

Catalina Island Yacht Club
Board Meeting
July 2, 2022
CIYC and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present

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

Members Present

Dave Austin (zoom), Chris Bertorelli, Nick Bozick, Stewart Brash, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Jim Collings, Tom Collins, Pete Compton, Steve Davis, S/C Lou Earlaugh, Gary Fiamengo, Tom Fipp, Todd Gleason, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, Woody Hunt, Jim Koyl, Ward Lewis, S/C Jim McCampbell, Tom Nix (zoom), S/C Barry O'Neil, George Padgett, S/C Kenny Rozak (zoom), Jim Sellas (zoom), Georges Thiret, Gregg Thompson, S/C Jim Wachtler, Don Willet, Billy Womack and Dick Webben.

Guest Present

Club Manager Jenny Armstrong

Call to Order – COB Jr S/C Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. Roland noted that version 5 of the draft minutes had been distributed earlier via email, and asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the June 2nd, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, they stand approved as distributed.

Roland then reported on the status of our new lease. The Avalon City Council voted to authorize City Manager Dave Maistros to negotiate a lease similar in terms to the Tuna Club's new lease, with a term of 20 years, plus two 10 year options. Included in the lease will be language addressing the hillside stabilization project and dedicated parking for CIYC. Roland, with input from the lease review committee including Judge Advocate David Baker, Kirk MacInnis and Randy Weaver has drafted a first draft of the lease and is prepared to meet with Dave Maistros, at Dave's earliest convenience.

Roland then reported that the City had removed the K-rail and cleared hillside debris from the area which has typically been used for parking the Club's golf cart, along with member golf carts. There is now, once again, parking for approximately 5 carts, as long as everyone parks with consideration. The City has also posted "no overnight parking" signs and when questioned about the new signage, they cited City liability as the issue, which will be addressed in the new lease. There was discussion regarding drafting a release of liability from the owners of any CIYC golf carts who intend to utilize the space. Additionally, General Manager, Jenny Armstrong requested that all cart owners give her a copy of their cart registration/license plate info and always leave their keys with the Bartender if parking a cart in that space.

Commodore's Report – Steve Shea

Steve reported that while COVID remains an issue, with approximately 20 CIYC members testing positive over the last month, no one has become gravely ill, and there have been no significant symptoms.

Vice Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary reported that they hosted the first New Member information session yesterday, with several more scheduled throughout the season. There were 10 new members in attendance and there was great feedback regarding the meeting.

In a follow up to the issue of increased paper and production costs associated with "The View from the Deck" brought up at the June Board meeting, Gary and co-editor of the View, Mary Tolar, sent out an electronic survey regarding delivery options of the View to the Members. They received 151 responses, with a majority of members expressing they were okay with just the electronic version of the View, and approximately 1/3 of the members strongly expressing that they would like a hard copy of the View to continue to be mailed to them. The Board accepted Gary's recommendation to have members "opt in" to having a printed copy mailed to them, and then reducing the number of printed copies based on how many choose to receive the printed copy. Additional printed copies will be sent to the Club during the season. Based on the survey, this will allow us to reduce the printed copies by 60%, thereby cutting printing and postage costs by more than half. Gary noted that we can revisit this at the end of the year to assess the cost benefit and member experience.

Gary then reported that it was brought to our attention by a member, that there are two burgees hanging in the clubhouse that have the Confederate flag in their design. In reviewing both the Atlanta and Jackson, Mississippi Yacht Club's websites, both have updated and changed their burgee design. The Board discussed and agreed to send those burgees back to their respective yacht clubs and request their updated burgees be sent to us.

Rear Commodore's Report – John Wells

John thanked the mooring owners for their continued support and fast responses to his requests for moorings. He reported that while he wasn't able to accommodate two of the 70' mooring requests, one of those boats was able to get in through the harbor, and all of the rest of the Fourth of July mooring requests were able to be accommodated, including 4 side ties. He noted that it is a House Rule to fly the CIYC burgee when on a CIYC mooring and strongly recommended flying the burgee upon entering the harbor. He reminded members that any changes to their mooring assignments must be communicated to him, and to always be prepared with fenders onboard in the event of a side tie.

Port Captain's Report – Mary Haller

Mary reported that we hosted five events since our June meeting, including our Opening Day Ceremonies and the Opening Day Dinner Dance, hosted by Jr S/C Carlos & Debbie Chacon. All of the events went very well, and she appreciated all of the hard work and planning done by all of the committees. She then reviewed the extensive schedule for the Fourth of July festivities.

Post Fourth of July upcoming events include a BYO Deck BBQ on July 9, hosted by new members Ron & Carole Cassell, the Short Party hosted by S/C Chuck Boppell and Dave Hoppe on July 16, the 80's Party hosted by Bob Flaig & Keith Jorgensen on July 23rd, and Wild Island Nights, hosted by the Tom & Kathy Thacker on July 30th. She noted that reservations for these events were filling up and encouraged members to sign up quickly. Member Kathy Hamilton noted that the Catalina Island Medical Center Foundation is having their annual Fundraiser "Catalinaville" on July 16th, and encouraged members to participate, once the Short Party was over. It was also noted that on Opening Weekend, member Georges Thiret took apart the Club's cannon and performed a very thorough cleaning prior to the ceremonies, and as a result it fired perfectly every time.

