

Catalina Island Yacht Club

Board Meeting

September 8, 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, David Baker, Bob Flaig, Mary Haller, Tim Salyer, Tom Thacker, Randy Weaver, Chris Wiltsey.

Members Present

Louie Bozanich, Tom Collins, Pete Compton, Steve Davis, Sam Easterday, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, Christian Jester, David Johnston, Keith Jorgensen, Jeff Kingsley, Doug Kelly, S/C Michael Levitt, Harold Lund, Tom Nix, Warren Platt, Stefanie Sitzler, Bill Smyth.

Guest Present

Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Chairman Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1700 hours and asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the August 2021 regular meeting and August 19th special meeting minutes which were distributed earlier. Hearing none, they will stand approved as distributed.

Commodore/Chairman's Report – Roland Rapp

Roland gave update on hillside stabilization project noting that there has been a lot of work on the wall project as well as the lease extension we are hoping for. Roland reported that Dan Devoe was able to get a copy of the geological report on the hillside and he will get a copy to Roland and Kirk MacInnis to review. Roland also stated that he and Kirk met with a member of the City Council to discuss the lease and the wall project. At that meeting they learned that the City has another project they are working on for the stairs up the same hillside. The City has the funds to get that project done this October so they will not likely need the \$15K from CIYC for that part of the project. The Councilmember

suggested that if we were to add 8 or more parking spaces across the street from our club and possibly extending beyond our leasehold area such that half of the additional spaces might be available to the public to use, that it would help with our lease extension. The City would also like to use the Club for the City Staff Christmas party in mid-December each year.

Kirk and Roland met with the Avalon Fire Chief on the cart parking area. The Fire Chief's concern is traffic and deliveries parked in front of the staircase in front of our club might obstruct emergency vehicles if parking were located along the hillside. Roland discussed an idea of Jenny's that he and Kirk believe would help with this issue by removing the ice plant strip and extending the drop-off landing that overhangs the walkway below to give a few extra feet of roadway for drop-offs and deliveries. Big unknown is what this will cost to add these extra parking spaces.

Roland reported that he is reviewing the new 40-year Tuna Club lease to identify similarities and differences with our current lease since this is expected to be the proposed new model of lease if we get a new one. He also received a copy of the Tuna Club's letter requesting the lease extension that should help us prepare our own request.

Roland stated that there is also uncertainty about where the City's property ends, and the Island Company's begins. This could be a limitation on where the additional parking might be located from the club where the parking would be located. He anticipates working with the contractor on a modified proposal that includes the additional parking and turnout.

Vice Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported that everyone made it through Super Week. We did have a few Hiccups with a few members getting tested positive for covid despite being vaccinated. At least 15 members tested positive. Nobody required hospitalization.

Dr. Harold Lund stated that Covid is not going away. He thinks that it might be like the flu and you have to get a yearly shot like the flu shot.

Rear Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that he assigned 45 moorings during Super Week and that he only had to turn away one 70-foot mooring request, but luckily that Member was able to get a mooring from the city and stay on it through their seniority program by arriving early in the week prior to Super Week. Gary thanked mooring owners for their generosity in allowing the Club to use their moorings when they cannot be in Avalon. Gary stated there are three member-owned 40-foot moorings for sale. If these are sold to non-members the 40-foot mooring requests could become more difficult to fill.

Gary also noted that he is working on additional mooring request procedures to present to the board at a future meeting.

Port Captain's Report – John Wells

John thanked Stewart and Sherri Brash for handling all the Friday Night Dinners this past summer. John also thanked Jim Collings and Anita Seiveley for hosting the Chili Cookoff which was a big success again this year. John noted that The White Wedding Night by the Rozak's was a spectacular event with wedding photos of 42 CIYC couples, many of whom that attended the event. Due to Covid issues the S/C Fish Fry was cancelled and Michael's Margarita party turned into a Port Captain Margarita party on the club deck. John then summarized the Super Week events that started Saturday with The Auxiliary Night event that raised \$18K for clubhouse improvements and charitable uses followed the next night with The Lip Sync party hosted by Abbott and Cindy Ayloush that was a super fun and successful event that we will likely repeat in future years. Monday was the Over the Water event to the Isthmus and Tuesday S/C Jeff and Julie Christiansen hosted the big golf tournament followed later that evening with A Night at the Movies featuring Disney's new Jungle Cruise sponsored by Commodore Roland and Sally Rapp and viewable from inside the club and on the dinghy dock. On Wednesday the Christiansen's hosted the Avalon Road Rally and that night the Foundation Fundraiser was held at the Museum featuring the unveiling of the new CIYC Museum display and raising over \$75,000 for the Foundation. Thursday was the Tom Murphy Memorial Mini Masters sponsored by Toni Murphy and Pete and Evie Compton and was followed by the Shrimp Feed hosted by Kathy and Noel Hamilton. On Friday George and Karly Thiret hosted The Harbor Cocktail Poker Run, and Saturday capped off the week with a Closing Dinner hosted by

