

Club Cruceros de La Paz

Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 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; Pat Waddell, Treasurer; Jeff Brandt, Director-At-Large; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore; Allison Porter, Alternate Secretary; Adam Moss, Alternate Director-At-Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Walker, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Mary Jo Hood and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of **02/06/24** as posted – Heidi; Second – Teri; All Ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report. Pat has suffered serious nerve damage to his right hand and will complete reports with Kimberly when she returns. The Club will be switching accounting systems from Sage to a spreadsheet system. Pat will not run as treasurer for next year. If you would like to serve in this position, please place your name on the nomination sheet in the Club library.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

- **Teller Committee Selection** – Steve appointed Rich Boren to lead the Teller Committee to oversee the election and ballot count.
- **Annual Membership Meeting and Election, Tuesday, April 9** – Steve reminded members that it was necessary to reschedule the next Board meeting to Monday, April 8 and Annual Membership Meeting and Election to Tuesday, April 9.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Charities:** Sherri Brenner stated the committee and members enthusiastically raised lots of funds throughout the year to distribute to local charities. Please see the report under New Business.
- **Clubhouse & Bulletin Boards:** Jeff Brandt noted that lots of new books have arrived.
- **Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinoza reminded coffee hosts to close the kitchen door when leaving the clubhouse. The Club is seeking a coffee host for Tuesdays. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Cindy at La Paz Yachts.
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy – No report.
- **Health and Welfare:** Cindy Espinoza will be coordinating the blood bank after government elections in July.
- **Membership:** Corinne Eklund reported that as of March 11, there are 338 active members, 46 new members and 27 renewals. Corinne thanked Steve for being at coffee to promote memberships. It has helped a lot. Using PayPal no longer works well for the Club. Patsy and Adam will look into other companies to accept online payments. The membership fee was discussed. The current exchange rate we use is no longer current. Motion to change the USD membership fee from \$10 to \$12. Motion – Teri; Second – Heidi; All Ayes.
- **Merchandise:** Steve reported the new embroidered burgees, our Club's distinguishing flag, arrived and they are beautiful. Get yours at the clubhouse for \$600 pesos, up from \$500 to cover the cost. New-style embroidered hats have also arrived and are selling quickly.

- **Morning Net:** No report.
- **Social Events:**
 - Heidi reported that the Superbowl Party was great. Thirty-seven people attended.
 - Cruise-Out – Heidi reported that eight boats with 17 attendees cruised out to Isla Espirito for a great weekend of comradery and fun. Plans are to do more in the future.
 - Heidi reported on the new and popular Club Happy Hour. Fifty-eight people attended the first one and 62 people at the second. It was decided to move the events to Thursday so not to compete with Captain Wayne. Plans are to do one a month.
 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be on March 17, 5:00, at La Costa Restaurant. 72 tickets were sold and only 28 left. Steve taste tested the meat and says it's delicious.
 - Adam reported that the Club's premier event, BayFest, returns this year on April 5-7, and plans are going great. Leanne said shirts are selling well and plans for the dinners at La Costa are also going great. Seminars are filled except Knot Tying. If you can teach six knots, please contact Heidi.
- **SOP and Bylaws:** Patsy Verhoeven presented a proposed change to the bylaws, which would eliminate the need for a general membership meeting to vote on an interim appointment to the Board. Patsy will email the board with the proposed change to determine if the change will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting for a vote from the members.
- **Vista Room:** Leanne Lawrence reported that the door lock was fixed, and the code changed.
- **Welcoming:** Allen Dick will chair this new committee, which includes Steve Brenner and Jimmy Loberg. They discussed creating a flyer with an anchorage map and relevant information.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations and Elections Committee – Heidi, Pat, Cindy and Bob, Board Liaison. Nominations to the Club's 2024-25 Board of Directors are filled except for the Treasurer position. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Club library, and announced on the net, website, and Facebook. Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Board meeting will be on Monday, April 8, 4:00, when nominations from the floor will be accepted and closed. Nominees will be announced on the website and net. The Annual Membership Meeting and Election will be held the next day, Tuesday, April 9, 4:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Charity Fund Distribution – Sherri Brenner reported \$163,000 pesos were raised this year for local charities. The Charity Committee reviewed the applications received and presented its recommendations to fund the following:

- **Baja Dogs** - Sterilization clinics \$ 5,000.00
 - **Destino School of Beauty** - Chairs \$10,690.00, trollies \$6,645.00, and hair clippers \$3,297.00
 - **Fundacion Astra** - Vitamins 4 months for 40 children \$17,000.00, Art Therapy lessons for 50 at-risk teens \$17,000.00
 - **Mama Benitas** - Paint, roofing supplies, and washing machine \$17,000.00
 - **Mar Libre** - Honorarium for instructors \$20,000.00
 - **Vincentinas** - Food, adult diapers, and hygiene products \$8,000.00
 - **Pro Paramedicos** - Ambulances \$20,000.00
 - **Rancho el Camino** - 2 Laptop computers for high school education \$17,800.00
 - **School Uniforms** - \$17,500.00
- TOTAL - \$159,932.00 pesos**

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Charity Committee recommendations to distribute \$159,932 pesos for applications submitted by nine charities. Motion – Heidi; Second – Jeff; All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- **Reimbursement Request:** Motion to reimburse Steve Brenner \$6,900 pesos for 50 Club hats at \$138 pesos each. Motion – Jeff; Second – Teri; All Ayes
- **Reimbursement Request:** Motion to reimburse Leanne Lawrence \$11,071 pesos for wine for BayFest. Motion – Jeff; Second – Teri; All Ayes

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday April 8, 2024, 4:00pm

NEXT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday April 9, 2024, 4:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: 4:52pm Motion to adjourn – Jeff; Second – Teri; All Ayes

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