour. Robert (Baja Inflatables) will be out until mid-May. Mary Carman's daughter will help out while they are gone. Teri Hagen advised she is available to help out on Tuesday mornings until Robert returns.
 - A discussion was held regarding the change in pricing structure for Club merchandise. A **motion was M/S/P to not charge Mexican citizens who are not members the extra 100 pesos** for the Mexican courtesy flag.
 - A further discussion was held regarding new pricing structure. It was suggested the Club promote the benefits of club membership. Bill Holbrook will talk to the VHF net hosts and add a promotional statement to the script about joining the Club.
- Charity Teri Hagen
 - Senior Citizens' Home - Lynda Foster provided a brief report of Jean Wise's recent tour of the facility and advised of their on-going expenses and some of their needs. A **motion was M/S/P** to donate 3,000 pesos to the Senior Citizen's Home for some of their needs. It was decided to wait until next month to purchase these items
 - Canine Pero – Some months back a motion was passed to give 1,000 pesos this charity. Teri has not heard from Shawn regarding needs for the spay/neuter clinic. There is supposed to be a clinic next month. Teri will contact Shawn to determine what they need.
 - Mama Bonita's Shelter – Teri reported that the shelter will not be closed down by any governmental agency they have determined "*it is the best shelter in the area.*" There is an attorney helping the shelter work through the maze of governmental regulations. An estimate is being worked up on the costs for materials to build a new kitchen at the shelter. Building materials will not be purchased until the estimate is completed. Two residents will help with the labor along with Steve Ott and Scott Hagen. A discussion was held regarding the status of washing machines at the shelter. One of the washing machines is being rented at 100 pesos a month and this is the machine that is not working. A **motion was M/S/P** to spend up to 2,000 pesos to purchase a used washing machine for the shelter.
 - Other Charities – There are sufficient funds in the Club's charity fund to help other charities. Teri will ask on the morning net for ideas on other charities.
- Community Liaison Richard Tripp
 - Richard spoke with Neil regarding the possible change in responsibility for management of the Port to the Navy. Neil will attempt to get the Navy to come speak at a general meeting. Until further information is provided, you still check in and out with the Port Captain.
- Health and Welfare Bruce Macken
 - The wheel chair loaned to Steve (S/V Verizon) was returned and has already been checked out for someone to use.
 - It has been determined the new wheels that were returned with the old wheel chair Jeanne Brown used do not fit that wheel chair. Bruce is looking for used wheels at the secundas. It was suggested the old wheel chair be examined to determine if any parts are useable.
- Inventory Sandy Elterich
 - We have received the order of new courtesy flags. She is ready to submit an order for new T-shirts and polo shirts. She wants to stay with just a few colors; red and blue for sure; grey was also suggested. The polo shirts will be ordered in red, blue and white.
- Membership Bobi Holbrook
 - Pay-Pal is set up; need to get the word out to the membership that it is available. It was suggested that net hosts announce this on the morning net.
 - It was advised that there is no way to check on expiring membership dates on the Club's website. Patsy will work on setting this up. A mass email may be sent out monthly to members whose memberships are expiring that month.
- VHF Morning Net Bill Holbrook
 - Still need volunteers as back-up hosts
- Vista Room Teri Hagen
 - Nothing to report.

- Website Patsy Verhoeven
 - She will work on putting together a history of the Club after Bay Fest.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- Fashion Show Teri Hagen
 - They refunded the cost of one ticket.
- Carnival Float Bruce Macken
 - Bruce will write up a report for next year. After St. Patrick's party he will try to get the archives of photos, reports and videos from the various medias.
- St. Patrick's' Day Dinner Bruce Macken
 - Ticket sales are going good. 56 tickets is the breakeven point and so far over 100 tickets have been sold. He is picking up the bread on Friday; has the horseradish; has ordered a leprechaun piñata with Elvis like sideburns. He will need help with decorations on Friday afternoon.
- Bay Fest Richard Tripp
 - Next planning meeting is 3/16/17; still need volunteers to help. Bobi Holbrook is making up new certificates to use for the raffle prizes. Also need help obtaining raffle prizes.
 - We will have a DJ for Friday night's dinner/dance. Roberto, who did the music for the Carnival float, will start with light dinner music at 6:00pm; then continue with dance music from 7-10:00pm.
 - Richard will announce on the morning net that anyone at the other marinas that want to sign up for various events can contact any board member and they will put their names on the sign-up sheets.
- Wi-Fi access at Club house for members
 - Some are working and some are not. No dedicated phone line has been set up yet. Bill Holbrook will speak to Neil about the status of the line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Appointment of promotional committee or chairperson
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- Update on nominations Gary Batha
 - Nothing to report as Gary is not in attendance. Richard will contact him for an update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Richard Tripp announced the guest speaker for next general meeting will be a representative from Baja Ferries who will make a presentation on their tour packages to the Copper Canyon.
- Bill Holbrook passed out information he obtained on-line for various options for the screen. The consensus was that quality is more important than the price. Brian's white screen worked very well for us. Bill will talk to Brian and get the information on his white screen and find out the cost for that particular screen.
- A discussion was held regarding the end of season potluck and it was suggested this event be held at Marina Palmira.

NEXT BOARD MEETING **Date: 4/11/17 Time: 4:00pm Location: Vista Room**

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

A motion was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM.