

Minutes

Club Cruceros Board Meeting 4-26-22

1. Call to Order - Former Commodore - 4:09 pm
2. Attendance – Board members present: Commodore, Steve Brenner; Vice Commodore (via Zoom), Doug Monroe; Secretary, Sue Bell; Treasurer, Kimberley Lafferty-Stonier; Director-at-Large, Linda Keigher; Director-at-Large, Tom Murray; Director-at-Large, Mary Jo Hood; Past Commodore, Teri Hagen.

Board members absent: Rear Commodore, Bob Walker

We have a quorum

3. Recognitions and Opening Remarks – Steve

Steve made some opening remarks recognizing Teri's efforts to bring back respect in and trust for the club as well as addressing the impact of COVID on the club over the past 2 years. He formally thanked her for her efforts for 3 years. Teri then extended thanks to others who helped her.

Steve then provided some history about the original formation of the club and its goals at that time and then an update of the current state of the club. He reiterated that the club's objectives today remain the same as when we were established: to provide a relaxed and congenial atmosphere; information and assistance to community at large especially in emergencies; share experiences; be a center of local events; be involved in charitable events; establish good will both with the local community and international yachting communities.

4. Minutes – Linda moved to accept the posted minutes from the last Board meeting from March 16, 2020, which have been posted on the bulletin board for some time. Tom seconded. Unanimous assent was obtained.
5. Appointments of Officers – Steve pointed out that since no one ran for the position of secretary he has asked Sue Bell to take on the role of an acting secretary until someone moves to take on the job. Steve moved that the position be thus assigned. Teri seconded it. It was unanimously accepted. Sue was welcomed as the new acting secretary.
6. Reports & Comments - Board

- a. Vice Commodore Doug – sent out a request for information about equipment needs and did not get any info back. An inventory of existing equipment will be undertaken when Doug returns to La Paz.
- b. Rear Commodore Bob - absent
- c. Past Commodore Teri - none
- d. Secretary Sue - none
- e. Treasurer - Kimberly provided copies of treasury report to all members of the board. She reviewed the report in detail. She noted that have continued to sell the Bayfest T-shirts from 2020 to recover costs. We have not inventoried the merchandise in 3 years, so we need to do one in order to clarify the growth donation from the merchandise area. It was noted that we did lose a small amount of money on the Thanksgiving event, but only because we did not charge over costs.

It was celebrated that we posted 81,200 pesos in memberships this year – more than we have in a number of years.

We pre-purchased the domain rights and webspace for 4 years, which meant we received a great savings, but had to pay it upfront, so it puts us a bit behind.

Teri moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted and Tom seconded. It was passed unanimously.

Steve explained the meaning of and the details of the four Approvals of Continuing Expenses for the coming month. He also sought permission from all present to accept all of the monthly expenditure requests at once. Kimberley moved that we both vote on them all together and that they all be approved and MJ seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Steve asked for volunteers to count inventory for merchandise on Sunday, May 1. Cindy volunteered to lead it and Steve and MJ will assist.

Kimberly asked to buy a stool for the bodega for sitting on and for reaching things (500-600 pesos). She has been approved to do so.

- f. Linda - none
- g. MJ - none
- h. Tom - none

7. Reports and Comments – Committee Chairs

- a. Events – Steve – Steve from Soulmate and Ray Hassenstein organized and ran a successful poker run, dinghy race and hot dog barbeque.

Linda (with the help of a few others) organized and ran a pancake breakfast that was successful. Linda would like to do a second pancake breakfast for Mothers' Day on May 10. (She then changed the date to Sunday, May 8 when it was realized that the 10th was a Tuesday)

Kimberley wanted to know about the float and Linda wanted to get funds to pre-buy the bacon, syrup and pancake batter in advance. They will work through it together.

A purely free social event was held a few weeks ago, an open CPN sharing day. It was successful and it was suggested it is something that we should do again in the future.

