

Catalina Island Yacht Club

Board Meeting

March 3, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present

Commodore Roland Rapp, V/C Steve Shea, R/C Gary Tolar, P/C John Wells, Jr S/C Carlos Chacon, Bob Flaig, Larry Gottlieb, Mary Haller, Kirk MacInnis, Warren Platt, Tom Thacker, Randy Weaver, Chris Wiltsey.

Members Present

David Baker, Randy Boelsems, Louie Bozanich, Nick Bozick, Stewart Brash, Paul Bushaw, Pete Compton, Dan Devoe, Tom Fipp, Gary Granbery, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, David Johnston, Keith Jorgensen, S/C Brad Kelly, Doug Kelly, Jeff Kingsley, Bob Kircher, Ray Kovacs, S/C Michael Levitt, Chris Lund, Marshall Rogers, Doug Rousso, S/C Kenny Rozak, Tom Sparks, Jack Taylor, Richard Townsend, Chuck Wert.

Guest Present

Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Chairman Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1700 hours. Roland asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the February 2021 minutes which were distributed earlier after several drafts. Hearing no objections, they will stand approved as distributed.

Commodore/Chairman's Report – Roland Rapp

Roland wanted to thank the 40 members that booked for the Commodore joint cruise with V/C Steve Shea, unfortunately that cruise has been cancelled and replaced with a 10 day cruise which starts on May 15, 2022 from Athens Greece to Venice, Italy. It is on the Regent Seven Seas Voyager Cruise Ship.

Roland then reported on Dan Devoe and Kirk MacInnis meeting with the City of Avalon City Manager Denise Radde regarding the parking and hill stabilization.

The conclusion of this meeting is 1) City will agree to permit parking in our normal parking area if the Club sends an email that agrees to hold the City harmless from any hillside slide related damage or injury and 2) Ms. Radde would help coordinate a meeting with the City's Public Works Director, Bob Greenwood, to discuss the hillside stabilization. A copy of the requested email to Ms. Radde was previously sent to the Board.

Roland said that we believe the City had at one time hired an engineering firm to evaluate the hillside along Casino Way but that it is unclear if they ever completed the work and issued a report or recommendations for stabilization of the hillside. Roland also thanked Dan and Kirk for the work they are doing on this project.

Vice Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported that we are still under Los Angeles County requirements for opening. They have not changed to red tier which will allow us to re-open the club with indoor seating. Good news is we are getting closer and closer to herd immunity so we should be able to open the club up more than we did last summer. And get to the new normal, whatever that ends up being.

Steve also brought up the point-of sale (POS) system foreUp which was approved at the February 2020 board meeting, but we held off on implementing due to Covid restrictions. The foreUp company's POS system is currently used by other yacht clubs and is working well. Our current POS system does not function well, crashes periodically, is slow, and not user friendly. The new system would have features and functionality that would make it easier for the staff to use as well as help members keep track of their charges and integrate with our current accounting systems.

Steve proposed that the Board approve the purchase and installation of the foreUp POS system this Spring for implementation before the summer season. The new system cost would include a one-time capital expense of \$6200 for hardware and installation plus an annual \$3500 per year subscription fee. Randy Weaver noted that the Capital portion is a reallocation and does not require a change to the current budget. Randy also said that since this is a cloud based system that relies on internet service at the Club, the proposal includes a wifi hot spot as a back-up internet connection in case the Catalina Broadband wired

internet service goes down. Randy also noted that he did review the system last year and believe it will work well for the club's purposes

Tom Thacker seconded the motion. There was much discussion including concerns over the ongoing subscription amount and whether the club should spend the money. Several members expressed the need to make the system change now to avoid the continued system failures plaguing the club and that the current system has never really functioned well at all.

After extensive discussion motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Roland asked Randy and Jenny to move forward with the new POS system to try to get it working by work weekend in May 2021.

Rear Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that all is quiet on the Mooring front. He said he has not assigned any moorings so far this year. Gary expects this is the quiet before the storm, as we anticipate demand will increase as better weather emerges amongst a hopefully less restrictive environment.

Gary said that as a reminder, demand continues to exceed capacity for Club moorings 60 feet and above. As always, we will do our very best to accommodate everyone, but want to manage everyone's expectations. We always suggest larger boats consider coming in earlier in the week if possible, to secure a mooring directly with the Harbor Department.

Gary said we've sent out Mooring Authorization cards and have received most back from our very generous mooring owners, thank you! If you have received one, but haven't had an opportunity to return, please do so at your earliest convenience.

S/C Rozak asked if Gary knows of any Members that have purchased the larger moorings. Gary said that he hopes to be able to announce that information in the near future.

Port Captain's Report – John Wells

John reported that the Conservancy Ball is the main fundraiser for the Catalina Conservancy. The Ball will be a virtual event on Saturday April 10th and they will be offering a \$150 dinner per person at Bluewater Grill if you have one near your house.

John also reported that no Club events have been cancelled and we are hoping to have a very successful summer with lots of exciting events.

Roland stated historically the Club has supported the Conservancy Ball and encouraged support this event. Roland also said that Kathy Hamilton did a similar remote dinner for the Catalina Island Medical Center Foundation and it was very successful. The food from Bluewater Grill was fantastic.

Tom Fipp noted that the Conservancy has asked him to circulate the information out to the Catalina Island Yacht Club and that the website for registration was somewhat confusing. He suggested that he prepare registration instructions to go along with an email blast to all Members. Roland asked Tom to work with John Wells and Bob Flaig to prepare and send the email blast.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy said we have \$400K in capital reserves and are on budget for expenses for the year. All annual dues have been paid except for one member who we will be discussing in Executive Session later this evening as that Member has decided to resign from the Club. Dues were budgeted at 180 members and we billed 177.5 members this year. We spent \$6800 in Capital reserves in January which was spent on scaffolding and the flag mast on the back deck.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob reported that photos and edits to the 2021 Roster need to be sent to him by March 31st along with the Commodore Bio and any other changes. Bob hopes to have the 2021 Rosters printed and delivered to all Members by end of April 2021.

Bob also reported that he received input from Jr S/C Carlos Chacon and the S/Cs to not add any new additional honorary members this year with the exception of the Harbor Master and the Commodore of LBYC.

Roland noted that there are two classes of honorary membership: Class A and Class B. The Class A Members can request a mooring and guest people into the Club. Class A Honorary Members are traditionally Commodores and Jr S/Cs from either BCYC or LBYC.

Tom Thacker asked that Bob Flaig send an invitation to new Honorary Members to get their approvals before we print their information in the Roster and noted that the club started this process a few years ago out of respect for the honorees privacy preferences.

Bob moved to approve the proposed Honorary list subject to the approval by the Honorary Members themselves. Randy Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

House Committee Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk reported on the flagpole on the back deck needs structural upgrades and is looking for resources to supply the steel needed. He anticipates the flagpole project will be completed later this month.

The other current project is the Tower restoration including the dome, turret and weathervane. Kirk is going out to bid to remove the glass turret and replace it with more modern material. Kirk will involve the long-range committee with this project as he anticipates that the Tower project will exceed the amount budgeted.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible materials to be used for the turret (including wood, fiberglass and aluminum) and timing (including the concern that the scaffolding may need to remain up past opening day and into July if materials cannot be sourced timely. Further discussion regarding the importance of restoring the tower properly to last several years as well as the potential impact of retaining the scaffolding through the summer since it would completely block the access along the east walkway.

Kirk indicated that he will look into all options and report back to the Flag and the Board as information develops.

Club Manager Report – Jennifer Armstrong

Jennifer said nothing to report as the club is very quiet, but she did want to thank Larry Gottlieb for providing the face shields which helped us reopen.

Foundation – Randy Weaver

Randy said nothing to report.

Membership – S/C Brad Kelly

Brad reported that there are currently 171 Members based on a resignation this week from Garth Hogan. He is presenting two prospective members at Executive Session later tonight which if they are both approved would bring us to 173 Members. He also noted the prior discussion on whether the three Senior S/C Class A members count in the 180 member total. Brad also has two other active prospective members that he will be sending an email blast out next week with hopes to present them to the Board in the April 2021 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the treatment of the Senior S/C Class A and the 180 member limit. S/C Michael Levitt commented that Senior S/C Class A are regular members, but can still be excluded from the 180 maximum at the Board's discretion.

Tom Thacker inquired about the basis for the 180 maximum, noting that there is no such reference currently in the bylaws. This matter is referred to the Bylaws Committee for review and recommendation.

S/C Kenny Rozak thanked S/C Brad Kelly for doing an outstanding job with membership during a very tough year due in part to the Covid-related complications.

Bylaws Committee – Jr S/C Carlos Chacon

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1810 hrs.

Executive session

The Board convened for an executive session and approved new Members Les Davidson and Sam Easterday. The Board also accepted Garth Hogan's request to resign from the Club effective January 31, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Flaig, Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman