

Club Cruceros de La Paz
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019 – La Costa Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER: Commodore Bill Holbrook at 4:02pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Holbrook, Commodore; Doug Monroe, Vice Commodore; Jody Ward, Rear Commodore; Quana Charlton, Treasurer; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Linda Keigher, Allyson van Os and Bob Walker, Directors-at-Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rainy Eastman, Past Commodore

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: All guests present introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 12/18/18: Motion to approve – Quana; Second – Bob. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Quana reviewed the Club's financial statements for December 2018. Motion to approve – Jan; Second – Linda. All ayes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Commodore's Report – Bill reported on the successful Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve potlucks. More than 100 people attended each event.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Charities:** The Board is reviewing the work of various nonprofits to determine the distribution of the Club's charity funds. At the last meeting, we heard from Voces de la Ninos. FANLAP and Brazos de Amor presented today. The Club already assisted the Villas de Guadalupe study hall project this year.
- **Membership:** Doug reported we have 607 members as of December 31, including 61 new members, 20 renewed and 64 expired. Welcome new members!
 - MAC IDs – A discussion was held regarding MAC IDs, which is a hardware identification number unique to each device on a network. Each Club member can submit MAC IDs for two devices, allowing them to access the Club's Wi-Fi network. Many members have asked to have access for more than two devices. The Club is limited to a certain number of slots. Bobi will work to eliminate MAC IDs no longer used to free up some space. Each member will still have two slots.
 - Sails and Shades did repair work on the Club's bungees and in exchange has requested renewal of his membership. The Board agreed to renew Steve and Isabella's membership at \$200 pesos each.
- **Clubhouse/Coffee Hour:** Bobi and Quana are the Club's coffee host coordinators. Backup hosts are needed to fill in when needed.
 - Bobi reported that the Club will no longer use plastic straws or stirrers. Spoons will be available.
 - Bill reported the kitchen will be painted soon.
- **Vista Room:** Bill reported members can view the calendar and reserve the Vista Room online.
- **Club Equipment:** No report.
- **Website:** Patsy encouraged everyone to send announcements, events, photos, etc. to her to post on the Club website. Her email is patsyfish@gmail.com.
- **Morning Net:** For questions or comments, contact morning net head controller Rich on Third Day.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

- **Lighted Boat Christmas Parade – Dec. 22, 6:00pm** – Event Leader Sea Otter Jimmy reported that this event was so successful that the City of La Paz is making it an annual event. Thirty-five beautifully decorated boats paraded across the bay while thousands of people lined the Malecon to see the spectacular Christmas exhibition along with a fireworks display. The Mayor awarded certificates and prizes for the decorated boats.

- **Charity Beach Party – Saturday, January 19, La Costa Restaurant.** This Saturday, come and spend a fun day with games, prizes, silent auction, live auction and bake sale.
- **Fallen Captain Memorial Service – Friday, February 1, 4:00pm at the Clubhouse.** All are invited to come share memories and photos. The service is in memory of Gary Batha, Visigoda; Shawn Betourne, Swell; Rocky Goodwin, Yarnspinner II; Sue Hasenclever, Maitairoa; Doug and Jo Jo Thorpe, Jo-Jo; Michael P. Wilson, Tortue; Sonny Zebb, No Problem.
- **Carnaval Parade Float – March 2, 3 & 4** – Annie and Bobi are the co-chairs. The float will be similar to previous years using a decorated panga. Sailor hats made with newspaper will be handed out to children as the float passes by. Contact Annie (Annie) or Bobi (Wandering Puffin) to see how you can help. The theme for this year is “Grandes Navigadores” (Great Navigators). That’s us!
- **St. Patrick’s Day – March 17** – More info to come.
- **BayFest – April 3-7, 2019** – The Bayfest theme for this year is “Gateway to the Sea”. Thank you and congratulations to Stan Perrott on Stormbird, whose artwork was selected to be used on event t-shirts and other items to promote and commemorate this fun event. Promotions to begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Boat racing** – Sea Otter Jimmy reported that the Valeros de Baja, a monthly sailboat race on the bay will now be Club sponsored again. Sea Otter Jimmy agreed to serve as Fleet Captain and already has a race planned for this Sunday.
- **Parking at the Clubhouse** – Bill reported that there are four Club designated parking spaces just outside the gate. These are one-hour parking spots. Marina de La Paz (who owns the property) will take back the spots if people continue to use them for longer-term parking.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Recycling** – Bobi reported that the Club filled THREE huge bags weighing about 90 kilos each with plastic water and soda bottles in less than two months. Bobi also met with state officials who began a statewide program #Desplastificate Nosotros del Decreto en BCS. The Club will be recognized as a participant and the Club logo will be included on promotional materials. The plastic is collected, bailed and sent to the mainland for recycling. This activity doesn’t benefit the Club except that people are enthusiastic about doing a small part in saving our oceans. *Please crush your empty bottle and replace the cap.*

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 4:00pm, Location TBD.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 4:00pm, Vista Room

ADJOURNMENT: 4:41pm

PRESENTATION – FANLAP (Fundacion Ayunda Ninos La Paz A.C.) – Judy Peterson

FANLAP is a non-government organization focused on feeding and educating hundreds of impoverished children. In 2017, FANLAP provided more than 20,000 breakfasts and lunches, assisted more than 600 students and had 5,300 people use the library/learning center. FANLAP accepts donations of non-perishable food such as rice, beans, oil, tuna in oil, tomato sauce and backpacks and school supplies. Visit their website at <http://www.lapazninos.org> or You Tube at FANLAP.org to learn more.

PRESENTATION – BRAZOS DE AMOR, SAN PEDRO – Sharon Englander and Gabriel Valdez, Founders

Brazos de Amor is a nonprofit that serves the needs of the remote communities of San Pedro, BCS and outlying communities. Their goal is to collect and resell donations of all kinds. The funds raised assists families with clothing, medicine and food as well as assisting schools and students. Follow Brazos de Amor activities on Facebook.