

Club Cruceros de La Paz

Board of Directors Meeting
November 21, 2023, 4:00pm
Vista Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Steve Brenner at 4:03pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Brenner, Commodore; Heidi Benson Stagg, Vice Commodore; Bob Walker, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Pat Waddell, Treasurer; Mary Jo Hood, Linda Keigher and Tom Murray, Directors-At-Large; Teri Hagen, Past Commodore.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of 10/24/23 as posted – Tom; Second – Heidi; All Ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat presented the October 2023 Financial Report. The Club is doing well. The general fund has \$77,000 pesos and the charity fund is at \$37,000 pesos. The vote will take place at the December meeting to allow the Board to review it.

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Board Position Open: Steve announced that Linda Keigher, Director-At-Large, resigned from the Board as she will be traveling for several months. We wish her safe travels and look forward to her return. If you are interested in filling this vacancy or would like to recommend another, please contact Steve or any Board member.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Charities:** Sherri Brenner noted there was an electrical power issue at the last pancake breakfast. We have additional power outlets now so the volunteers will ensure that more outlets are used. Discussion was held on whether the proceeds from the pancake breakfast go to the general fund or the charity fund. Motion to designate all proceeds from the pancake breakfasts to the charity fund. – Linda; Second – Teri; 5 in favor, 3 opposed.
 - The next Charity Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 3 at the clubhouse.
 - The 50/50 Yard and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 10 at the clubhouse. Anyone can participate to sell new or used items, plants, baked goods, etc. Half of your proceeds will be donated to the Club and half you keep. Volunteers are needed to prepare the area and set up and take down tables and clean up. To reserve a table, please sign up on the 50/50 sheet in the clubhouse.
 - Applications for charities to request funding are available in the clubhouse.
- **Membership:** Corinne Eklund, the new membership chair, reported 13 new Club members. Much discussion was held about the new membership system and the process to sign up or renew a membership. Members say the process is time-consuming and inconvenient. Steve and Corinne will work with those involved to make it more user-friendly.
- **Clubhouse and Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinoza reported that we have a full slate of weekly coffee hosts. Stop in and welcome new Club member and Saturday coffee host, Naailah. Also, the coffee hosts are now using two pots for coffee instead of one and another for hot water to avoid delays.
- **Bulletins & Notices Boards:** Jeff Brandt – The boards are up to date and look good.
- **Vista Room:** Steve reported that when Leanne Lawrence is back, he will turn over the Vista Room reservations and management back to her.

- **Social Events:** Mary Jo Hood. If you would like to work on any of the following events, please contact Mary Jo, “MJ” on Channel 22.
 - Fifteen members dressed in costume attended The Halloween Happy Hour for finger foods, drinks and laughter. Corinne won the costume contest.
 - The Christmas Eve potluck and the New Year’s Eve appetizer potluck will be held at the Clubhouse. More info to come.
 - The Beach Party will be held on Saturday, January 27. Donations of prizes for the games and baked goods for the popular bake sale are encouraged.
 - St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Dance will be held on March 17 at La Costa Restaurant.
 - The Club’s premier event, BayFest, returns this year on April 5-7. More info soon.
 - Heidi announced that tickets are still available for Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held Thursday, November 23, 2:00pm, at La Costa Restaurant. Tickets are \$400 pesos.
- **Merchandise:** Linda Keigher reported on the Club’s merchandise inventory. Since she will be gone for several months, she has resigned. The Club is seeking a Merchandise Chair to oversee and manage the decisions around the purchases and sales of Club merchandise. Jan will serve in the interim. If interested in being the Merchandise Chair, please contact any Board member.
- **Morning Net:** Rich Boren – No report
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg reported that the Club’s emergency pump worked well after the hurricane in helping to pump out water and refloat a beached boat. The pump and other emergency equipment are available for members’ use.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy said that the next race will be after the first of the year.
- **Website:** Patsy Verhoeven invited members to email event announcements, notices, stories, Club event photos, etc. to her at patsyfish@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Services Guide** – Heidi and Patsy worked over the summer to create the new Cruisers’ Services Guide in booklet form. Ads were included to cover the printing costs. Now the Club has the up-to-date service guide online and in booklet form. The new Guides were placed in this year’s Baja Ha-Ha packets and will be available at the clubhouse, marinas and other locations.
- **VHF Posters** – Steve has distributed the posters to the marinas. The posters let cruisers know they can access the morning net on Channel 22 Alpha.
- **Blood Drive Initiative** – Cindy Espinoza explained that this is a government program that allows establishing a blood bank for the Club, so when a member needs blood, it will be available. We won’t have to search for people who can donate during an emergency. Scheduling them to come for a day has been difficult. More information as it comes.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 4:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: 5:17pm Motion to adjourn – Teri; Second – Heidi; All Ayes