

Catalina Island Yacht Club
Board Meeting
June 4, 2022
CIYC and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present

Commodore Steve Shea (zoom), V/C Gary Tolar, R/C John Wells (zoom), P/C Mary Haller, Jr S/C Roland Rapp (zoom), David Baker (zoom), Louie Bozanich (zoom), Bob Flaig (zoom), Larry Gottlieb, Taylor Hunter, David Johndrow (zoom), Kirk MacInnis, Randy Weaver (zoom), and Chris Wiltsey (zoom).

Members Present

Dave Austin, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Steve Davis (zoom), Jade Earlabough, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst (zoom), Marc Kamyab (zoom), Jim Knox (zoom), S/C Brad Kelly (zoom), S/C Michael Levitt (zoom), Ward Lewis (zoom), S/C Jim McCampbell, Tom Nix, S/C Kenny Rozak (zoom), Roger Sippl (zoom), S/C Jim Wachtler, Lance Ware (zoom), and Dick Webben.

Guest Present

Club Manager Jennifer Armstrong

Call to Order – Vice Commodore Gary Tolar

Gary Tolar called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. Gary asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the April 30th 2022 Board meeting minutes, which were distributed earlier. Hearing none, they stand approved as distributed. He also noted that due to COB Roland Rapp being out of the country, and the uncertainty of a Zoom connection, that Gary would be running the meeting today.

Gary welcomed new member Marc Kamyab (via Zoom) to the Board meeting.

Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Commodore Steve Shea reported that on May 17th, he, along with House Chairman Kirk MacInnis, and Port Captain Mary Haller, met in person with the new City Manager Dave Maistros at the Club to discuss the proposed new lease. It was felt that the meeting was very productive and Dave communicated that it was his intent to move forward with drafting our new lease, inclusive of language

which would allow for some or all of the parking spaces created for exclusive CIYC use once the hillside stabilization project had been completed. Kirk reported that he had also spoken with Dave Maistros earlier this week, and that Kirk had requested and been granted permission to solicit bids for the project, rather than wait for the City of Avalon to reach out to contractors.

Steve noted that due to a busy travel schedule this summer, Dan Devoe had resigned from the position of City Liaison. S/C Jim McCampbell has accepted the position for the remainder of the year. Steve thanked Dan for his hard work which has been helpful in getting us to this point in the lease negotiation process.

Steve then reported that the newest variant of COVID has caused an uptick in positive cases being reported. The new variant is highly contagious, but with a very low mortality/hospitalization rate. As of today, there have been 5 members who have been at the Club recently, who have tested positive. Tonight's BYO BBQ will be set up for social distancing out on the Quarter Deck, and we will follow all L.A County Guidelines as they are mandated.

Vice Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that the Auxiliary raised over \$18K last year for Bridge renovation. The first project is the installation of new shades to reduce heat on the Bridge and prevent damage to carpet, artwork and furniture. The valance will be installed above the windows, and due to the marine environment, the blind control mechanism will be hardwired, rather than utilize batteries.

The 2022 rosters have been printed and are being mailed to members. Gary thanked Bob Flaig for his tremendous effort in bringing this project together. Gary then reported that our current vendor, Minuteman Press was sold earlier this year, which has created a time consuming learning curve on the part of the new owner and staff. There are a couple of issues with this printed roster, one of which is currently being resolved, the other will be addressed in next year's printing of the roster. He noted that prior to printing all of the rosters next year, one copy would be printed and bound, to be used as the proof for final approval.

Gary reported that increased paper costs are also having an impact on production of the View. Printing costs for the View are up over 50% from 2020 and 2021.

After discussion, the Board approved a survey to be emailed to members to

assess the demand for a printed copy. Gary will report the survey results at next month's meeting, along with a proposal and cost analysis of reducing the amount of printed copies. It was then moved and seconded to cease sending the View (electronically as well as the hard copy) to Honorary members. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Gary stated that there have been requests from members to implement a ceremony of lowering the American Flag on Friday and Saturday evenings. Due to our flag pole being lit up at night, it won't be necessary to do this every night. At dusk, Club Manager Jenny Armstrong will cue up "Retreat", the traditional "end of day" bugle call and the flag will be lowered, with members and guests being asked to stand in respect. While staff may assist with lowering the flag, based on volume at the bar, we will also look for volunteers from Flag Officers, Board members and members to assist with this.

Rear Commodore's Report – John Wells

John thanked the mooring owners for their continued support and gracious hospitality. He noted that any changes to your mooring once assigned by the Rear Commodore, must go through him prior to the harbor. This includes adding a side tie, or late checkout. Additionally, members should be flying the CIYC burgee upon entering the harbor if they are using a CIYC mooring. He noted that he is tracking his rotation of mooring assignments.

COB Report - Roland Rapp via Zoom

Roland reported that the Commodore's Cruise went incredibly well. There were 24 people participating, and once past the numerous COVID screenings, a wonderful time was had by all. Roland thanked Wendy Rozak for not only organizing the cruise as the travel agent, but for also stepping in for the Port Captain and acting as events coordinator. He noted that CIYC members Abbott and Cindy Ayloush took delivery of their new yacht while abroad, and a christening ceremony was held, with Roland performing the blessing of the new vessel.

Port Captain's Report – Mary Haller

Mary thanked Larry and Sheri Gottlieb and their committee for the wonderful Toga Party on the Saturday night of Memorial Day weekend. There were 83 in

attendance, with a fun ring toss game put on by Lily and Coral Chappell and Amelie Rose James. The menu, wine and service were all exceptional, and a majority of those in attendance were in togas. Mary reported that she and Jenny Armstrong put on an expanded Continental Breakfast Sunday morning which, despite running a little behind, was well received. Mary then thanked Bob Flaig and Jonathon Baker for the great new First Annual Poker Tournament and Armstrong Spaghetti Dinner. There were approximately 24 poker players and there were 64 in attendance for dinner. Maryann Johndrow took first place, Sam Easterday took second, and S/C Jim Wachtler's guest, Randee Wood took third place. Everyone, including those who didn't win, very much enjoyed the event and plans are already underway for next year's tournament.

Tonight's BYO BBQ is hosted by Dave and Eddie Austin and this is their first time hosting an event. They're making all of the appetizers, sides, and dessert from scratch and we're all looking forward to dinner tonight.

Mary then reported that next Saturday, June 11th, Matt Crochet will be hosting the Taste of Louisiana dinner, which should be a fun, casual event with a delicious Cajun menu. The following weekend will be Opening Weekend. Opening Ceremonies begin at 11:00am followed by a champagne reception. The Opening Day Dinner Dance is hosted by S/C Carlos and Debbie Chacon and features a Surf & Turf menu with dancing to DJ James Moody. Sunday morning features another expanded Continental Breakfast by Mary Haller and Jenny Armstrong. June will be wrapped up with the Catalina Tequila Time, hosted by Billy Womack and Lisa Brooks and then we roll right into Fourth of July festivities.

Mary reminded everyone to sign up for events and if plans change, to please cancel your reservations accordingly and promptly.

Club Manager's Report – Jenny Armstrong

Jenny noted that we had a great Memorial Day Weekend with lots of new members and families participating throughout the weekend. Jenny recommended that all new members take a moment to read and familiarize themselves with the House Rules so as to ensure the best utilization of the Club for all members. She also suggested that existing/longer term members mentor and help guide new members while they're acclimating to the Club's culture.

Jenny reported that wages in town are highly competitive, with a majority of the Dock Kids having second jobs. She would like to be able to remain competitive as well as retain the kids throughout their high school tenure and broached the subject of potentially increasing the amounts of the scholarships awarded to the dock kids. There was general discussion regarding ways to achieve this goal, with Treasurer Randy Weaver reporting that the way the Foundation's Charter is now set up, it precludes us from making donations to anything other than other 501(c)(3) organizations. Randy is currently investigating amending the Foundation's charter and will report back at a future date. Director Taylor Hunter suggested a mentoring program, matching dock kids with members or member contacts who run businesses over town.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that we have now completed the first six months of our Fiscal year and our balance sheet is in good shape. Our operating cash is at \$482K and our Capital Reserve account is at \$504K. The P & L is on target, with revenue at \$276K and expenses \$4K under budget at \$222K. The Capital budget is also under budget, having spent only \$33K so far out of an annual budget of \$232,600. \$174K of the Capital budget is earmarked for the future hillside stabilization project, parking pad, and curb landing which may be delayed into 2023.

Randy noted that due to a supply chain issue, there has been an approximate 20% increase in some of the liquors, namely Don Julio Anejo and Absolut vodka.

Randy then reported that our existing flood insurance policy ended as of today. We solicited 23 carriers for bid, 21 declined, our existing carrier offered to decrease our coverage and increase our premium by \$5K. We received one bid from National Fire and Marine which met our requirements with a premium of \$48K plus 3% tax to the state of CA. Randy bound the policy yesterday with coverage beginning today, June 4. He has the D & O policy to renew, and expects that to be approximately \$4500. All total, we will be within budget for the year but strongly recommends investigating our options for flood insurance for next year.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig via Zoom

Bob began the meeting via Zoom, but then had to board a plane, so he was unable to give his report.

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk reported that the new gate and fencing was craned into place two weeks ago. There were some initial issues with the gate closure, but that was quickly resolved. The fence just needs to be painted and the project will be complete. Kirk will work on installing the Staff Commodore photos after Opening Weekend, as that projects will require scaffolding. He reported that the nonskid coating on the float destroyed the new castors. Utilizing services from Can-Do they lifted the ramp and replaced the castors. He was unable to get Starboard to go beneath the ramp and castors, so he installed aluminum sheeting. He also reported that the east side boom became disconnected and fell into the water and had to be hoisted out and reset. Kirk and member Steve Davis are working with Can-Do to install the counterweights on the Float in mid-June. Kirk noted that he is still awaiting invoicing from Caleb for the work done on the float this winter.

Foundation – S/C Jim McCampbell

Jim reported that the Foundation is working to secure a location for the Foundation's fundraiser later this season. The Foundation committee will be meeting after the Board meeting today to discuss. He noted that donations were given to several local organizations and the City of Avalon, including the Outrigger Program, which teaches local youths to paddle and race outrigger canoes, the Drive in Movies, organized by the City, the inflatable float utilized by the kids was replaced at South Beach, the Library Foundation, the Senior Fitness Program, and Mayor Annie Marshalls' program, Kid Ventures.

The Billfish tournament is sold out with 20 boats with the fee per boat raised to \$950 from the prior level of \$850. Bob Kurz has started a wait list for the tournament.

City Liaison – S/C Jim McCampbell

Jim reported that he was able to get an article printed in the Catalina Islander detailing some of CIYC's donations and support of local programs. He has two more articles prepared for future publication.

Membership –Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that we had 181 members, but sadly, long time member and mooring owner Pauline Ferguson passed away this month. Number one on the

waitlist is Russell Cook. Mr. Cook's sponsor, Jade Earlabough spoke about Mr. Cook and highly recommended his membership. Kathy reported that there are an additional 8 members on the waitlist, including one mooring owner who will be interviewed next week.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive session at 1100 hrs.

The Board exited Executive session at 1115 hrs.

Mr. Russell Cook was approved for membership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1115hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Flaig, Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman