Catalina Island Yacht Club

Board Meeting
May 1, 2021
At the Club and 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, Tom Thacker, Randy Weaver, Chris Wiltsey.

Members Present

Dave Austin, Randy Barb, Mitch Bernardo, Louie Bozanich, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Maureen Cocchi, Tom Collins, Matt Crochet, Steve Davis, Dan Devoe, Todd Gleason, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, Taylor Hunter, David Johndrow, Bill Larkin, S/C Michael Levitt, S/C Jim McCampbell, Gary Richards, Marshall Rogers, Anthony Salcido, Jack Taylor, Gregg Thompson, S/C Jim Wachtler

Guest Present

Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Chairman Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 800 hours. Roland welcomed two new members Dave Austin and Maureen Cocchi to their first meeting at the Club.

Commodore/Chairman's Report – Roland Rapp

Roland noted the policy set forth in the Bylaws for selection of Committee Chairs and discussed the role and selection criteria for the Long-Range Planning Committee.Roland then announced that Randy Weaver, Kirk MacInnis and S/C Jim Wachtler would continue as committee members and that he was appointing S/C Kenny Rozak and Mary Haller as new members. Roland also announced that S/C Jim Wachtler has agreed to take over as Committee Chairman.

Roland then reported that S/C Brad Kelly resigned last week as Membership Chairman since he will be moving to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but will keep his

Avalon mooring and his boat in Dana Point. Roland further announced that Kathy Hamilton has agreed to assume the position as Membership Chairman.

Jr. S/C Carlos Chacon made a motion to approve each of these new appointments. Steve Shea seconded the motion. After some additional discussion, motion passed with one board member opposing the motion.

Roland next provided an update on the status of the hillside stabilization and parking issue noting that he has reached out to the City on this topic advising them that our Board had approved pursuing the improvements discussed previously and that we now have a quote of approximately $227K to build a larger retaining wall with a roof. Kirk MacInnis (House Committee Chairman) reported that a portion of the project includes the City's desire to get a tractor to the island to remove topsoil at top of the hill overlooking the club and that CIYC would need to fund if it were to get done due to city budget shortfall. He also reported that other than the topsoil projected to be removed that we believe the majority of the hillside is bedrock. Discussion ensued about the role of and communications with the adjacent landowners before proceeding. Dan Devoe our City Liaison also reported that the City would like us to help them pay for this proposed topsoil removal project by spending the $15,000 for the bulldozer, and the City 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, Dan said 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.

Roland noted that the next steps are to get a copy of the engineering study that the City has done, communicate with the proposed wall contractor about the various options that would best serve the club's needs and pursue communication with the uphill owners regarding the proposed project.

Roland then reported we have 10 members that have notified us that they have a locker assignment (of the 15) and 6 of these would like to keep their lockers and pay the $100 annual fee for the locker. Kirk MacInnis noted a prior year's proposal to eliminate the lockers so as to provide better and expanded liquor storage. Jenny said that she feels that the current locker space could be better utilized to provide much needed liquor storage. An extensive discussion from several members ensued about how best to proceed with the locker issue,

After the discussion, Tom Thacker made a motion to give the existing locker owners notice that in 6 months the lockers will be removed and replaced with a new liquor storage cabinet (the $100/year charge approved by the Board in April would therefore not apply). Steve Shea seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion passed.

Bob Flaig will contact the storage owners to tell them that the $100 annual fee will not be charged, but that they must vacate their storage lockers at end of this summer.

Vice Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported that at opening day we will have a mask burning ceremony. Steve said good news is new CDC guidelines came out that said that if everyone is vaccinated, we can hold meetings with no members having to wear masks. We are still bound by county of LA requirements to be at 50% capacity for our building, but in a few weeks we may be in the yellow tier which will allow 75% capacity.

Steve then asked Randy Weaver to give the Fore-Up Point of Sale (POS) system update. Randy reported that the install is going slower than we had hoped but was still hopeful to have POS system installed in time for opening weekend. Randy is working with Port Captain and Laura our accountant to update everyone's records into the new POS system. Randy said the front end of the new POS will be up with 60-70% confidence by opening day but, the back end of the new POS may not be working in time for opening weekend. The hardest part of the back end is to get our statements on-line. Randy said that he will get the $100 per month website cost removed from the ForeUp POS system which we hope will tie into our website with member ID info, but it does not look like that will happen as soon as we had planned.

Steve then discussed the previously distributed proposed House Rules changes that were suggested by Club Manger Jenny Armstrong felt should be updated. After reviewing the proposed changes and much discussion over possible modifications to the proposal, Steve made a motion to adopt the following changes to the House Rules:

2. Clubhouse: During the ~~yachting~~ summer season, the facilities are open from 0800 to 2300 hours on weekdays, until 2400 on Fridays, and until 0100 on Saturdays and Holiday eves. *(to correct the proper seasonal reference in the Bylaws).*

2.1 Ladies Showers: During the summer season, the ladies' showers will be open at ~~0700~~ 0800 hours~~, with entrance to be gained through the outside galley door. No other member traffic is permitted in the clubhouse prior to opening at 0800 hours~~. *(to reflect the practical availability to shower access)*

Rule 5 Guests, Privileges, and Guest Cards (second Bullet):

• Whether your guest is accompanied or unaccompanied ~~he/she is required to sign in with the Club Manager at which time he/she will be given a guest badge~~ you are requested to access "Member Guest Registration" on the CIYC website and request a guest name badge at least 24 hours in advance. Guest badges will indicate the name of the guest and their arrival and departure dates. Guest badges will be placed in the member mailbox area and must be worn while in the Club.

Records of Guests – Delete section

14. Swimming: Swimming and diving is not allowed from the float dock. ~~However, the dock may be used for sunning.~~

Mary Haller seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

Steve then reported that our new member Kevin Mullaney has requested to rent the Club for a 120-guest wedding on October 30th, 2021. John Wells pointed out that the date is the same as the Commodore's Ball which will be at the Newport Beach Country Club. Steve made the motion to approve this event. John Wells seconded motion. Carlos asked if this event would be under the new fee schedule that was approved at a prior board meeting. Steve confirmed that it was under the new pricing. Randy noted that the bar POS system charges a list price that is subsequently discounted 15% for members but that bar sales are profitable at even the discounted rate. After much discussion the motion passed.

Roland then mentioned that he has received another request for a special event from the SCYA for their 100-year anniversary to have about 60 past Commodore's come for a Friday cocktail party and/or Saturday dinner.   Roland said he will get a list of what Commodores and what clubs they represent for discussion at next month's board meeting as well as proposing possible dates that might work with the SCYA.

Rear Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that all ten mooring requests in April were successfully fulfilled. Gary said we expect high demand this summer, and many mooring owners plan to be on their mooring for much of the summer. As a result, there is a chance we will not get all members in on big weekends. Membership provides access to member-owned moorings, but availability of these moorings is not guaranteed. We have a limited number of large moorings. On big weekends, we recommend that those with larger boats try to come in early to secure a mooring with the harbor department.

Gary asked that members please go onto CIYC website and reserve moorings for opening weekend as soon as they can so that Gary can arrange to hopefully have moorings available for all members, but that moorings for boats 60 feet and longer are especially difficult to arrange.

Roland then congratulated S/C Jim Wachtler who just purchased mooring 198, Nick Bozick who purchased mooring 218, and Gary Richards who recently bought mooring 244.

Port Captain's Report – John Wells

John said 57 people are signed up for lunch today and 68 people for dinner tonight.   Next event will be Friday lunch on May 28th. Saturday May 29th is our opening dinner which is sold out. And then we have another dinner event on Sunday May 30th which is also sold out. John asked that members still sign up on the website and get on the waitlist. Steve reported that the county will allow us to bump up the events from 80 to 100 attendees at our events if the LA County

Covid status changes to yellow. Gary reiterated to please sign up for events and get on waiting list as they will be actively working the waiting list to get members into events.

