

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ
Minutes – General Meeting
Date: 3-21-17 Time: 3:00 pm Location: La Costa Restaurant

Prior to the meeting, our special guest, Daniela Abaroa of Baja Ferries, made a presentation on their tour package to the Copper Canyon.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Richard Tripp at 3:45 pm.

The following Board members in attendance: Richard Tripp, Commodore; Bill Holbrook, Vice Commodore; Sandy Elterich, Treasurer; Lynda Foster, Secretary Bruce Macken, Director; Richard Jank, Director; and Patsy Verhoeven, Director.

The following Board members were not in attendance: Teri Hagen, Rear Commodore, and Gary Batha, Jr. Staff Commodore.

General members introduced themselves.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

- Treasurer's report - Sandy Elterich
 - The treasurer's report was reviewed; copies are attached to these minutes.

- Commodore's report - Richard Tripp
 - There was nothing to report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Club House Bill Holbrook
 - Nothing new to report; still looking at adding additional book shelves in the Club house.
- Coffee Hour Bill Holbrook
 - Backup volunteers are still needed; Robert Chappell, Baja Inflatables, will not be back until mid-May.
- Charity Patsy Verhoeven (Teri Hagen not present)
 - Senior Citizens' Home - Jean Wise gave a report on a recent tour and evaluation of the facilities she had with the director. They have room for more residents but not sufficient staff. She provided information on some of their needs: a new element for the hot water heater; assistance in fixing one of the two commercial washers they were given or donation of an additional washer; used household furniture; the director will provide a list of medicines they could use. At the last Board meeting the Board voted to donate 3000 pesos this next month to purchase adult diapers and lactose free milk.
 - FANLAP - Jean informed the membership they are still needing rice, oil and beans for this program. It can be dropped off at the office in Marine
 - a de La Paz or La Paz Cruisers Supply in Marina Palmira.
 - Children's' Day – Jean requested help with the Children's' Day at the children's 'rehab hospital on April 26th.

- Canine Spay /Neuter Clinic – Patsy announced the Board voted to donate 1000 pesos for the next clinic. A discussion was held regarding where the money was going: Baja Dogs or another clinic. It was advised that the free spay / neuter clinics are held in outlying areas where people have no way to get into town; these clinics are set up like a MASH unit; surgeries performed outside and the animals are kept on tarps under some kind of shade until they are awake and can go home.
 - Mama Bonita's Shelter – Steve on Casa Mar asked if the Club could obtain a copy of the government evaluation report on Mama Bonita's. Patsy advised the Board voted to spend a maximum of \$100 US to purchase an additional washer for the shelter.
 - Additional Charities – We need input from the general members on the names of additional charities the Club could help.
- Community Liaison Richard Tripp
 - There has been a lot of discussion on the possible change in responsibility for management of the Port to the Navy. Neil Schroyer is working on getting more information on this for us. In the meantime, continue to check in and out of La Paz with the Port Captain.
 - Elections Richard Tripp report for Gary Batha
 - Someone is needed to take over as chairman of the elections committee since Gary is not able to continue as chairman. Susan Ross (s/v Two Can Play) advised it must be a board member. Richard asked the general members if there was anyone who would like to run for an office: Mary Jo Hood (s/v Sea Wolf) submitted her name for a director's position.
 - Health and Welfare Bruce Macken
 - The old wheel chair wheels still don't work. Susan Ross (s/v Two Can Play) commented that 2 names are missing from the memory board and asked if they will be replaced. They will if someone can recall whose names are missing. Susan also advised that Marina Palmira is still waiting for the addition of the last 2 years' on the appreciation plaque. They will be purchased when we have information on the size that is needed.
 - Inventory Sandy Elterich
 - A new shipment of courtesy flags has been received.
 - Polo shirts and T-shirt have been ordered and should be here next week.
 - Membership Bobi Holbrook
 - There have been 67 new members since January 1st.
 - 10 members have used on-line payments via Pay-Pal to renew or submit a new membership since this service was made available.
 - VHF Morning Net Bill Holbrook
 - Still need volunteers as back-up hosts.
 - Vista Room Teri Hagen
 - Nothing to report.
 - Website Patsy Verhoeven
 - It had been discussed and recommended at the last Board meeting that people are not renewing their memberships as they don't know when it has expired. Patsy will be adding a place on the Club's website where they can check for the expiration date of their Club membership.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- Carnival Float Bruce Macken
 - We had a good reception to our float; suggest not leaving it in Anne's driveway next year; total cost for decorating the float was about 7,000 pesos and corners were cut in obtaining the decorations.
- St. Patrick's Dinner Bruce Macken

- The event was very well attended; everyone enjoyed the entertainment and had a good time; made over 18,000 pesos from this event.
- Bay Fest Richard Tripp
 - Planning is still on-going; the next planning meeting is 3/23/17. The activities start on Wednesday, March 29th, with the dinghy poker run. Tickets for the wine tasting, which will be held on Thursday, March 30th, will go on sale Wednesday, March 22nd. We still need volunteers for obtaining raffle prizes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Wi-Fi access at Club house for members Bill Holbrook
 - Dedicated phone line for Wi-Fi still not installed; still having issues with MAC numbers.
- White screen purchase for the Club Bill Holbrook
 - We will be borrowing Brian's screen for Bay Fest. The Club has ordered a screen exactly like Brian's and it will be delivered down next month by a club member.
- Status of installation of VHF radio at LaCosta Bill Holbrook
 - The installation is 80% complete and should be totally completed in time for Bay Fest.

NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed By Laws Amendment Dennis Ross
 - Dennis read the proposed By Laws Amendment (copy attached) addressing the issue of having members from the same household and/or vessel being on the board at the same time. A **motion was M/S** to add this amendment to the Club's Bylaws. After a lengthy discussion a **verbal vote was taken and the motion failed.**

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Date: 4/18/17 Time: 4:00pm Location: La Costa Restaurant
Elections will be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.