

Club Cruceros de La Paz
Board of Directors Meeting - Vista Room
March 11, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 4:02pm by Commodore Heidi Benson Stagg

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Benson Stagg, Commodore; Mary Jo Hood, Vice Commodore; Tom Murray, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary and Interim Treasurer; Dr. Juan Alvarez, Director-at-Large; Jeff Brandt, Director-at-Large; Bob Walker, Director-at-Large; Steve Brenner, Past Commodore

MINUTES: Due to a lack of a quorum in February, Jan presented the minutes of **01/14/25 and 02/11/25**.
Motion to approve: Steve 2nd: Bob All Ayes

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Due to a lack of a quorum in February, Jan presented the financial reports of **01/14/25 and 02/11/25**. **February 28** fund balances: General \$77,913.5, Charity \$133,403, Merchandise \$44,632.3, Disaster \$31,224. Motion to approve: Tom 2nd: Jeff All Ayes

COMMODORE'S REPORT

2025-26 Nominations to serve on the 2025-26 Board of Directors opened on February 15 and closes on April 8. The **Nominations and Elections Committee**, named on the sign-up sheet, will be out and about and ready to answer questions and provide information. Board meetings are on the second Tuesday in May, then in October thru April. Your ideas and contributions make a positive difference to the Club, its members, fellow cruisers and friends. The Club events are another way for you to give back to our community while socializing and having fun. You may nominate yourself or another interested member. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Clubhouse.

Teller Committee Appointments: Heidi appointed Rich Boren, Cindy Esperanza and Janet Gildmore to oversee the election and ballot count.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bulletins & Notice Boards:** Jeff – The boards look great and up to date.
- **Charities:** Heidi thanked all the event organizers and volunteers for their amazing dedication throughout the season. They enthusiastically raised lots of funds this year to distribute to local charities. Please see the report under New Business.
- **Clubhouse & Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinoza – All is well. Thank you to Homer for keeping the Clubhouse kitchen clean.
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Health and Welfare:** Cindy Espinoza – For easier access, the wheelchair is now stored in the Clubhouse kitchen instead of in the bodega.
- **Membership:** Steve Brenner – February – 14 new members, 43 renewals, 319 active members.
- **Merchandise:** BayFest 2025 t-shirts are available now.
- **Morning Net:** New and substitute net controllers are always welcomed. Contact Rich or Heidi.
- **Social Events:** Mary Jo Hood
 - **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** will be on March 17, 5:00pm, on the Clubhouse patio. This is the first St. Patrick's Day event to be held at the Clubhouse, so only 60 tickets are available. Get your ticket right away to enjoy a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner.
 - **BayFest 2025:** Thursday, April 3 thru Sunday April 6. Preparations for this huge event are underway. Four days of fun, food, live music everyday, dancing, seminars, chili cookoff, wine tasting and camaraderie is a perfect way to celebrate the 2024-25 season. BayFest t-shirts and event tickets are available now.
 - **Fish Fiesta:** April 15, 5:00pm, at the Clubhouse. Another sellout is expected. More information to come.

- **Standard Operating Procedures:** Patsy Verhoeven – No report.
- **Vista Room:** Heidi Stagg - Heidi will oversee Vista Room activities and reservations for the summer.
 - Everyone is invited to open sewing on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have machines or you can bring your own. Please sign up on the sheet in the Clubhouse.
 - Two new yoga classes: Thursday evening from 7-8pm and power yoga on Sunday morning 8:30-9:30am

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Charity Committee Funding Recommendations:** Heidi reported that \$142,000 pesos were raised this year for local charities. Charity Committee members, Heidi, Leiann, Mary Jo, Pat, Peggy, Steve and Zaidah, reviewed the applications submitted and presented their recommendations to fund the following organizations:
 - **Baja Dogs** – Sterilization clinics \$6,000
 - **Destino School of Beauty** – Hydraulic chair \$5,345, trolley \$2,215, and training products \$2,440
 - **FIF** – Refrigerator/freezer \$10,000
 - **Food Bank of La Paz** – Supplies to deliver hot food \$10,000
 - **Fundacion Angeles** – 3 tents, 3 tables, equipment for serving food \$10,000
 - **Fundacion Astra** – Art Therapy workshops for at-risk teens \$21,000
 - **Jose Pilar School** – 2 new guitars (\$2,000 each) or 4 refurbished (\$1,000 each)
 - **Mama Benitos** – Plumbing repairs \$4,000, supplies \$5,000
 - **Mar Libre** – Honorarium for instructors \$20,000
 - **Pro Paramedicos** – Ambulance maintenance \$20,000
 - **Rancho el Camino** – Afterschool children's program supplies \$6,000
 - **Rotary Californio** – School uniforms, shoes, school supplies for 8 kids - \$16,000

TOTAL - \$142,007 pesos

Motion to approve the 2024-25 Charity Committee recommendations to distribute \$142,007 pesos to fund applications submitted by twelve charities. Motion: Tom; 2nd: Dr. Juan; All Ayes

- **Exploration of Club Paying Administrative Services:** In response to an earlier request, Steve made a motion that Patsy be appointed to investigate hiring a freelance bookkeeper to help with the duties of the Treasurer position. 2nd: Jeff All Ayes
- **Solicitation of Funds:** A concern was raised that fundraising to help members in need should be consistent for everyone. The Board must approve solicitations and no one-on-one solicitations for member help are allowed at Club events.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 4:00pm, Vista Room

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 4:00pm, Vista Room

ADJOURNMENT: 5:25pm Motion: Steve 2nd: Jan All Ayes