Club Manager Report – Jennifer Armstrong

Jenny said that we have had positive feedback on the Shea Display and asked for suggestions on what to put on this display. Jenny wanted to thank everyone for their support due to the shortage of dock kids for work weekend. Jenny said that most of the dock kids are coming back this summer and a number of these kids have brought friends in to work also at the Club. Jenny is confident that we will be in good shape once the kids are out of school for the summer. Jenny also reported that shore boat vouchers are available and encouraged their use on busy weekends.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that this was the first time since he took over as Treasurer that we have had negative accounts receivable because we have collected all annual dues and some members have prepaid their accounts. The Long-range reserve account is $407K; we have spent $24K in the capital account year to date, but April is expected to be a big month with all the tower contactor invoices coming in; and expenses are right on budget. Randy added that effective today May 1st, 5 insurance policies covering property and liability renewed at a cost of $23,800 or $1800 more than budgeted. In June we will renew our flood policy which is budgeted at $44K, our most expensive insurance policy.   Randy said the club is in good financial condition as we head into the Summer months.

Kirk MacInnis asked if our insurance coverage was based on market or a fixed amount in the event of a a catastrophic event? Randy responded that we have $4.4 million replacement cost coverage insurance, but if the cost estimate needs to be revised, he needs Kirk to update the replacement cost to get a revised policy quote. Randy said that the only event we are not insured for is earthquake insurance.

Randy reported that we have $93K in the long-range plan allocated to restore the tower and the dome. Kirk said that he feels comfortable that total costs will come in below the $93K budget amount.

Gary asked when the last reserve study was done. Randy responded that last reserve study (done in 2006) has essentially been rolled forward since then as most of the expected projects from the last full study have been completed and that each year he and Kirk have updated the estimates for the future.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob said that there are two items left to finish the member's roster. The house rules and the new cover. The Roster will be finalized by May 7th and printed and delivered to member's homes prior to opening day weekend.

Roland mentioned that if you have a new house, mooring or boat or family members please get it to Bob so that we can put any changes in the roster.

Bob also advised that CIYC harbor wifi is live thanks to Kirk and Jason Clay our bartender who got it operating on May 1st. The wifi has a 100 Mbps bandwidth from May 1st to October 31st. Bob said he is also working with a new wifi company in Avalon to provide pay per use service that members can use to get more consistent and reliable wifi service. More details to be given at next board meeting.

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk announced the house committee members this year are: V/C Steve Shea, S/C Michael Levitt, Mary Haller, Larry Gottlieb, and Chris Wiltsey.

Kirk reported the flag-pole project is complete and designed to stop lowering the walkway; that the golden dome from the top of our building was removed by helicopter on Friday morning April 30th. Gary Tolar is assisting with the refurbishment and refinishing of the golden dome, but the glass turret is completed and on the mainland. The next task is to put the turret and the dome back together and then get the helicopter back to the island to lower it back into place. The upper tower windows have been replaced and the rest of the tower windows have been ordered but the other windows will not likely be replaced by this summer. Tom Thacker asked if the light in the tower is working? Kirk responded that there is currently just a light bulb and can be turned on if the club decides but that an LED light might be worth considering in the future.

Kirk discussed how the 50 plus members here could sign up to take on any of the several projects were listed on the work weekend board in the lounge; and where to get tools and information on completing the various tasks.

Foundation – Anthony Salcido

Foundation will be meeting today at 11am.

Bylaws Committee – Jr S/C Carlos Chacon

Nothing to report.

Membership – Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that she received the Membership committee materials from Brad Kelly on Monday and that we will be voting on Andy Murphy in closed session. Further that she hopes to contact the 15-16 prospects that she has been given to see if they are still interested in becoming members. She has one completed application and hopes to build up the waiting list over the next few months. Kathy reported that as of May 1st we have 175 members so we need 5 more members to reach the 180 membership limit.

At the conclusion of the regular agenda Larry Gottlieb noted special recognition to Dan Devoe and Kirk MacInnis for getting the dome off the top of the building. Kirk added his story of how he and Dan drove a golf cart all over town on a scavenger hunt to accumulate the parts and tools needed to create a lift rigging attach the helicopter cable to lift the turret and dome.

Executive session

The Board convened for an executive session and approved new Member Andy Murphy.

The meeting adjourned at 1000hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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