

I assume like most club members, I was pretty shocked and frankly appalled when I heard of the report from the Financial Review Committee that such a substantial amount of club funds had turned up missing. Out of concern for the future of the Club, I attended the next Club meeting where the numbers were reviewed and presented.

Many Club members spoke out during the comment session to air their disappointment and anger that something like this could have happened. While listening to the new Board and general member comments, it seemed clear to me that for the Club to move forward with credibility, not only did the current Board need to implement better procedures for the accounting of funds with appropriate safeguards, but that those who were in positions of authority while the funds were lost needed to resign from the Board. So while I have called Past Commodore Bill Holbrook a friend since we first came to La Paz back in 2008 (and I still do), I was happy to see both Bill and the former Treasurer resign. It was the right thing to do for the glaring mistakes that happened while they were at the helm.

Looking forward I believe Club members can let this event divide and destroy the Club or Club members can pull together as a cruising community and fix what was broken. Club Cruceros for all its faults and controversies, is a valued part of the Sea of Cortez cruising community.

I was pleased to see how the new Board handled this difficult issue with transparently and focused on setting up policies and procedures to prevent something like this from ever happening again. As a long-time supporter of Club Cruceros, the new Board has my support as it seeks to rebuild the trust and ethos of service and community, which should be the focus of Club Cruceros.

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