

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ GENERAL MEETING, 11/21/2017.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 16:02 BY COMMODORE Rainy Eastman.

PRESENT: Board members Rainy Eastman, Teri Hagen, Patsy Verhoeven, Susan Ross, Mary Jo Hood, Leanne Lawrence (newly appointed Secretary), Richard Tripp, Ricki McNeill, (temporary Secretary), and Bonnie Sims, acting for Bob Van Gorder, one of the Directors at Large. No agenda was distributed for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The new Secretary of the Club, Leanne Lawrence, was introduced, having been appointed and approved by Board members at the Board meeting. A motion was made by Dennis Ross to ratify the board's decision to appoint Leanne and the motion was seconded. A vote was made on the motion, and it passed.

The Commodore established that Bob Van Gorder would probably not return to La Paz in the near future in order to fulfil his duties as Director at Large. Bonnie Sims volunteered to take his place in that capacity. The commodore introduced Bonnie Sims Morales as the replacement director-at-large for Robert Van Gorder. After a brief discussion, and consulting the bylaws, it was determined that a board member could not be replaced unless they died or resigned. There was some discussion about temporarily appointing Bonnie, however there is no provision in the bylaws for such an action. The commodore will contact Bob to ask about his intentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report, treasurer absent.

STANDING COMMITTEE/CHARITY NEWS: Teri Hagen announced that the charity recipient for this year is Ville de Guadalupe, a local colonia church and school community. A proposal to build a small room adjacent to the church, which would serve as a library for all local children, has been approved. The funds for this would come from the fashion show, scheduled for February 3rd, 2018, at La Costa restaurant. There were no objections voiced.

MEMBERSHIP: It was established by Susan Ross that the membership renewal forms should be filled out completely with no unfilled spaces so that contact information can be updated. There are currently 574 members, a number that will change due to retiring membership or non-renewal of current members.

CLUBHOUSE/COFFEE HOUR: The price of coffee will rise to \$10 MP from \$5 MP as of December 1st. Bill Holbrook made a plea for volunteers to staff the coffee hour. There were no responses at the time to this request.

VISTA ROOM: No report, status quo.

CLUB EQUIPMENT: No report, status quo.

WEBSITE: Patsy reported there were 20K visits to the website. The top area accessed is the service directory. The second most visited is the weather report. Patsy will be grateful for any comments, contributions, or suggestions. The glossary to the site is published in English and Spanish.

SOCIAL: The Baha Ha-Ha party will be held 11/30/2017 at La Costa, beginning at 16:00 hours.

The Christmas Eve Dinner and Pot Luck will take place at the Clubhouse 16:00 hours, with a non-denominational service at 17:30.

The New Year's Eve Appetizer Pot Luck Party and celebration at the Clubhouse will begin at 17:00 hours, changed from 18:00 hours. New Year's will be celebrated on GMT.

The Beach Party Benefit date is set for January 13th, no time announced, and will include breakfast and lunch special menus at La Costa restaurant. This is meant to be a beach activity with games such as Bocce Ball and Volleyball on the sand. There will also be a raffle for prizes all day and the proceeds have been designated to go towards tables, chairs, and outdoor lighting for the club. The A/V equipment is getting the proceeds from the bake sales during coffee hour every 2 weeks. This is the function that has the best bake sale auction of the year.

At present there is scheduled to be a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th. No one has stepped forward yet to chair or staff the event. The decision to go forward or not with this event will be announced at a later date.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/EVENT REPORTS: Teri announced that there is now a recycling bin on club premises. A local gentleman named Roberto collects contents of the bin and distributes any resulting funds to local schools.

A Meet and Greet Committee has been formed, however this committee currently awaits volunteers and a committee chair.

Reposted: The bake sale will be held every other Wednesday during the coffee hour.

This meeting was followed by a presentation and video from the Group Sea Watch, featuring Mike McGettigan who shared the history of the organization. The General Meeting was adjourned at 16:40 by the Commodore, motion seconded and carried. The next Board Meeting will be on December 12th, 2017 in the Vista Room, and the next General Meeting will be December 19th, at La Costa restaurant.

AGENDA SUGGESTION FOR NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Fully cooked turkey.

Respectfully submitted: Ricki McNeill, temporary Secretary.

Modified by Leanne Lawrence