Steve asked about the different types of events – charity events and regular events. He inquired about some sort of charity event to do before the summer. Mary Jo suggested a wine tasting event. Teri talked about past wine tastings and the amount of work as a caution given we don't have a lot of people – perhaps put it off to the fall.

Full moon party was suggested on the Magote with selling popped popcorn and a 50/50 raffle. Not enough people willing to take it on. Shelved for now.

At the end of the meeting, Sherry proposed an ice cream social, which was warmly received, but we didn't have time to talk about details. Tabled until next meeting.

- b. Bulletin & Notice Boards – Jeff – Steve thanked Jeff for his work in cleaning up the board. We have three boards the right one will be for commercial notices. The other two will be only for non-commercial. Put the date on the announcement and it will stay up for 2 weeks. These details have been announced on the net and the people who are hosting the coffee days will also be told about the rules.
- c. Coffee Hour – Cindy – The coffee hour is the backbone of the club and it seems to be running very smoothly and it is much appreciated. Cindy is looking for a new host for Tuesdays. All new hosts need to be trained (and maybe re-train all hosts) on cash, mail and the DVD rental/borrowing.
- d. Steve is going to go through the old mail and purge items that are older than one year. He will mark those with not date with today's date and will destroy them after a year. Since the start of COVID, Cynthia has been receiving all of the mail

and writes down all of the items and when they arrive. People can come and receive them from her. She is responsible for all of them.

Cindy and Steve will talk with Cynthia to establish a procedure for going further post COVID

- e. Patsy's report – The recently approved changes to the by-laws have been made and entered on the website. If you have any recommendations for further changes, please contact her. Wifi accounts are being managed. The Website is being well maintained. Kimberley notes that it needs to be easier to find the bylaws on the website.
- f. VHF Net - none
- g. Health & Welfare – none
- h. Hurricane Response – Jimmy – Equipment is ready to go. Two crash pumps, generator, splash zone, total lines of sight for boats going up on the beach. Reiner Stricki, Jimmy Loberg, Neil Schroyer and Paul Cox have keys to the equipment room. The club helps by paying for parts and such for keeping the equipment in good repair.
- i. Medical & Emergency Equipment – Teri – we have walkers, crutches, medical supplies and wraps, but we don't currently have a wheelchair. It went missing when one of our members ended up going to hospital with the one we had lent to him and it disappeared at the hospital. Cindy will check out pricing for a wheelchair or two from the segundas – not to exceed 1000 pesos.

Jeff asked about getting a backboard, but it turns out there is a backboard in the main office that we can always use if needed.

Crutches – we need a larger size of crutches. Cindy will look for a set of large crutches at the segundas as well.

Doug has asked for an inventory of all equipment being maintained by the club.

There are 2 keys to the bodega, the treasurer has one and the commodore has one. The previous vice Commodore has the third. We must get it back from her when she comes back in the fall.

There is also only one key to the clubhouse. The Commodore has it. Steve has said that the coffee coordinator should also have a key and the treasurer also wants one. Extra keys will be obtained in order to facilitate access to those who need it.

The combination to the Vista Room and the Coffee room will be changed to ensure that only those who need it have it and we can maintain some responsibility for access to and use of these spaces. Steve will make an announcement about the new codes before they come into place.

- j. Vista Room – Steve has updated the Vista Room booking system. Teri will be taking that over and make sure it is accurate. If it is not possible to book via the booking system for some reason, Teri is the person who should be asked about whether or not it is available to be booked for specific purposes or times.

If there are a group of people using the Vista room all day they can use the air conditioning, but if it is only one person, they should not be using the air conditioning.

Neil has promised to put a cover over the lock to protect it from sun damage.

Membership – Ray Hassenstein has taken over the role of membership management – he will do it remotely for now, but will be back in the fall. He can be reached by email. We need a person to help with collecting the forms from the box and bringing the money to the treasurer. They will need to photograph the forms and send them to Ray. They will also bring any funds collected to the Treasurer. Cindy has agreed to do that weekly

We have 407 paid up members as of now

- k. Nominations & Elections – Sherri has been appointed to head the Charities committee. The charter of which is to: 1) Come up with the system by which charities are selected 2) Select the charities using that system 3) Distribute the club's contribution to those charities.

