

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ

MINUTES– General Meeting

Date: 2-16-16 Time: 4:00 pm Location: La Costa Restaurant

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

The Board members were introduced.

Guests and general members introduced themselves.

Additions to the agenda: Sandy Elterich had one addition to the agenda which she will bring up under Charities' report.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the last general meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- **Treasurer's report** - Sandy Elterich went over the monthly reports and advised of 2 new entries in the monthly reports: one reflecting all monies coming in and going out; and the second one being an itemized list of monies coming in on a daily basis.
- **Commodore's report** - Gary Batha advised that Mac met with the board and general members in attendance at the last Board meeting and the changes in rules regarding "rides and crew" are reverted back to what they were: postings on the bulletin board and announcements on the net for "rides and crew" will be allowed. He also announced that the back gate at Marina de La Paz and the Clubhouse will be closed and locked at 7:00 pm. In addition, he announced that the new Health and Welfare committee consists of Dr. Fili and Cindy at La Paz Yachts. He still needs speakers for upcoming general meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Clubhouse** -Richard Tripp reported termites were found in the shelving units in the backroom of the Clubhouse. The exterminator came back and sprayed for them.
- **Charity** - Teri Hagen reported on the following charities:
 - Gaby's is still giving 10% of purchases made by those who attended the Charity Fashion show back to the Club.
 - A group of members are going out to the senior citizens' home to determine what is needed and they will then buy the items and deliver them to the home.
 - Mama Bonita's homeless shelter - Jeanne Brown provided a detailed report on the history of Mama Bonita's homeless shelter; the number of residents; what little help they receive from the government; and what areas she needs help with. The shelter does have a churro cart and an elote cart they run to help raise funds for the shelter. Currently volunteers are needed to help with a plumbing system and a gutter system; at times she may need help from a mechanic to keep their car running; and volunteers are always welcome to come out to play with the kids in a nearby park. All the school-age children in the shelter are in school and doing well.

- Sandy Elterich advised she received a letter from Mitzi, one of the three students the Club is sponsoring in school this year. She wrote to thank the Club for supporting her and to let the Club know that she is really enjoying school.
- Robert, *m/v Judi K*, made a presentation requesting help from the Club for a fellow cruiser who is in poor health. He suggested a “health and welfare” fund be started for situations when a fellow cruiser needs assistance. Robert is trying to buy a washing machine for this fellow cruiser; the cost is 1,500 pesos. The Club does a great deal for charities and Robert asked what the Club can do to help fellow cruisers that need assistance.
- **Coffee Hour** - Richard Tripp advised the coffee hour is doing well; the cost of cups and cookies has gone up. He asked that members and guests not take double coffee cups because the coffee is hot: use either napkins or bring your own cup. Cocoa won't be served during the summer months.
- **Community Liaison** - Brian Jablonski - nothing to report.
- **Membership** - Steve Ott reported that a new application will be printed reflecting the new membership fee of 200 pesos; and that no US dollars will be accepted. He also suggested that the memberships be changed to one annual renewal date instead of monthly. There was some discussion on this issue. Patsy, *s/v Talion*, provided background information on why it would be easier to keep track of the memberships if all renewals were at the same time. The annual renewal date and the issue of prepaid memberships will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- **VHF Morning Net**- Brian Jablonski announced that “rides and crew” will now be announced on the morning net again.
- **Vista Room** - Teri Hagen reported the Vista Room is being used almost every day. She requested that anyone who reserves it should be sure to turn the lights off and close all the windows.
- **Website** - Patsy Verhoeven announced that lots of photos have been added to the website from the most recent events. She has also added a page describing each of the Club's events during the year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- **Dia de la Candelaria, Feb 2nd** - Shirleen Kisrow reported it was very successful.
- **Valentine's Party** - Shirleen Kisrow reported it was a great evening.
- **St. Patrick's Day Party** - Steve Ott reminded the Board members that they will be serving the food.
- **March 31 – April 3rd – Bay Fest** - Gary Batha reported the winner of the T-shirt design was Christine, *s/v Andara*. The T-shirts will go on sale next Monday for 150 pesos. He also advised that more volunteers are needed.

Shelly Ward addressed the membership on the importance of volunteering to help with the various events and/or by running for a position on the Board. She stressed that by volunteering you help keep the club going.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Printer and computer for Clubhouse** -Gary Batha and Brian Jablonski will research these items.
- **Movie Night** - Sandy Elterich announced it will be held the last Tuesday of the month.

- **Mexican Charts** - Lynda Foster advised an order of 10 charts must be in place before the order can be submitted; currently only have an order for 1 chart.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Special orders of sweatshirts** – Sandy advised that she will start taking special orders for sweatshirts on Monday; the cost is 300 pesos; they are available only in red and blue; she needs a minimum order of 10 before she can place an order.
- **BBQ for the club** – Brian reported that the Super Bowl Party/BBQ was a great success. He suggested the Club purchase one for future events. A discussion was held on this topic. Brian said he would check the secundos for BBQs and report back.

NEXT BOARD MEETING **Date: 3/8/16** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: Vista Room**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING **Date: 3/15/16** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: La Costa Restaurant**

A **motion was made, seconded and passed** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER

- *Jinx, s/v Jinx* talked about her years cruising the Sea of Cortez and how she used her life experiences on a boat to write 10 books.

Attachments: Financial Reports