Catalina Island Yacht Club

Board Meeting

April 7, 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, Tim Salyer, Tom Thacker, Randy Weaver, Chris Wiltsey.

Members Present

Chuck Boppell, Louie Bozanich, Paul Bushaw, Maureen Cocchi, Tom Collins, Pete Compton, Dan Devoe, Sam Easterday, Gary Fiamengo, Tom Fipp, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, David Johnston, S/C Brad Kelly, Doug Kelly, S/C Michael Levitt, Barry Levy, George Padgett, Marshall Rogers, S/C Kenny Rozak, Anthony Salcido, Diane Schneider, Jack Taylor, Bud Volberding, Jon Wray.

Guest Present

Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Chairman Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1700 hours. Roland welcomed the two new members Maureen Cocchi and Sam Easterday who joined for their first meeting.

Roland asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the March 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 discussed the proposed changes to the special event use forms for the Terms and Conditions as well as the application to request such use, both of which were previously distributed to the Board and which incorporate the special event pricing model that was approved previously this year. Roland noted that in addition to incorporating the new pricing and some technical language refinement, the new proposal clarifies that (i)the dinghy dock is not included with the special event use unless specially approved by the Board and (ii)CIYC Members are always able to access and use the Club during any special event. V/C Steve Shea made a motion to approve the special event forms as presented. P/C John Wells seconded the motion. After some discussion regarding the insurance provisions in the document, the motion passed unanimously.

Roland reported that there are 15 lockers at the Club. We have 8 members that have notified us that they have a locker and which locker number they have. He proposed that some method of assignment and charge should be established so that other members might have access to the unused lockers. Kirk MacInnis noted a prior year's proposal to eliminate the lockers so as to provide better and expanded liquor storage, and suggested that he might be able to build a new storage cabinet that accommodated existing locker users (if the number of users was low enough) and helped with the liquor storage issue. Roland made a motion that we notify the existing 8 members with locker assignments that we will grandfather their locker use if they pay a $100 annual fee and that locker use will be eliminated by attrition to provide for expanded liquor storage. Tom Thacker seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion passed.

Roland next provided an update on the status of the hillside stabilization and parking issue and the results of the recent meeting with Dan Devoe (City Liaison), Kirk MacInnis (House Committee Chairman) and city officials regarding this topic. He reported that the City would like us to help them pay for a proposed topsoil removal project that they had planned, and would further support the addition of a retaining wall that would be designed to stabilize the hillside and add parking to be reserved for CIYC members. Additionally, the City officials suggested that if we pursued and funded the investment in these improvements, the City may give us an extension to our lease. Dan Devoe added that the City is concerned about the hillside coming down and the ugliness of the hillside.

Larry Gottlieb noted provision 3.3 of our Lease with the City may provide an opportunity to require an extension of the Lease for City approved capital improvements that require financing.

Roland made a motion that the Board direct Dan, Kirk, and Roland to pursue an agreement with the City to move forward with the improvement projects outlined and an extension of the Lease. This motion was seconded by Steve Shea. After extensive discussion, the motion was approved.

Vice Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported the Fore-Up Point of Sale (POS) system contract is signed and it is in the process of being installed with hope to have it done in time for work weekend. Randy Weaver reported that the training of the new POS system would begin next week using test data and that once the training was completed we will start to use our actual data.

Steve also discussed that a Commodore's Photo Wall committee has been set up by the Auxiliary chaired by our Historian, Renee Hunter. The Auxiliary's proposed plan is to (i) take all of the Commodores pictures down (ii) scan (for preservation and retouch if necessary) the original photos, (iii) reprint the new images, (iv) replace the frames (with UV protection glass) and name plates, and (v) rehang the new framed photos. The Auxiliary anticipates approval by their Board to fund most if not all the cost for this project. S/C Dave Horst has volunteered to use his high definition scanner to scan in all the photos and then fix the photos if needed. The Auxiliary is seeking board approval for the Commodore Wall preservation project before they move forward. Kirk MacInnis asked if the location of the new photos would be changed from the current location due to the limited space available for future years' Commodores. Roland commented that a location change should be separately considered by the Board at a future date before the new photos are rehung and suggested that members consider the opposite wall as a possible alternative.

Steve made a motion that the Board approve the Auxiliary's Commodore Photo Preservation Project as outlined in the proposal. John Wells seconded the motion. Larry Gottlieb suggested an amendment to the motion to create two phases: One to approve restoration of the photos, and then 2nd phase to approve the new frames and put them back on the wall. Hearing no second to the proposed amendment, the original motion after extensive discussion was unanimously passed.

Steve finally reported that the status of the Covid restrictions for LA County would likely diminish by June 15th to allow most businesses to open, but expected that the current mask mandate may still be in place.

Rear Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that it has been pretty slow in March with only one mooring request which was fulfilled and the Mooring owner for that mooring received a nice thank you email after the member used that mooring.

Port Captain's Report – John Wells

John reported that the Conservancy Ball is this Saturday April 10th.

John next reported that event registration is set up on the CIYC website. Bob Flaig has added all the events to the website. All events should have maximum capacity of around 80 people based upon current Covid restrictions. Steve asked if there will be any limitations on number of guests a member can bring to an event. Roland recommended that we continue last year's policy of allowing each Member up to two guests plus their Spouse per event reservation due to capacity limitations, but allow the Port Captain to make exceptions.

