

**Club Cruceros de La Paz**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2023 - Vista Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commodore Steve Brenner at 4:00pm

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Brenner, Commodore; Bob Walker, Rear Commodore; Kimberley Lafferty-Stonier, Treasurer; Mary Jo Hood, Linda Keigher and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Monroe, Vice Commodore; Sue Bell, Secretary; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore.

**INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Brenner, Commodore; Heidi Benson Stagg, Vice Commodore; Bob Walker, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Mary Jo Hood, Linda Keigher and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large; Kimberly Lafferty-Stonier, Substitute Treasurer.

**INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Waddell, Treasurer; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 04/13/23** Motion to approve – Mary Jo; Second – Linda. All ayes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The report is delayed as Kimberley has been away. She requested the Membership Report and money.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Steve appointed three members to the Financial Review Committee – Rich Boren, Linda Keigher and Patsy Verhoeven. The review must be conducted within ten days of the close of the fiscal year. The committee will reconcile the Club's finances, confirm all income and expenses and present their report at the May General Membership meeting.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Charities:** Linda reported that the Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner held on May 14 served 94 adults and one child. After expenses, the event raised \$12,671 pesos for the Charity fund.
- **Membership:** No report as Rich has been gone.
- **Vista Room:** Steve will schedule the Vista Room reservations during the summer. Visit the website – [www.clubcruceros.net](http://www.clubcruceros.net) – for the Vista Room calendar.
- **Social:** Heidi reported that 50 people participated in the May 7 Potluck. Everyone had a great time.
- **Morning Net:** No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRANSITION:** Steve passed the gavel and authority to the incoming Board at 4:23pm.

**COMMODORE REPORT:**

- **Commodore Appointments:** No appointments
- **Chairpersons for 2023-24 Events:** Heidi will create a spreadsheet with a tentative schedule of 2023-24 Club events, chairs and volunteers.
- **Board Members' Individual Summer Schedules:** Steve requested schedules be sent to him.
- **Bayfest 2024:** Due to Covid, the Club has been unable to hold its Bayfest event. The Commodore serves as event chair and Steve said it is time to bring back this signature event. Discussion was held and ideas shared. Plans must be made before the Baja Haha so flyers can be included in the packets.
- **Board Contact List:** Steve will update.
- **Door Lock Codes:** Steve will reconfigure.

- **Bodega Keys:** Steve provided locations of bodega keys. Bob and Pat will have a key during the summer.
- **Alcohol at the Clubhouse:** Alcohol is not allowed except during Club events.
- **Inventory:** Steve and Linda will inventory Club merchandise.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Tables and Chairs:** Steve reported the Clubhouse tables and chairs will be replaced in the Fall.
- **Merchandise:** Steve said the Club is seeking a Merchandise Chair. Contact Steve if you are interested. The Board discussed Club merchandise needs and motions were made.
  - Allocate \$8,000 pesos to purchase men's XL t-shirts. Motion to Approve – Tom; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob. All ayes.
  - Allocate \$7,000 pesos to purchase Mexican Courtesy Flags. Motion to Approve – Kimberley, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Linda. All ayes. Linda will order the flags.
  - Allocate \$25,000 pesos to purchase Club burgees. Motion to Approve – Tom; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heidi. All ayes. Patsy will work with the company to ensure accuracy and place an order.
- **Membership Promotions:** Ideas were shared on ways to do promotions such as once a week during coffee and at events.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Club Cruceros Kids Club:** Heidi shared ideas on creating a Club Cruceros Kids Club. To get it started, she volunteered to create a Facebook page where the kid cruisers can interact. Board members agreed.
- **Services Guide Booklet:** Patsy shared ideas for the Club's services guide, to redesign it as a booklet and sell advertising to pay for the printing costs. The guide is periodically checked and edited to ensure up-to-date information. Board members agreed.
- **Club Newsletter:** Heidi suggested having a Club newsletter. Discussion was held on how this might work. Tabled for now.
- **Mar Libre Derelict Boat Project:** The goal of this group is to remove sunken and derelict boats from the Bay of La Paz. Fourteen boats have been identified. Steve said the Club supports this huge undertaking and will provide as much support as possible, such as promotions, announcements, use of the Club logo and the Vista Room. The Club will not hold any fundraising events for this purpose.
- **Revisions to Club Bylaws:** Patsy presented a history of how the board and member meetings have been conducted over the years. Both board and member meetings are held once a month, a week apart. She explained the advantages to members and the board to revise the by-laws. She proposed that the monthly member meetings be eliminated. Members will now have an opportunity to attend and comment at the Board meetings. Having two meetings a month with mostly the same information along with low attendance makes this a viable option. Proposal to update the bylaws to eliminate monthly member meetings, hold one annual member meeting for elections and invite members to attend and participate at Board meetings. Motion to approve – Heidi; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob. All ayes.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Thursday, May 18, 2023, 4:00pm, Vista Room,

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Thursday, October 12, 4:00pm, Vista Room

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:12pm