

# CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ

## Minutes–Board Meeting

Date: 12-8-15 Time: 4:00 pm Location: Vista Room

Prior to the meeting being called to order Gary led a discussion concerning a recent letter of complaint received by the board from David Coxwell on behalf of the Pelican Theater. The Pelican Theater group had been using the Vista Room for rehearsals of their up-coming theater productions this year, as they had the previous two years. He wrote complaining of last minute scheduling changes and of another time their rehearsal time had been moved to the club house. The final complaint was the termination of the agreement made 3 years ago by Don Mitchel; re-affirmed two years ago by Shelly Ward.

After a brief discussion, and review of the Rules and Procedures for the Vista Room, Gary announced that the termination of the arrangement with the Pelican Theater Group was valid based on the following item in the Vista Room Rules: *“Any activity taking place in the Vista Room will be free of charge. Persons or groups using the facility may NOT collect fees, donations, gratuities, etc., from the attendees.”* There was no motion presented.

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

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

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

Introduction of guest, Patsy Verhoeven, website coordinator.

Open discussion by non-board members: there were no non-board members present.

Additions to the agenda: Gary Batha has an addition which he will announce later.

Approval of minutes from last board meeting: A **motion was made, seconded, and passed** to approve the minutes of the last board meeting.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report - Sandy Elterich reported that the Club lost 5,941 pesos on the Thanksgiving Dinner mostly because of people who made a reservation and didn't show up for the dinner. A copy of the P&L and other financial reports are attached to these minutes.
- Commodore's Report
  - Health and Welfare committee - Gary Batha reported that Cyndi Espinosa of La Paz Yachts has agreed to work on the new committee for health and welfare issues. He has also approached Dr. Fili Sanchez to serve on this new committee.
  - The complaint letter from David Coxwell regarding the Vista Room was discussed prior to the opening of the meeting.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Clubhouse - Richard Tripp reported that nothing has been done about the termites so far as they don't seem to be a problem at this time. We will wait until January to contact the exterminator.
- Coffee Hour – Richard Tripp advised that from now on there needs to be at least 2 people to work the coffee hour. There is too much activity for just one person to handle everything. If one of the coffee hosts is unable to show up they need to find someone to take their place. Sandy Elterich also advised that not all the coffee hosts are emptying the garbage cans or putting garbage bags back in the cans.
- Inventory – Sandy Elterich advised the Club is out of hats and she needs to re-order some and asked for suggestions of colors to order. After a brief discussion the consensus was to order beige, pink, navy blue and light blue hats.
- Charity - Teri Hagen
  - Giving Back to La Paz / Harker Board event – Teri advised this event was very successful.
  - Abel's group helping people get off the street – Sandy and Gary have not gone out to view this charity. The Club will look at them again in the future.
  - Martin's church – Christmas gifts for 18 children – The names of the children have been distributed. The party for the children will be on December 23<sup>rd</sup>; the time to be announced at a later date.
  - Christmas baskets for 3 families - Sandy reported she is preparing the gift baskets for these families.
  - Toiletries for senior citizens' home – Teri reported she has received nothing at this point. The club may try to do something for the seniors in January.
  - Gary announced that anyone working on a charity event needs to keep Teri informed of what is being done; all charity work should go through her.
- Community Liaison- Brian Jablonski had nothing to report at this time.
- Membership - Steve Ott not present. Lynda Foster reported there were 33 new memberships received in November bringing the total membership up to 431.
- VHF Morning Net - Brian Jablonski will have the morning net hosts announce a few of the new memberships every day. It was the consensus of the board that the names of renewal members should also be announced during the morning net.
- Vista Room -Teri Hagen advised everything is going well with the Vista Room except that the room is not always swept or cleaned up. Gary advised that all reservations and/or questions regarding the use of the Vista Room are to go through Teri. When the tables were returned from the Thanksgiving Dinner to the Vista room we received one table that belongs to Marina Palmira. It needs to be returned and retrieve the Club's table. Teri also advised that when the tables were returned from the Thanksgiving Dinner they had not been cleaned: they were really dirty and greasy.

