

Meeting Minutes

Club Cruceros Board Meeting May 25, 2022

1. Call to Order - Commodore - Steve Brenner - called to order 4:09
2. Attendance - Board Members in Attendance - Commodore, Steve Brenner; Vice-Commodore, Doug Monroe (via zoom); Rear-Commodore, Bob Walker; Secretary, Sue Bell; Director-at-Large, Linda Keigher; Director-at-Large, Tom Murray; Director-at-Large, Mary Jo Hood;

Board Members Absent - Treasurer, Kimberley Lafferty-Stonier; Past Commodore, Teri Hagen.

Others present - Web Master, Patsy Verhoeven (by Zoom); Charities Committee Chair, Sherri Brenner (by zoom); Medical and Emergency Equipment Committee Chair, Cindy Espinosa; Hurricane Response Committee, Jimmy Loberg, Alan Dick, Richard Katz, Laura Heron, Carol Cohen, Andy Cohen, Stan Perrott, Greg Homes, Keith Radcliffe, David Young, Mary Young.

Quorum - Thanks to Linda Keigher who announced the meeting start on Channel 22 and Mary Jo Hood who physically went and gathered up a few stray members, we achieved a quorum.
3. Recognitions and Opening Remarks –

Steve read out a statement from the origins of the club from back in 1988 in which the original goals of the club were outlined. He noted that these remain the goals of the club to this day.

Steve noted that anyone who was a member at the time the club was founded on that day in 1988 is identified as a Charter member, but one of the charter members, Keith Radcliffe, was missed when the list was created, due to a clerical error. Today he was officially recognized as a charter member in front of the assembled group.
4. Minutes – Minutes from last meeting were posted on the bulletin board since last Friday - Tom Murray motioned that the minutes be accepted as posted. Linda Keigher seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously
5. Reports & Comments
 - a. Commodore - Steve reported that all keys have now been located and are all well looked after. The keys to the clubhouse, bodega and Vista Room, normally

held by the Commodore, have been handed over to the Rear-Commodore, Bob Walker for the summer.

- b. Vice Commodore - Doug Monroe reported that he continues to work on updating the various inventory lists. When he returns in September he will complete the inventories and provide a report.
 - c. Rear Commodore -none
 - d. Past Commodore - none
 - e. Secretary - none
 - f. Treasurer - The annual Financial Report has been prepared and has been reviewed by Financial Review committee - Rich Boren (business owner) and Mike Dever (retired accountant). The Review report notes that our treasurer is extremely competent. The cash on hand has been counted and reconciled. The full report is available to anyone who might wish to see it.
6. Reports and Comments – Committee Chairs
- a. Events - Linda
 - b. Bulletin & Notice Boards – Jeff - reorganization of coffee room - Wayne will take over for the summer
 - c. Coffee Hour - Cindy - running low on hosts - MJ has been standing in on a consistent basis to ensure it can continue. She continues to look for more hosts. Steve recognized MJ in particular for jumping in and showing people who volunteer to do it for a Day to show them the ropes.

Cindy will provide the coffee host number to MJ so that she can share that with any new Coffee Hosts who volunteer.
 - d. VHF Net - Steve has asked that the script be changed to note on channel 16 that at five minutes before 8 am the Cruisers' Net will begin at 8 am on Channel 22 so that new cruisers who arrive know where to get their local information.
 - e. Steve mentioned that there have been some issues with commercialization of the use of the NET. There were some gray areas where certain commercial promotional items were happening when they shouldn't really. The NET will be starting a new segment that includes notices about what's going on in La Paz where these items can be added.
 - f. Health & Welfare - none
 - g. Hurricane Response – none

- h. Medical & Emergency Equipment - Wheelchair - Cindi went shopping and found that many of the wheelchairs available at the stgundas were in pretty rough shape. She did find a twice used wheelchair that was still in its box for 2000 pesos. We checked whether it was necessary to have a vote for this amount and discovered that anything over 1000 pesos must be voted on. Sue Bell moved to approve spending 2000 pesos to get a reasonably good quality wheelchair. The motion was seconded by Tom Murray. Prior to the vote, there was then some discussion about size. The wheelchair that Cindi found is foldable. It folds out to the standard size, but is then expandable width wise to accommodate larger patients. The motion was carried unanimously and Cindi was recognized for all her hard work. Cindi will pay for it out of pocket and be reimbursed at a later date, when the treasurer is back in town.
- i. Vista Room – Steve/Teri - Sun protection for lock - not discussed
- j. Membership – Ray - was absent. We had four people at the meeting who were interested in becoming new members. Steve went over the possible methods for signing up and did mention that if they sign up using the paper slips to please print clearly so that the information can be easily read and entered into the digital system.
- k. Nominations & Elections - Steve - We will talk more about this in the fall
- l. Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing - Jim Loberg There will be a regatta to this coming weekend going from Punta Prieta to Colette Partida - and will race back on Sunday. It is intended as an event to get as many people out as we can to participate Everyone is welcome regardless of their type of boat. For that matter, swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers are all welcome. All participants who intend to go ashore on the islands should have a permit unless they are a permanent/temporary resident or Mexican citizen.

Throughout the summer they will continue to have weekend sails around the bouys.

- m. Charities - Sherri - The committee has a total of 6 members and will have their first meeting on Friday via Zoom. Their first goal is to establish the processes for selecting and vetting charities for our future donations. It is their hope to have this process clearly articulated in the coming couple of weeks.

7. Old Business

- a. Anchoring Map - We would like to create a new anchoring illustration that is better and more precise. Alan will take it to the navy to get more details. The navy will confirm or make suggestions about changes needed to anything we bring it to them, but they will not provide us with a map or any details

proactively. In addition to anchoring bouys and safe anchor zones, Alan feels that the new map should outline the sandbars more clearly and the crossing as well as the cable crossing.

- b. Mail - Steve - It used to be that people had their mail delivered here. During COVID, the marina office agreed to take over receiving of mail for anyone anchored at the marina. We considered eliminating the mailbox all together, but it is the mailing address for our club, so we will maintain it.

8. New Business

- a. Bob wanted to ask for recommendations of bands that we might be able to contact to work with us on fund raising events as well as ideas for type of events and fundraising activities that might be considered. Several ideas were suggested:
 - i. Selling hot dogs and such while the game is being shown on the big TV during Fall football
 - ii. Taco Tuesday on Monday as a possibility as a fund raiser - so we aren't in competition with the restaurants which are closed
 - iii. Music/dancing events - which types would people be interested in?
 - iv. Movie nights at which we sell popcorn
 - v. Beer Batter Shrimp event - Keith Radcliffe will teach us how to make New Jersey Beer Batter Shrimp.
 - vi. Ice cream social
- b. There was some discussion about potentially increasing the capacity of the wiring situation at the club so that we don't have as many problems with blowing fuses. It is a very big cost, but something that we are going to continue to talk with the Marina about. We would then share the costs with the Marina. We will need to do some fund raisers to raise our share of the costs.
- c. Blood drive - Cindy - we did have an arrangement set up before COVID to have blood drives at the club, but with COVID it fell apart. The organization is still willing to cooperate with us and we will follow this up in the fall.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board Meeting: October 18, 2022 4pm Vista Room

Next General Meeting: October 25 time and location TBD

10. Adjournment

- a. Alan Dick made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded it - motion was carried unanimously.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm