

Club Cruceros de La Paz
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018 - Vista Room

CALL TO ORDER: Commodore Bill Holbrook at 4:00pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Holbrook, Commodore; Jody Ward, Rear Commodore; Quana Charlton, Treasurer; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Allyson van Os and Bob Walker, Directors-At-Large and Linda Keigher, Provisional Director-at-Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Monroe, Vice Commodore; Rainy Eastman, Past Commodore;

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: All guests present introduced themselves.

APPOINT DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE: Linda Keigher was appointed as the new Director-At-Large to fill the vacant position. Her appointment will be ratified. Motion – Sandy; Second – Ali. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 11/13/18: Motion to approve – Maggie; Second – Jody. All ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill reviewed the Club's financial statements for November 2018. Motion to approve – Jan; Second – Al. All ayes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Commodore's Report – Bill reported on the successful Thanksgiving potluck. 162 tickets were sold. A couple glitches will be fixed for next year – we will have a sound system and ensure all the turkey makes it out of the kitchen.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Charities:** Sandy reported that the Villas de Guadalupe study hall project has installed the new windows and door. The quilters group will be providing tables and chairs.
 - Additionally, you still have a few days to participate in providing Christmas bags for the children of Villas de Guadalupe and help make a child's Christmas a little better. At coffee hour, please bring your purchased items. You may also to donate cash and save a trip to the store. See Sandy for more info. Gift bags will be delivered to 63 children on Saturday, December 22.
 - The Club is still supporting three children for school.
- **Membership:** Bill reported we have 694 members as of November 30, 73 more than last month. Welcome new members!
- **Clubhouse/Coffee Hour:** The Club is seeking a new coffee host coordinator. Bill will continue to purchase the supplies. Also, backup hosts are needed to fill in when needed.
 - Bill reported the kitchen will be painted probably in January.
- **Vista Room:** Members noted a new water cooler is needed in the Vista Room
- **Club Equipment:** Bill and Doug did an inventory of Club supplies and equipment in the storage shed. There is an extensive list of medical supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers, wrist and ankle supports, etc. These are available for members to check out. Members discussed purchasing another wheelchair.
- **Website:** Patsy encouraged everyone to send announcements, events, photos, etc. to her to post on the Club website. Her email is patsyfish@gmail.com.
- **Morning Net:** Our new morning net head controller is Rich at La Paz Cruisers Supply. Thank you, Debbie, for managing the net over the last year. Welcome, Rich.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Committees are still forming, and volunteers are needed. Check on the website or the clubhouse for the committee list and see where you fit in.

- **Lighted Boat Christmas Parade – Dec. 22, 6:00pm** – Bill reported that 34 boats are signed up so far. The Mayor will award prizes for the best decorated boats and have a fireworks display. Sign up with event leader Sea Otter Jimmy.
- **Christmas Eve Potluck – Dec. 24** – This will be a dinner potluck. Contact Quana to help.
- **New Year's Eve Potluck – Dec. 31** – This will be a dessert potluck. Contact Quana to help.
- **Charity Beach Party – Saturday, January 19, La Costa Restaurant.** More info to come. Contact event leader Jody to help. Motion to correct the date from January 15 to January 19 – Jan; Second – Jody. All ayes.
- **Fashion Show** – The quilters will be putting on this fundraising event. More info to come.
- **Carnaval Parade Float – March 2, 3 & 4** – Annie and Bobi are the co-chairs. The float will be similar to previous years using a decorated panga with the help of lots of enthusiastic Club members offering their ideas and participation in decorating and preparing. Then, of course, we need everyone to come out to be a part of this fun parade float where we can promote Club Cruceros to the community. Contact Annie (Annie) or Bobi (Wandering Puffin) to see how you can help. The theme for this year is “Grandes Navigadores” (Great Navigators). That's us!
- **BayFest – April 3-7, 2019** – The Bayfest theme for this year is “Gateway to the Sea”. You are invited to submit artwork depicting the theme. Deadline is Friday, Dec. 22. Members will choose from those submitted. The artwork will be used on event t-shirts and other items to promote and commemorate this fun event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Boat racing** – Sea Otter Jimmy gave an overview of Valas de Baja, a monthly sailboat race on the bay event that was once Club sponsored. Several folks would like the Club to bring it back. Members present were in favor of starting it up again. Sea Otter Jimmy agreed to head-up this activity. More info to come.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Recycling** – Bill reported that the Club filled its first huge bag with plastic water and soda bottles in less than three weeks. The recycling project has expanded to include recycling points at Marina Palmira's cruiser's lounge, Marina Don Jose, Marina de La Paz and Bob Marlins. Talks are taking place with the Hotel Association and Tourist Association. The plastic is collected, bailed and sent to the states for recycling. This activity doesn't benefit the Club except that people are enthusiastic about doing a small part in saving our oceans. *Please crush your empty bottle and replace the cap.*

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, January 15, 2018, 4:00pm, Location TBD.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 8, 2018, 4:00pm, Vista Room

ADJOURNMENT: 4:49pm

PRESENTATION – VOCES DE NINOS – Linda Bott, Dot Middlemass and Karina Ramos, parent.

Voces de Ninos is a nonprofit program to provide no-cost, home-based speech therapy to children of impoverished families. They offer inservices and assist families in overcoming barriers to needed services. The cost for therapy is \$2000 pesos a month for a 26-week (not necessarily consecutive weeks). They have many success stories to share. Visit their website – <http://vocesdeninos.com> – or and Facebook page to learn more and/or to donate. On behalf of the Club, Bill presented the proceeds from our flu shot clinic - \$2700 pesos – to assist with the organization's amazing services.