

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ
MINUTES –General Meeting
Date: 11-17-15 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; Shelly Ward, Jr. Staff Commodore; Brian Jablonski, Director; and Teri Hagen, Director.

The following Board member was not in attendance: 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 is still doing well. 18,000 pesos was received for coffee this past month and 13,000 pesos was spent on supplies. There were few expenses this month. The expense for the new lights outside the club house will be on next month's report.
- Commodore's report - Gary Batha
 - He announced that Board meetings are now open to the general members.
 - At the last Board meeting a general member suggested a committee be formed to provide health and welfare assistance to cruisers. This new committee will be organized soon and it will be announced at a later date.
 - There is a new channel in the bay that will make it easier to get down to Fonatur Marina. This channel must be kept clear; no anchoring will be allowed in the channel.
 - Anchoring in the bay - guest *speaker – Jimmy Loberg spoke about this later in the meeting.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Clubhouse - Richard Tripp
 - The termite problem will be handled at the end of December
 - The lights at the Clubhouse will be on from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm
- Charity -Teri Hagen announced there have been a few new charities started since May.
 - Giving Back to La Paz has received lots of items that will go to Harker Boards to distribute to children and families in the barrios.
 - The club will be asking for donations of blankets, pillows and food items to assist Abel's group in getting people get off the street
 - This Christmas the club will be asking members to help provide Christmas gifts to the 18 children in Martin's church who would not receive anything without our help.
 - The club will also provide Christmas food baskets to the 3 families we helped get their children registered for school.
 - Toiletries for senior citizens' home can be dropped off at Club House during coffee hour

- Lynda Foster announced that a drop off box for donations of dog food for K9 Rancho del Pero will be installed at Marina de La Paz's office in the near future.
- Coffee Hour - Richard Tripp announced coffee hour is going well.
- Community Liaison - Brian Jablonski had nothing to report at this time.
- Membership – Leanne Lawrence advised there is a new membership list in the backroom of the clubhouse.
- VHF Morning Net - Brian Jablonski announced the Board has revised the script for the morning net to state that advertisements are not to be done on the net but that social events may be announced with the admission price but no mention is to be made about food and/or drink prices. He also asked that people refrain from clicking the radio to interrupt what someone else is trying to say.

At this point, Jimmy Loberg reported on his recent visit with the Port Captain regarding anchoring in the Bay. There is to be no anchoring anywhere in the channel from Marina Palmira down to the Navy base. Abandoned boats are a big problem in the bay. Once a boat hits the beach or sinks the Navy can take it away as if it is just garbage. The Port Captain doesn't want any "unattended" boats in the bay so the thefts taking place on abandoned boats are not on his priority list. If the owner of a boat at anchor will not be on his boat but has hired someone to "watch" the boat on his behalf, be sure to advise the Port Captain the name and contact information for that person. He wants to be sure all boaters call the Port Captain's office before leaving the bay to determine if the port is open or closed due to weather. The new channel down to Fonatur Marina has both red and green buoys in place. There is still some dredging going on by Singlar. He also wants to remind all boats that are anchoring out to be sure they have their anchor lights on and they should also put garden style solar lights on the bow and/or stern of their boats. The Captain wanted all boaters to be reminded they need to call the Port Captain whenever they leave and return to the Bay. The Port Captain will ask a few questions. Patsy Verhoeven asked Jimmy if he would help her translate the script of the Captain's questions from Spanish to English and she will then post it on the Club's website.

- Vista Room - Teri Hagen reminded the members to just call her if you want to schedule time to use the Vista room.
- Website - Patsy Verhoeven - guest speaker. Patsy reviewed all that is on the Club's website. Her goal is to add one new page or link to the website every month. She announced that the "donations page" on the website was posted in Latitude 38. She has also updated the immigration page and has added a page for "boater's Spanish". There is a new page for hurricane preparations. She asked that she be informed of any needed changes for the services directory. The next items she will be adding include: a page on whale sharks; information on importing parts; and Pat Raines' article on touring in and around La Paz. A Q&A period followed her presentation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- Thanksgiving Day Dinner -Gary Batha and Brian Jablonski. People can start arriving at 2:00 pm; bring a side dish and your own plates, silverware, glasses, beverages, etc. Volunteers are needed for cleaning up. Volunteers are also needed to make the gravy at Casa Buena and delivering it to Marina Palmira before dinner is served.
- Baja Ha-Ha La Paz Welcome Party – Dennis Ross announced the party will be on Nov. 19, 2015 4:00 pm at La Costa.
- 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.
- 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.
- Quilters Christmas Bazaar – Shirleen announced this will be held on 12/13/15 beginning at 9:30 am at Marina de La Paz. There will be food and crafters.

- Subasta – Shirleen announced this FANLAP fund raising event will be held on 12/6/15.
- January Beach Party - Richard Tripp announced the details of this event will be available at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Printer for Clubhouse - Gary Batha announced he and Brian Jablonski will look for a printer to put in the club house.
- Movie night - Sandy Elterich announced that there will be a movie tonight in the Vista room starting at 6:00 pm

NEW BUSINESS

- Leanne Lawrence advised many people are not putting their contact information on the membership form and advised how important it is to have this information in case of an emergency . She requested that long time members contact her with any updated or revised contact information for them.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Vista Room. .

The next general meeting will be held December 15, 2015 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 5:00 pm.