- Website - Patsy Verhoeven announced that the new page this month is on "*Being aSea Turtle Spotter.*" She posted this article on the Club's Facebook page; Latitude 38 picked it up and reposted it; and the article ended up with over 1000 hits. Next month she will post an article on whale sharks. She has also updated the article on importing parts. She is continuing to put the minutes and agendas on the Website but is not posting the financial reports. She requested more information on the various charity events the club is working on; she would like short reports and photos, if possible.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS**

- Thanksgiving Day Dinner– There was a discussion about what changes should be made for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner next year. Gary recommended lowering the number of tickets from 200 to 150 because of many people made reservations this year and then did not show up it caused the Club to lose 5941 pesos. It was also suggested that advance tickets be sold and there be a cutoff date to purchase tickets and no more sales after that date. It was also suggested the price should be increased. **A motion was made, seconded and passed** that the ticket sales be restricted to 150 tickets and the price of each ticket be increased to 100 pesos.
- Christmas Eve Potluck - Shirleen Kisrow and Teri Hagen will do the decorations. It's a potluck and everyone is to bring a dish. Gary Batha and Brian Jablonski will be getting lanterns to hang from the trees.
- New Year's Eve Potluck - Shirleen Kisrow and Teri Hagen will also do the decorations for this potluck
- January 6th King's Day – Shirleen Kisrow will get the Rosca sweet bread for this event.
- January Beach Party - Richard Tripp announced the event will be held on January 16, 2016. Marta will have an early breakfast and will be barbecuing ribs and hamburgers. A discussion was held concerning to what charity or charities we should donate the proceeds from this event. Marta suggested a couple charities she had been involved with in the past. One of her suggestions, a local orphanage, is receiving sufficient assistance at this time. Richard will meet with Marta again to get more information on the other two charities she mentioned and also see if there are any others she would be interested in.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dia de Candelaria – Shirleen Kisrow will get the tamales and champurrado for this event.

A discussion was held on whether we should keep the Valentine's Party and St. Patrick's Day Party on the calendar or maybe do something different. The consensus was to keep both events.

- February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Party – Shirleen Kisrow and Teri Hagen will do the decorations. Marta will plan the menu.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day Party – this event will be kept. Chairperson to be advised later.
- March 31/April 3, Bay Fest – This will be addressed after the holidays.

A discussion was held concerning the "no drinking" policy at the clubhouse. There are usually a few people sitting around drinking a beer in the late afternoon. Teri Hagen said Neil Shroyer had indicated he was OK with that as long as it didn't get out of control. The "no drinking" signs have been removed around the clubhouse. Gary said he won't do anything about the drinking at the clubhouse at this time: will just leave it as it is.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Printer for Club house – Gary advised that we do have a printer at the clubhouse. Sandy Elterich advised we also have a computer but it has no battery so it must be plugged in. Brian and Gary will check out both the printer and computer to make sure they work.
- Pantera's letter regarding theft off boats and request for support from the Club – After a brief discussion it was decided that Gary Batha and Brian Jablonski will put together a letter of support that can be signed by all cruisers who want to and then it will be delivered to the offices of the various authorities involved.
- Drop off box for dog food donation - Lynda Foster advised we have not received our drop off box yet. The K9 refuge is looking for a lockable insert to put inside the box for us.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Guest Speakers for general meetings: Neil Shroyer will speak at our next meeting on importing parts and other relevant topics for new cruisers. Gary advised he has speakers lined up for January and February but needs ideas for more speakers.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING      Date: 12/15/15    Time: 4:00pm    Location: La Costa**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING      Date: 1/12/15    Time: 4:00pm    Location: Vista Room**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed** to adjourn the meeting at 4:52.

- Attachments to the minutes:
1. Financial reports dated 12/07/15
  2. List of new members for November, 2015
  3. Letter from David Coxwell dated 12/06/15
  4. Rules and Procedures for Vista Room