John also reported that we will retain the regular schedule for work weekend with a free lunch for the members that show up for work weekend. Jenny Armstrong our Club Manager will be in charge of this lunch on Friday April 30th.

Roland noted that the board meeting on work weekend (May 1 at 0800 hrs) will be a live meeting at the Club as well as zoom for members that cannot attend in person.

Club Manager Report – Jennifer Armstrong

Jennifer inquired about availability of printed trifold social calendars. John Wells reported that the entire social calendar is available on-line and will send printed trifold event flyers to Jenny for new member orientations coming up. Jenny has updated all printed items with new CIYC logo that Minuteman Press created for us. Jenny also reported that she has signed up for a system that assists her in developing content for the new digital display that was recently installed at the Club. Roland commented that the new reader board should be named the "Shea Display".

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that there has been very little financial activity since the last meeting: a few cocktails were purchased at the Club last month for a total of less than $300; capital reserves are at $390K;and that operating cash is really flush since all members paid their annual dues by the end of February. Randy added that is the first time this has happened in the 6 years since he has been the Treasurer. Additionally, that our year-to-date operating profit is $65K; that we are on budget so far; our capital expenses last month were $9700 (due mostly to termite repairs on the tower); and that YTD capital improvements are $18K primarily due to tower repairs.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob indicated three items to report. First that Shannon Hill, one of the Honorary Members that the Board approved last month, is no longer the COB for the Avalon Medical Center and no longer residing in Avalon. She suggested that we consider replacing her with a membership to Tammy Moore who is the COO for Catalina Medical Center. Bob also noted that we have in the past offered an Honorary Membership to the Medical Center's COO.

Second that Julie Perlin Lee has resigned as Catalina Museum Director. Julie has recommended that Johnny Sampson, who is the Exhibitions Director, be offered an Honorary Membership in her stead as he is working with S/C Dave Horst and S/C Jim McCampbell on a CIYC exhibit at the museum. Kathy Hamilton who serves on the Avalon Hospital Foundation Board commented that she supports offering Tammy Moore the Honorary Membership. Further discussion about the subject ensued primarily in support of both recommendations. Roland noted that he would take Bob's recommendations as a motion to approve these two new Honorary Members to replace the two Honorary Members that are being removed. Steve Shea seconded motion. After additional discussion motion was approved.

Bob finally reported that the deadline for changes to the 2021 Roster was today and that he hoped to have the hardcopy books in members hands by opening day.

House Committee Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk reported that the Flagpole repairs will be completed upon its re-installation tomorrow and that he anticipates the City Float being towed back from long beach in time for work weekend. He noted that we now have a signed contract for the painter for tower; that the replacement for theglass turret has been ordered;

and that the scaffolding will remain up into June, but that we are hoping to remove the portion blocking access to the eastside walkway after the painting is done next month.

Kirk also indicated that he will send a detailed maintenance report on status of all projects to the Board in the next couple of weeks.

Foundation – Anthony Salcido

Anthony reported that Randy Weaver has been working with the City on their suggested donation requests. The Foundation Board has approved $3625 to Avalon Youth Sports and prior to this the Foundation board approved $7250 to Avalon Youth Sports.

Bylaws Committee – Jr S/C Carlos Chacon

Carlos reminded that his committee includes: Mary Haller, S/C Dave Horst, S/C Michael Levitt, and Tom Thacker. Additionally, that the committee had initially considered six proposed modifications, but determined that only three items merited consideration for change this year. One of those items is the ambiguity of whether the Staff Commodore A (S/C A) is included or excluded from the current 180-member limit. The committee proposes a bylaw change under 3.6.3 subpart (1) to clarify that the S/C A is a full member, but will not be included in the 180-member limit because (i) they only pay half the regular dues and (ii)our Treasurer has excluded the S/C A from the 180 member total for the past 5 or 6 years for budgeting purposes, so this approach would be consistent with our recent past practice.

Carlos then made a motion on behalf of the Bylaw Committee that we amend bylaw 3.6.3 part (1) to read as follows: “Senior Staff Commodore “A” which class shall pay 50% of Regular Membership dues shall be deemed to be a Regular Member retaining all the rights thereto, but shall no longer be counted as a regular member under paragraph 3.4.” Steve Shea seconded motion. After additional discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Membership – S/C Brad Kelly

Brad reported that Les Davidson and Sam Easterday were approved as regular members at the las Board meeting which brought our current count to 173 regular members, and that the committee would be presenting two more prospective members to the Board that have been duly posted. which, if approved would bring the count to 175 regular members.

Brad said that we have 1 completed application on the wait list and another 15 or 16 prospective members that found us from the CIYC website but need three sponsorships from existing members. Introductions have been hard to arrange in the times of Covid.

There being no further business for the open session, the non-board members other than Mr. Kelly were excused.

Executive session

The Board convened for an executive session and approved new Members Don Willet and Dave Austin.

The meeting adjourned at 1800hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bob Flaig, Secretary **Roland Rapp, Chairman**