Larry and Sheri Gottlieb that was unbelievable. Their committee prepared the entire fantastic meal from scratch and the Commodore donated 18 bottles of fabulous wine from his cellar. The Speakeasy dinner was replaced by a Pop Up Dinner that the Well's and Todd Gleason hosted that was well attended. Next year the night after closing we may want to do a clean out the refrigerator night like we did this year with the Pop Up Dinner. John thanked all the hosts, sponsors and event committees for making Super Week successful and fun.

Finally, John stated that members should use the CIYC Website to sign up for the Commodore's Ball which will be held at Newport Beach Country Club on Saturday October 30th.

Roland then commended John and Janet and all the event committee chairmen that put on some remarkable events, especially the closing dinner which was spectacular.

Club Manager Report – Jennifer Armstrong

Jenny mentioned that we have the last deck BBQ before the Festival of Arts dinner hosted by the Randy and Jodi Barb.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that the club is in really good financial shape. The balance sheet is strong and solid with \$423K in capital reserves after spending over \$100K this year on capital improvements. The reserve will also go up by \$24K in August due to Kathy Hamilton our Membership Chairman adding two additional new members. Operating cash is at \$245K; Liabilities are \$106K; deferred dues \$139K and \$550K in equity. The income statement revenue is over budget by \$16K due to having 187.5 members' dues on a budgeted 180 members along with bar revenue being over budget for the first time in over 3 years. Randy noted that he found a credit to the House expense account from the prior period so the House budget will now only be over budget for the year by \$3K not the \$5K as earlier reported. Port Captain Budget is on track to break even, but we still have the biggest event of the year in the Commodore Ball in October.

Randy reminded members that the annual email went out this week for the hourly employee donation fund of \$50 per member. These funds get distributed to the employees in a bonus check.

Finally, Randy mentioned that the budget meeting is scheduled for October 6th, immediately preceding the regular scheduled board meeting at BCYC.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob made a suggestion that we add Roster to the member section of the website, but after some discussion it was decided not to do so due to concern over security issues that need to be resolved.

Bob then gave short report about Lokket Wifi system and their proposed backup system that would provide continued internet for the Lokket users from our Catalina Broadband (CBB) feed if Lokket's feed goes down and likewise provide continued internet for our CBB users from Lokket's feed if the CBB feed goes down. In return for allowing this, Lokket will pay the club for half of our CBB monthly bill up to \$155 per month. This will start in September 2021. Currently we pay \$310 per month for 100 Mbps for member use from CBB from May 1st to October 31st each year and \$210 per month for 50 Mbps from November 1st to April 30th each year. In addition, we pay \$100 per month year-round for 20 Mbps for our office use. Randy Weaver agreed that this approach would be beneficial to the club.

A question was asked about our current Engenius wifi service to the boats. Bob reported that Tom Collins went into the CIYC tower and re-wired the Engenius antennas so the system is again fully functional.

House Committee Report – Roland Rapp

Roland reported that the Float Committee with Kirk, Todd Gleason, Steve Davis, and himself is in the process of evaluating our options for storage/repairs and then monitor the work and status of the float in the off-season. This committee will report back to the Board with their recommendation work needed on the float and options for storage and getting the work done.

Foundation – Randy Weaver

Randy thanked members for donating so much money and silent auction items in the foundation event which raised \$75K. This was \$60K more than any prior foundation fundraiser. It was a great success. Stefanie Sitzer suggested that the Foundation send an email to all members to donate items for the annual

fundraiser. Randy stated he would do that next year and thanked Stefanie for her suggestion.

Bylaws Committee – Jr S/C Carlos Chacon

Carlos Reported that there were two proposed bylaw amendments that were previously approved under Initial Consideration by the Board, then posted to the membership and now ready for a Resolution vote.

Roland then asked for a vote first on the Alumni Membership proposal which was unanimous, followed by a second vote on the 180 Member proposal which was also unanimous. Roland noted that both amendments therefore will have immediate effect subject only to the general membership vote at the annual meeting.

Membership – Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that as of September 1st we have 182 members including one regular member Ashley Chapple who is not counted in the 180-member limit per our bylaws since she was an Associate Member and under 40 years of age.

Executive session

The Board convened for an executive session and discussed a confidential matter.

The meeting adjourned at 1800hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Flaig, Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman