

Club Cruceros de La Paz

Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2024, 4:00pm
Vista Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Commodore 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; Jeff Brandt, Mary Jo Hood and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of **01/09/24** as posted – Bob; Second – Heidi; All Ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat presented the January 2024 treasurer's report. The Club's charity fund is doing well at \$163,359 pesos. The general fund is at \$62,391 pesos, and the coffee fund increased to \$12,385. Motion to approve the January 2024 treasurer's report – Jan; Second – Bob; All Ayes

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

- **Nominations and Elections Committee** – Steve appointed Heidi, Bob, Cindy and Pat. They will be seeking nominations to the Club's Board of Directors. Nominations open on February 16.
- **2023 Financial Review Committee Report:** Steve reported that the committee completed the review last Spring, but the Board hadn't received the report. The Club's 2022-23 financials were accurate and error-free.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Charities:** Sherri Brenner - 13 nonprofits submitted applications for funding. The committee will review the applications, make selections on February 21, and present their recommendations at the March 12 Board meeting.
- **Clubhouse & Bulletin Boards:** Jeff Brandt – The boards are up to date and look good. He and Cindy also reviewed the DVD library. Most are scratched and worn and/or pirated. They will be packed up and given away.
- **Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinoza announced that the coffee punch-cards are a raging success. You may purchase a card for \$100 pesos, which is good for ten cups of coffee. When you complete the card, the 11th cup is free. You can still purchase a single cup of coffee for \$10 pesos. One of the coffee pot cords gets hot when used. Stan and Cindy will decide on a new pot and keep this one aside.
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg – A list of available emergency equipment is on the website – clubcruceros.net.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy – The next sailboat race will be Sunday, February 25. More info on the Net.
- **Health and Welfare:** Cindy Espinoza – The Club blood bank is on hold until after the Mexico elections. In the meantime, Cindy has several volunteers who are eligible and will donate blood on behalf of Club members. Stan Perrott asked if there were people available to sit with members while in the hospital. It is difficult to sit all day, but someone needs to be with the patient. There used to be a list of available people. Stan and Cindy will check into it.
- **Membership:** Corinne Eklund - Reported 23 new members and 12 renewals in January.

- **Merchandise:** Jan St Pierre – Burgees are ordered and should be here within three weeks. New style hats and more shirts will arrive soon. If you would like to see the Club carry a particular item or would like to share ideas and take part in deciding and shopping, contact Jan at jlstp11@gmail.com.
- **Morning Net:** No report.
- **Social Events:**
 - Charity Beach Party Wrap-Up: Mary Jo Hood – The event was a big success again this year. Attendees enjoyed a sunny day with games, silent and live auctions, 50/50 drawing, bake sale and a special event menu. Donations raised totaled \$83,165 pesos.
 - Fireworks Cruise Out: Heidi invited everyone to ride their dinghy out to the bay and watch the fireworks from the malacon on Thursday, February 8.
 - The next Charity Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 18 at the clubhouse.
 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be on March 17, 5:00, at La Costa Restaurant. Jan is the event chair. If you would like to experience this unique prep and cooking process, please join Jan. (No, we don't have to cook.)
 - The Club's premier event, BayFest, returns this year on April 5-7. This year's t-shirt design was created by Chad Elish and La Paz Yachts. Congratulations on being selected!
- **Vista Room:** Leanne Lawrence – The door needs a new lock. A new procedure for using the Vista Room is in place to ensure people are aware of requirements to use the room.
- **Standard Operating Procedures:** Patsy Verhoeven reminded event chairpersons to review the SOP after their event and email any updates to her at patsyfish@gmail.com. Also let her know there are no changes, so she knows the information she has is current,

OLD BUSINESS

- **Disaster Fund Recommendation:** Tom Murray reviewed the history of the Disaster Fund, which has more than \$73,000 pesos and reported that the Club's process to distribute the funds in time of a natural disaster is already in place. After discussion, a motion was made. Motion to use the disaster fund to disperse as needed for beached-boat cleanup and retain \$10,000 pesos in the Fund to be used to maintain the Club's emergency equipment - Tom; Second – Heidi; All Ayes
- **Library Update:** Teri Hagen reported that books in the library will now be stamped with "Borrowed from Club Cruceros de La Paz" Although borrowed books might not make it back to the library, they shouldn't be sold.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board voted on an online request to reimburse Patsy \$1,186.44 for 166 BayFest shirts she purchased from the US. 5 Ayes 3 No response. Motion approved.
- Sue on Yarn Spinner donated a label maker that will be used in the library.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 4:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: 5:14pm Motion to adjourn – Tom; Second – Bob; All Ayes