

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ
MINUTES –GENERAL MEETING

Date: 12-15-15 Time: 4:00 pm Location: La Costa Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Gary Batha, at 4:00 pm.

The following Board members were in attendance: Gary Batha, Commodore; Richard Tripp, Vice Commodore; Shirleen Kisrow, Rear Commodore; Sandy Elterich, Treasurer; Lynda Foster, Secretary; Brian Jablonski, Director; and Teri Hagen, Director.

The following Board members were not in attendance: Shelly Ward, Jr. Staff Commodore and Steve Ott, Director.

All members and guests introduced themselves, gave their boat names and where they were moored .

There were no additions to the agenda:

A **motion was made, seconded and passed** to approve the minutes from the last general meeting:

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report** -Sandy Elterich reported the Club lost 5,941 pesos on the Thanksgiving Day dinner because many people who made a reservation didn't show up for the dinner. Other than that the Club is still doing well. 5,216 pesos was received for coffee this past month..
- **Commodore's Report** - Gary Batha reported that in the past there have been 200+ attending the Thanksgiving Day dinner; this year there only 153 that actually attended but many who made reservations didn't show up. Because of this, the Club lost money on the dinner. He announced that the following changes will be made next year for the Thanksgiving Day dinner: there will be a maximum of 150 attendees; cost of the dinner will be 100 pesos per person; and tickets for the dinner will be pre-sold. The Club will order 1 turkey for every 10 people. With limiting the number to 150 people the area where the dinner is served won't be as crowded.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Clubhouse** - Richard Tripp reported the termite problem will be handled at the end of December.
- **Charity** -Teri Hagen reported on the following charities:
 - *Vista Hermosa* – This is a very poor area on the outskirts of La Paz. There are no roads; no water; no electricity; and most of the houses are made of cardboard. A Christmas party was held for the children in that community earlier this month. Christmas gifts were given to over 100 children: most of the gifts were bought by club members and the quilters group purchased the balance of gifts that were needed. The quilters group also purchased the hot dogs, cupcakes and other items for the party.
 - *Food Baskets* – This Saturday, December 12, 2015, Gary Batha and Al Marchand will meet at Casa Buena to put together food baskets for needy families.
 - *Martin's Church* – Sandy Elterich reported there will be a party for the children in his church on December 23, 2015, and that Christmas gift bags will be distributed to 83 children. Most of these gift bags were provided by Club members and the balance were purchased by the Club. In addition, food baskets will be given to the 3 families whose children the Club are sponsoring in school this year.
 - *Fashion Show and Luncheon* – Teri announced this new charitable event is being held this year on January 9, 2016, at La Costa restaurant. She needs volunteers to help organize this event.
- **Coffee Hour** - Richard Tripp announced coffee hour is going well; it's making money at this time and broke even during the summer. He asked that if any coffee host cannot make it for their scheduled day to please make arrangements for a replacement to take your place. One person can't handle everything by themselves: the

coffee hour requires two people to cover it. Bill Holbrooke (*Wandering Puffin*) announced there are still problems with the coffee pots and that he and Dave (*Ansa*) are looking into the costs of new pots at various locations in town. He also asked that the coffee hosts be extra cautious during the coffee hour and to watch the pots so they don't run dry.

- **Community Liaison** - Brian Jablonski had nothing to report at this time.
- **Membership** – Lynda Foster announced there were 33 new members in November bringing the total membership to 431.
- **VHF Morning Net** - Brian Jablonski had nothing to report at this time.
- **Vista Room** - Teri Hagen advised that everything is running smoothly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- **Christmas Eve Potluck** – Shirleen Kisrow announced it will be held on 12/24/15 beginning at 5:30 pm. It is to be a dinner potluck so everyone should bring an appetizer, a main dish or a dessert to share. After the potluck dinner, Crossroads Christian Fellowship church will have a service in the parking lot at Marina de La Paz. Gary and Brian will be purchasing battery operated lanterns for a few of the trees in the area outside the Clubhouse to provide additional lighting for the social functions held there.
- **New Year's Eve Potluck** – Shirleen announced this event will be held on 12/31/15 beginning at 4:00 pm and it is an appetizer potluck so everyone is to bring a dish to share.
- **King' Day** – Shirleen advised this event will be held on January 6, 2016, and she needs some volunteers to help.
- **January Charity Beach Party** - Richard Tripp announced this event is scheduled for January 16, 2016, at La Costa restaurant. The events for the day will include Bocce ball, darts, cribbage, Mexican Train, Baja rummy and horseshoes. The entry fee for each event is 50 pesos. There will also be a bake sale. The events will start at 8:00 am and La Costa will have a breakfast menu available and will be grilling hamburgers and ribs for lunch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Printer for Clubhouse** - Brian Jablonski is working on the printer we have to see if it will work with the computer that was donated to the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mexican Charts** – Lynda Foster announced the catalog for Mexican charts will be put on the Club's website by the end of the week.
- **Help for residents in Mag Bay** - Bruce (*S/V Wild Goose*) advised that there is a need for financial help to assist 35 families in that area to restore their homes and wondered if there was any way the Club could help. He was advised that at this time the Club's main focus is on La Paz.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Monday, January 11, 2016** at 4:00 pm in the Vista Room. .

The next general meeting will be held on January 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The location will be advised prior to that meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Following the meeting our guest speaker, Neil Shroyer, spoke to us on importing parts into Mexico and also provided important information for new members on cruising in and around La Paz.