

Club Cruceros de La Paz

Board of Directors Meeting
December 12, 2023, 4:00pm
Vista Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Steve Brenner at 4:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Brenner, Commodore; Heidi Benson Stagg, Vice Commodore; Bob Walker, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Pat Waddell, Treasurer; Mary Jo Hood, Linda Keigher and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of 11/21/23 as posted – Heidi; Second – Tom; All Ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat presented the November 2023 Financial Report. The Club is doing well. The general fund is lower than we would like at \$57,708 pesos. The charity fund is doing well at \$45,300 pesos. Thanksgiving Dinner raised \$3,700 pesos for the general fund.

Motion to approve the October and November treasurer's reports – Tom; Second – Heidi; All Ayes

COMMODORE'S REPORT

2023 Financial Review: Steve explained that each year in April, a committee is formed to audit the Club's end-of-year financial records. The financial review committee completed the task, but the Board didn't receive the written report, which is why it has not been approved. The Board will receive it and vote at the next meeting.

Club Patio Furniture: Steve announced that all the chairs and most tables have been replaced. The rest of the tables will be replaced when they are back in stock.

Board Position Open: Steve announced that a director-at-large position is open due to Linda's resignation. If you are interested in being a part of the Club's decision-making group, please contact Steve.

Chair-At-Large: Steve recognized two longtime Club volunteers Allison Porter and Cristy Flores. These ladies have volunteered in numerous capacities over the years. Steve officially assigned each to the position of Chair-At-Large. This will allow them to be included in committee communications, along with planning, participating in and leading events and other Club activities.

Disaster Fund – The Club has more than \$73,000 pesos in the Disaster Fund. Director- At- Large Tom Murray accepted the assignment to review past actions and create a system to be used by the Club to distribute funds in time of a natural disaster.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Charities:** Sherri Brenner reported that 67 people attended the pancake breakfast on December 3rd. The event raised \$7,857 pesos for the Charity Fund.
 - The next Charity Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 18 at the clubhouse.
 - The Charity 50/50 Garage and Bake Sale on December 10th was a huge success, raising \$24,800 pesos for the Charity Fund. Thank you, Allison Porter for coordinating the many vendors who participated and for the promotions to bring in shoppers. Thank you to the volunteers who were there early to prepare the area and set up and stayed to take down tables and clean up. The bake sale went very well.
 - Applications for charities to request funding are available in the clubhouse on the right as you walk in the door. There are two folders, one for blank applications and one for completed.

- **Membership:** Corinne Eklund reported 51 new members and 22 renewals in November for a total of 321 active members. She also received a \$2,000 peso charity donation from Hank Boland of “Empty Space”. He is not a member, but said he appreciates what the Club is doing for the community.
- **Bulletins & Notices Boards:** Jeff Brandt – The boards are up to date and look good.
- **Vista Room:** Steve has been handling Vista Room reservations over the summer and will turn it back over to Leanne Lawrence.
- **Clubhouse and Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinoza reported a fantastic season with lots of coffee hosts and the additional coffee pot.
 - Heidi announced that in celebration of Hanukkah, she will provide complementary homemade latkes and a display of menorahs at coffee hour tomorrow.
- **Social Events:** Mary Jo Hood. If you would like to work on any of the following events, please contact Mary Jo, “MJ” on Channel 22.
 - The Christmas Eve potluck is set for December 24, 4:00-7:00pm, at the Clubhouse.
 - The New Year’s Eve appetizer potluck will be held at the Clubhouse from 4:00-7:00pm. Come celebrate with friends. BYOB.
 - The Charity Beach Party will be held on Saturday, January 27. Committees are set up. Donations of prizes for the games and baked goods for the popular bake sale are encouraged. The group is also seeking an auctioneer to conduct the live auction.
 - St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Dance will be held on March 17 at La Costa Restaurant.
 - The Club’s premier event, BayFest, returns this year on April 5-7. More info soon.
- **Merchandise:** Jan St Pierre reported that Club merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, visors, Mexican courtesy flags are available. She will order more burgees.
- **Morning Net:** Rich Boren reported that the net has assigned hosts and alternates but is always looking for more people. If you would like to be a net host, contact Rich “Third Day” on Channel 22.
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy said that the next race will be after the first of the year.
- **Website:** Patsy Verhoeven invited members to email Club event announcements, notices, stories, event photos, etc. to her at patsyfish@gmail.com.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Members expressed concerns about the many boat break-ins and thefts. Much discussion ensued on how to put a stop to it. The loss to cruisers is enormous. Tom and Cappy will schedule a meeting with other boaters to discuss options and come up with a solution.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 4:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: 4:58pm Motion to adjourn – Jan; Second – Heidi; All Ayes