We currently support a number of charities including: FANLAP, Voces de Niños, Rotary Club, Grupo Pro Paramédicos, and Asilo de Ancianos San Vicente De Paúl de La Paz (the St. Vincent de Paul Senior's Centre in La Paz). There are currently two additional people who have volunteered to be in the committee, but we need at least two more people on that team. The three people on the committee right now are working on figuring out a process for determining which charities are worthy of support and how best to decide this.

Kimberley suggested that no one should be on the charity committee who has an alternate agenda or who is involved in a specific charity. After some discussion it was decided this was not necessary as long as we establish clear and fair guidelines for how to choose who will receive funding.

- l. Fleet Captain & Valeros de Baja Sailboat Racing – Jimmy – 10 boats participated in the big race last week.
- m. Nominations and Elections - Online voting was very effective for the changes in bylaws recently. For the future we may want to consider adding an oversight option to ensure fairness of results.

Though it did not appear to influence the recent vote, it was also suggested that when having ballots that involve a number of different items that you are voting about, each should have an option rather than an all or nothing vote.

Steve pointed out that we really need to establish a nomination committee that will work hard to identify and get agreement from individuals who will run as candidates for the offices for next year.

8. Old Business

- a. Two more computer stations in the clubhouse. Two years ago there was a proposal for and adoption of a resolution to add two more computer stations in the clubhouse. At that time they decided to watch usage in the fall to see if the two we have are busy all the time and whether more stations were actually necessary. Since then it was noted that the two in existence are not being used much and that no one has ever need more than the existing two. It was moved that we should not add the two new computer stations after all. Teri made the motion and Tom seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried. We will not add two new computer stations in the club.
- b. Club Cruceros annual blood drive. Two years ago the board and proposed and had approved establishment of a blood bank for Club Cruceros. This means that we would need at least 20 people to donate blood during each drive. The club would then receive credit for the donations and then anyone with an active membership would qualify for the credit of blood in the bank if they were to need blood for medical treatment. The blood bank people were going to come to the Vista Room and take donations twice a year thus making donating easy for cruisers. Unfortunately, the arrival of COVID put the whole thing on hold.

The question was asked, “Now that COVID has ended, should we still get the blood drives started here at the Club? After a brief discussion, everyone agreed that we should go ahead. Cindy will look into scheduling the blood bank to begin collections for us again for the fall.

9. New Business

- a. Schedule of events – Steve- none at this time

- b. Open Positions – Steve – we need more members for the charity committee. Kimberley is leaving permanently next year and we NEED a new treasurer. Kimberley pointed out that we need to have lots of lead time on this new position as she will need to train the person before she leaves.
- c. Smoking at the clubhouse – Kimberley pointed out that there is a no smoking sign at the clubhouse but people are still smoking there. We need to either take down the sign or enforce the rule. After a brief discussion it was decided that if we are going to enforce the rule, we need to clarify where the smoking areas are by making more “smoking area” signs and putting them up to clarify.

The marina is also a no drinking area, at the request of the club, but when we have events, we can decide to permit it for specific events.
- d. The map of the moorings - Steve noted that we need a new and better map to clearly show where people can and cannot anchor out. Patsy created a map, which the port captain has said is accurate. We now need someone to create a visual representation of the map that Patsy created. The new map will go on the website and on the bulletin board. There is some suggestion that there should be both an indication of where we can and where we cannot moor. Steve is in contact with someone who can help with making a good quality copy of the map.
- e. Summer – Steve – Cactus Bob will be the commodore in place for June through September for immediate issues, but Steve will still be accessible via email and text.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board Meeting: May 10, 2022, 4 p.m. Vista Room

Next General Meeting: May 25, 2022, 4 p.m. Vista Room

11. Adjournment – moved by Teri, seconded by Tom. Passed by unanimous vote. 5:40 pm