Mary urged members to update their online reservations if their plans change, and to be certain and sign up for the Friday afternoon Deck BBQ so that Jenny and the staff can adequately prepare.

Club Manager's Report – Jenny Armstrong

Jenny thanked Port Captain Mary Haller for the hands on support given during busy events thus far this season. Jenny also thanked her husband Russ Armstrong for making arrangements to get a local plumber to the Club very quickly to clear the mainline and keep the Club open for the busy Fourth of July weekend.

She reported that she met with new members Roger Sippl and Russell and Kathy Cook to give them their new member packets.

She discussed the issue of black marks/shoeprints being tracked onto member's dinghies; the cause is the friction between the ramp casters and the aluminum underlayment on the float which causes a graphite "dust" to form. The dock kids are routinely cleaning the area, and she advises members to step over the stained area as best as possible until replacement Starboard can be ordered and installed. Also, Jenny reminded everyone that the ramp is constantly moving and to be aware of your surroundings when stepping on and off the ramp.

She also advocated for members to sign up for the Friday afternoon deck BBQs. This Friday only 35 were signed up, yet over 80 members showed up for lunch, which makes planning very difficult and potentially shorts members who did take the time to sign up in a timely fashion. This is the one event that you can sign up for, and if you're unable to attend, you will not be charged for. You are only charged if you get a plate from staff.

Jenny reported that it is her goal to shepherd an improved Scholarship Program for our Dock Kids. This would involve an amendment to the charter of our current 501(c) (3) Foundation, which Treasurer Randy Weaver is already looking into.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that our balance sheet is in good shape and we are right where we should be for this time of year. He noted that we initially had approximately \$4K in Past Due Account Receivables, however, \$3500 of that was just paid. We're currently \$3K under budget, primarily due to payroll being under budget

through careful scheduling by Jenny Armstrong. YTD we're at \$54K for Capital Expenditures with a budget of \$40K. Once all of the bills come in, Randy will address this overage with the Board as there were a number of projects that became necessary after the 2022 Budget had been approved.

All insurance policies have been placed. The budget was \$96K, and we came in right on budget. He noted that next year will be an issue as none of the carriers want to insure over, or near the water and he advocates forming a sub-committee to investigate our options.

He noted that SoCal Edison has issued a Stage-1 Mandatory Conservation of Water and we will be reading the meter every week to watch our usage. The idea of installing a water maker was discussed.

Randy reported that the new POS system is great, and is very user friendly for both Randy and for the staff. He noted that some members were not getting charged correctly on some items. He reviewed each transaction and will make adjustments to those member's bills accordingly. He reported that all hourly CA employees must be enrolled in the CalSavers program, which is similar to a 401K program, and our Accountant Laura has been involved in ensuring our compliance.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig-excused

No report.

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis

Kirk reported that another member has been added to the Club's esteemed Seamanship Award; the inaugural member was Randy Weaver, and Larry Gottlieb has now been added.

He then reported that the blinds for the Bridge have been ordered and he hopes to install them soon. They will be hard wired, rather than battery powered, and they will be linked so that they all raise and lower in unison. The exterior fence and gate have been primed and will be fully painted shortly. He noted that there has been an issue with the electronic release on the gate, and that Fletcher Canby has been working on that issue. Fletcher and his family will be leaving the Island to move to Fallbrook in the next two weeks, and he will be sorely missed.

Due to a complete lack of any laundry services on the Island, all of the club's linens have had to be washed utilizing our current washer and dryer, which were not purchased with such a heavy use in mind. **It was moved and seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$2500 to replace the existing washer with a new top loading 5 cubic ft. washer. The motion carried unanimously.**

Kirk then reported that he and member Steve Davis planned to check on the installation of the counterweights on the Dinghy Float later today.

Foundation – S/C Jim McCampbell

Jim reported that the Foundation will be holding their Annual Fundraiser at the Catalina Island Museum on August 31st from 5pm to 8pm. There will be heavy hors d' Oeuvres and a world renowned harpist will be performing at the event. Kathy Hamilton is in charge of donations, and he encouraged members with items to donate to contact Kathy.

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 3 articles in the Catalina Islander detailing some of CIYC's donations and support of local programs. And he just completed a Facebook interview with the Catalina Island Museum.

Membership –Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that we had 181 members, however we have one prospective member on the waitlist Steve Birch who is a mooring owner, and who has been allowing CIYC to utilize his mooring since submitting his application for membership.

New Business-COB, Jr S/C Roland Rapp

Roland discussed the City of Avalon hosting a weekly Kids Fishing Tournament which is open to both locals and to any juniors in the harbor who wish to participate. Friend of many CIYC members, Roger Cadman has asked that CIYC

consider supporting the tournament in some fashion. It was suggested that CIYC host the end of season awards ceremony, which everyone was support of.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive session at 1115 hrs.

The Board exited Executive session at 1130 hrs.

Mr. Stephen Birch was approved for membership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1130hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Flaig, Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman