

Agenda

Club Cruceros General Meeting, March 16, 2023

1. Call to Order - Commodore - Steve Brenner called the meeting to order at 4:03.
2. Attendance – Commodore - Steve Brenner, Secretary - Sue Bell, Vice-Commodore - Doug Monroe, Treasurer - Kimberley Lafferty-Stonier, Ray Hassenstein, Stan Perrott, Charlie Moorhead, Esther Monroe, Garth Stonier, Heidi Stagg, Leanne Lawrence, Janet Guilford. We do not have a quorum
3. Additions to the agenda - Dr Sheddy
4. Recognitions and Opening Remarks – Commodore, Steve Brenner - We're almost to the end of this season and it is wonderful how much progress has been made in bringing the club back following COVID. That progress is thanks in large part to the current Board, but also to many of the hard working members of the club who have come forward to participate, volunteer and support the many activities and events that we have been able to put on this year. Well done everyone.
5. Minutes – minutes have been posted, but we don't have a quorum to approve them. We will need to approve the past meeting's minutes at the next meeting for which we have quorum.
6. Appointments of Officers - none
7. Reports & Comments - Board
 - a. Vice Commodore -none
 - b. Rear Commodore - Bob is having hernia surgery today so he is not here.
 - c. Past Commodore - Teri Hagen is out cruising so no report.
 - d. Secretary - nothing
 - e. Treasurer - We're doing great! Based on our current expenses, projected expenses and current status of funds we have enough to keep us solvent. Once the charities are paid out our cashflow will diminish, but that is to be expected.
 - f. Directors at Large - nothing
8. Reports and Comments – Committee Chairs
 - a. Events – Heidi - St. Patrick's, Wine tasting, other

- i. We have sold out of St. Patrick's Day tickets. We anticipate this will be a little bit of a money making event given we will be having a 50/50 draw and we are charging 50 pesos per ticket over cost. There are very few additional expenses for this event particularly given that Marta is donating the time of her brother's band for the music. Normally we would have to pay for the music out of our revenues. 120 tickets have been sold. Thanks so much to Jan St. Vincent who has been Heidi's right hand and has made things go forward smoothly despite Heidi being ill. They are still looking for more help with servers. Sue and Doug and Marion volunteered to help with serving.
- ii. The next event is the Wine tasting on April 15. The tickets will be 300 pesos each which will get you samples of 5 different wines from Vi'dah along with appropriate munchies to accompany them.
- iii. Other upcoming events:
 - 1. End of watch event after the elections on April 13
 - 2. End of season potluck is on track for May 7
 - 3. Beach cleanup on the Magote to come as well
- b. Bulletin & Notice Boards – Marion has been keeping an eye on the bulletin boards while Jeff is out of town
- c. Coffee Hour - Cindy is not here, but were are doing fine with the Coffee Hour fund and are now making a small amount of money. It is very good to see that efforts to change behaviors have been successful and that we have been able to get out of the red. Thank you to everyone who has helped on that front.
- d. VHF Net - Richard is not here, but has promised to put out an updated script and an approved list of net callers.
- e. Health & Welfare - no report
- f. Hurricane Response – Sea Otter Jimmy is out of town so is not able to report
- g. Medical & Emergency Equipment - no report
- h. Vista Room – There have been some people wanting to book the room, but messages to Leanne have not been going through. She will update her contact information. There has been a request for a date for the US Consulate talk on social security in the coming weeks. More information will be made available soon.

Leanne pointed out that one day last week the door was not only unlocked but left ajar. We need to be all be very careful to make sure that at the end of all meetings in the Vista Room the chairs are properly put away (facing forward - or the don't fit DO NOT put ANY chairs on top) as well as tables, and that the door is closed and locked.

- i. Membership – We are trying to get everyone to now register online and then put their payment in an envelope and put it in the box or pay via PayPal. We completed a one month pilot that we used to identify some challenges with the strategy we were using and have put some revisions in place to help overcome those. We did note that many of the renewing members have not been filling in the form and just putting money in an envelope with their name and putting it in the slot. It is important to note that since we need to ensure that we have an audit trail it is essential that everyone fill out the online form, even if it is to just type in your name and check the box to say that you are renewing as well as putting your name on the envelop with your money (or making your payment using PayPal) so that the Treasurer is able to connect the two with clear evidence. New signage will be put up to help ensure that everyone is clear about what needs to be done and how.

There was some concern expressed about a small group of people who will NEVER fill out an online form. However, as Steve pointed out, we can help those individuals out on a special assistance basis, but we are not going to throw out the electronic system to accommodate those few who will refuse. The benefits of the new system outweigh the potential frustrations of a few.

- j. Nominations & Elections - Doug - as of right now Steve Brenner will be running for commodore again. Heidi Stagg will be running for Vice Commodore. Bob Walker will be running for Rear Commodore again. Teri Hagen has agreed to continue as past commodore. Linda Keigher, Mary-Jo Hood, and Tom Murray are all running for director at large again. These are all positions that are not contested. We are still seeking someone for the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. We must identify someone for these two critical roles before elections next week. There have been a couple of people identified who might be willing and conversations are ongoing. If you know of ANYONE who would be willing and interested in these roles, please approach them about it as soon as possible. Elections will be next month on April 13.
- k. Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing – Jimmy is away so no report
- l. Charity - Steve reported for Sherri - We had 10 applications for support and 8 of those were approved to receive part of the 135000 pesos we have available for charity. The organization that will be receiving grants this year will be: Momma

Bonita - a homeless shelter, the Mexico Marine Wildlife Rescue Centre, Rotary school uniforms project, La Esperanza School Construction Project. Pro-Paramedicos for money to help with maintenance of their two ambulances, Voces de Niños - speech therapy for children, Voluntarias de Vicentinas Centro #2 - a home for seniors. There is one more group that has received tentative approval, but we are working on getting more information from them prior to distribution of funds. The Charities have not yet been advised but the Charity Committee will

9. Old Business

- a. Blood Dive - Cindy is not here so no report
- b. Club Furniture - We need some muscle to help with moving the furniture once it arrives and some help to paint and stencil them. Steve will make an announcement asking for help on the NET. Doug mentioned that there are stencils and paint in the Bodega. There was some question as to whether we need to buy all of them now when the season is almost over, but if we wait to the fall they will not be available and the price will be higher.
- c. Net Posters - Steve is working on getting posters up in all of the marinas

10. New Business

- a. Support for Mar Libre - Pablo Ahuja is working with divers and boaters to help clean up the abandoned boats in the inner bay. Steve wants to bring this to the attention of the club at large so that people can think about getting involved in the fall.
- b. Dr. Shedly Chuffed - Veterinarian who travels around on her boat and wants to do a talk in the Vista Room about animal first aid while boating. Dr. Shedly needs someone to be the Club Member who can accompany them for the session. Leanne has agreed to be the person who will help out and will arrange a date.
- c. Stan has asked for permission to throw out any really bad DVDs. Steve gave him permission to cull some of them. Next year we may need to think about culling the majority of the collection because there is such little use, so in the meantime Stan has permission to cull the collection as he sees fit.
- d. There was some concern expressed about the door to the clubhouse being left open all night. Steve says there is a key and that it is supposed to be being locked after 10 pm and opened before 7 am. Steve will talk to Neil about making sure it is being taken care of.

11. Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board Meeting: April 6, 2023, 4:00 pm Vista Room

Next General Meeting: April 13, 2023 - ELECTIONS!!!!!! 4:00 pm Vista Room

12. Adjournment - Steve called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:44