

Club Cruceros de La Paz Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017, Vista Room

Called to Order by Commodore Rainy Eastman at 4:05 pm

Board Members not present: Bob Gordner

Introduction of Guests: Bill Holbrook, *Wandering Puffin*. Bonnie Sims Morales
Minutes from 10/10/17 M-Patsy / S- Sandy/ Passed

Correspondence: email Isabella *Go For Broke* offer to collaborate for any night event appropriate for star gazing. (EM previously forwarded to Mary Jo, Susan, Rainy.)
email: Barbara Spencer Care for Kids expressing donation needs (EM previously forwarded to Teri, Rainy, originally sent to Susan)

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's report- Sandy. Monthly report distributed. Lengthly discussion on proposed budget and it's shortfall. Concern if next summer's expenses match this summer's there is a \$21,766 shortfall. Reviewed % of income generated & expected expenses. Action: increase T-shirt donation to \$200 M-Patsy/S-Teri/ passed (did not include an effective date). Old Bayfest & undesirable inventory will be liquidated, Sandy to set donation amount. No longer purchasing club Burgees. Colors of new shirts are now limited. Social events that have tickets will now have a income generating component. No set amount discussed. Emergency Fund monies are from member donations and Hurricane Odlie donation. Historically the fund has been used for various things including true emergency loans to members, equipment needed for hurricane preparedness.

Commodore- Rainy. Introduced Bonnie who is now helping her with Community Liaison duties. Bonnie is also on Bob's Health & Welfare Committee

Standing Committee Reports:

Charity: -Teri Lengthly discussion on whether Feb. Fashion show is a club event therefore needing the Board to approve beneficiary of the funds or whether it's still a Quilter's event. Bd members views were from strongly supporting the building of a room in a Ville de Guadeloupe church to being strongly opposed. There was strong support for asking membership for input, support for donations to Care for Kids and FANLAP. Since more discussion is need for resolution, Rainy closed the discussion for now and will addresses it again later. Donations will continue to be in providing items rather than cash. Currently expect \$1,000 to be donated/ reimbursement for hand puppets to Cindy Espinoza (La Paz yachts) for the children's program she & her husband do. Balance in

Charity fund will then be \$4,000. Club donated fishing equipment to the Navy's Kids Marine Day.(previously expensed)

Membership – Susan . There are 571 current members. She expressed concern that there are net controllers, committee members on the membership expiration list. Club Welcome packets were distributed by Tom & Jeanne (La Paz Cruiser's Supply) at the HAHA awards ceremony in Cabo. Packets included a Commodore welcome letter, membership form, anchoring / VHF information and service directory. There are 25 packets available for distribution at coffee hour and cruiser's lounge in Marina Palmira. Susan will check that all the membership forms written with the \$100 fee are destroyed.

WIFI- MAC numbers: Members will have a 1 month grace period after their membership expires before stopping their access to the clubhouse wi-fi. Patsy is working with Bobby Holbrook, *Wandering Puffin*, on Mac # procedures. Susan will send monthly to Patsy the list of expired members who will forward to Bobby

Clubhouse/Coffee hour - Rainy & Bill Holbrook. Reported some of the delay in preparing coffee was due to human error not noticing the outlet power switch was off. Supplies down to 3 cans. Sandy reported coffee to date has a short fall of \$9,000. General Comments included some think the coffee is too strong, others to weak, should find a better brand. Bill will check prices & types available, currently using City Club. Bill recommended raising donation from 5 peso to 10 peso on Dec 1st. M-Teri/ S-Sandy/ passed. Mary Jo will continue walking around serving free coffee refills for a tip. Money goes to the club. Business owners are still required to furnish their own bakery/cookies with the exception of La Paz Yachts. They are exempt because they do misc. printing etc. for the club. There are currently 2 coffee pots working. Brewing time is between 45 and 60 minutes. When the next pot quits, board will then readdress what type of coffee pot system to purchase. Last season \$6000 was spent on coffee pots. Comments made that the library does not need any rules for organizing books.

Vista Meeting Room - Teri Both the clubhouse and vista room are cleaned once a week. Currently 4:00 pm on Saturdays.

Club Equipment - Teri In the process of doing inventory, recently found a wireless microphone. Plans on physically cleaning & organizing the under the stairs bodega. Discussed condition of current wheelchairs. If discarding for parts, possible CRIT (Children's hospital) can use them. Sandy' mom will have a lightweight wheelchair for sale soon. No discussion on the club purchasing it. Rainy, Teri and Sandy have copies of the bodega key. Contact them for access.

Website - Patsy . Received a lot of positive feedback from HaHa cruisers on the quality of the website. Probably encouraged some to come to La Paz rather than by-passing it. Requested that when she forwards an incoming email to a board member, that the board member respond promptly. She does NOT want to be copied or needs to be part of an informational loop. Adding instructions on how new members can use the club wi-fi system. Some discussion on adding non-club events to the calendar, such as the Quilter's Christmas bazaar, Veleros de Baja races. There were no objections

• **Social Events** - Mary Jo

reported Nov 10th Welcome back potluck was fun, approx. 50 people. thank you to all the volunteers. Some concern since it was a Welcome Back, cruisers tended to sit with friends which might have been awkward for new arrivals.

Thanksgiving Potluck- Sandy Suggested that next year the club doesn't offer to buy turkeys for general membership so the club can meet the minimum purchase amount for discount pricing. Doing so created extra work and we can more easily meet the minimum purchase amount. One turkey was given to Casa Buena for their help. Tickets are going well, approx .25 left out of 160. Tickets available at coffee hour and Cruiser's Supply at Palmira. Still need more volunteers to stuff turkeys, etc.

Xmas Eve Potluck- Mary Jo to contact Milton Sanders @ Casa Buena to coordinate potluck start time with their service on Marina De La Paz property. Teri suggested making posters for the event.

New Year's Eve Potluck - Mary Jo 5:00 PM, ZULU midnight. details to follow

January event- Teri, set the date for Jan.13th Working title is "Beach Party Benefit". Funds generated will be used for replacing club assets and equipment such as tables, chairs, A-V equipment.

January 6, Dia de Reyes (Kings' Day) Coffee hour - Susan It was suggested she contact Leanne *Stealaway* for information on past celebrations & resources. This is a no cost to members event.

February 2nd, Dia de Candelaria (Tomale Day) - Susan

February 4th, Super Bowl Party, club event, details to follow

March 17th, St. Pat's Day Dinner: no one has volunteered to be in charge. Comment was made that maybe the club shouldn't do it every year.

April 11 - 15, Bay Fest: Rainy Last year's poster w/ new dates was sent over to the mainland and included in the HAHA bags.

- **Monthly Speaker /Workshop - Susan**

Oct. 31 Day of the Dead Presentation by Clara Peres Mendez, 42 people attended, well received

Nov. 2 Weather forecasting by Tom Zyber, 26 people attended

Nov. 9 Indonesia by Nello & Sheridan Angerelli, 23 people attended

Nov. 18 Flu clinic, need to verify whether using Vista Room or clubhouse

Nov. 27 Marine Refrigeration by Roger Wise, 1:00 Vista Room

Nov. 27th or 28th immediately after coffee hour, Clubhouse, Cecilia Roman will review obtaining park passes, general park restrictions/ rules. Board was asked to think about buying a 100 passes to make it easier for cruisers to get them.

Discussion permitting general meeting, seminar, workshop presenters from non-profit organizations to ask for donations / sell fundraising items such as T-shirts at their event. M- Teri/ S- Susan/ passed

Susan requested that if someone is adding a speaker/ workshop event to take responsibility for the event.

- **Community Liaison-** Rainy & Bonnie Navy Day is Nov. 23 same as Thanksgiving. Inaugurating La Paz flight school. No action other than asking net controller to announce on the morning net.

- **Morning VHF net** - Rainy only slight change made to the script. One suggestion was that Debbie ask net controllers not to use the word "newbies" when referring to cruisers arriving in La Paz. Comment was made that when announcing social events etc. the word "donation" be used instead of "selling".

Special Committee / Event Reports

- **Baja Haha Welcome to La Paz Party-** November 30, 4 pm La Costa, Rainy will be introduced and she will give a short welcome to attendees. Club has donated misc. clothing items for the raffle.

- **Recycling:** Teri Making the bedding mats for colonial is going well. Collecting about 1 bag of aluminum cans each week. Roberto (?) is taking the cans to a collection site at Secundario school number 3.

Summer Hurricane Committee: no report from this summer. Will create a committee next April.

Old Business:

Membership brochures & Anchoring Handout have been printed: Patsy

Vista & Clubhouse combinations were changed in May

December 19th General Meeting: 4:00 Vista room. program includes FANLAP presentation by Judy Peterson. Rainy's directive is to use the Vista Room only when La Costa Restaurant is not suitable for the program presenter. Scott Hagen has volunteered to be responsible for club A-V and will take the club screen to La Costa when needed. Vista room A-V does have HDMI connector.

Review of Board Member Responsibilities: placed on hold, may do by email
Update of "Combinations, Codes, Key" document: placed on hold, may do by email

Replacement "Member of the Year: plaque for Sandy :Susan has been done.

A Thank You plaque for Martha for hosting the 2017 Thanksgiving: Susan has been purchased.

Cost of installing a weather station at the clubhouse: Teri (Scott Hagen) no report

Board members are requested to notify Rainy when they will be out of town and who will be handling their responsibility area while they are gone.

New Business:

Meet and Greet: Teri. Discussion whether it's being required or is it a request for board members to be at coffee hour one day a week. Susan volunteered to promote the club at a weekly coffee hour at Palmira. There was no board member census on whether board members have a responsibility to attend all functions. Commodore and Vice - commodore weighed in that it is a board member's responsibility, regardless of what position or duties a board member has.

Bake sale: Teri Will have a bake sale every other Wednesday during coffee hour, funds to be used for club sound system. M-Teri/ S- Mary Jo/ Passed

General meeting: Nov. 21, 4:00 pm , Vista room, program "Sea Watch in Mexico" by Mike & Sherry McGetigan

Next board meeting: December 12, 4:00 Vista Room

Adjournment: 6: 35 pm M- Sandy/ S- Teri / Passed
Minutes submitted November 15, 2017 - Jean Wise