

Catalina Island Yacht Club
Board Meeting
February 1, 2023
BCYC and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present

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

Members Present

David Baker (Zoom), Steve Birch (Zoom), Paul Bushaw (Zoom), Jim Collings, Gary Granbery (Zoom), Kathy Hamilton, S/C Bob Hertsoff, S/C Dave Horst, David Johnston (Zoom), Marc Kamyab (Zoom), S/C Brad Kelly (Zoom), Doug Kelly (Zoom), S/C Kenny Rozak, Tony Sanchez (Zoom), Diane Schneider (Zoom), Bill Smyth (Zoom), Georges Thiret, Dick Webben (Zoom), Billy Womack (Zoom) and S/C Rich Wray.

Guest Present

Club Manager Jenny Armstrong (zoom)

Call to Order – COB Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1705 hours. He stated that version 2 of the draft minutes of the January 4, 2023 Board Meeting had been distributed previously via email, and asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the draft minutes. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary introduced S/C Dave Horst who presented a brief overview of the proposed celebrity wall photo restoration project. Dave reported that the purpose of the project was to:

1. Return the original membership cards to the safety of the archives,
2. Restore the plaques to their former brilliance,
3. Potentially add one additional row of celebrities plaques to the display wall.

The committee has determined that there are two different ways to accomplish the project:

1. Deconstruct the existing plaques, make copies of the originals, and reassemble new plaques using copies of the original member cards and photos.
2. Professionally photograph the original plaques, without deconstructing them (and potentially damaging the originals), and reassemble new plaques using copies of the original member cards and photos.

The committee expects to complete the project by the end of the 2023 season, with one exception being the Cagney plaque, which is on loan to the Catalina Island Museum until mid-September. There are currently a total of 18 plaques to be restored, and they would like to add an additional 18 plaques, for a total of 36 plaques. The anticipated cost is an amount not to exceed \$6K. The committee has asked for funds to prepare examples to show at the next Board meeting.

Gary Tolar moved and David Johndrow seconded the motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$1000 to conduct initial samples. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary then opened up discussion regarding member cards. Many yacht clubs have cards for their members denoting membership. CIYC formerly had member cards, but ceased making them a number of years ago. After discussion, enough interest was shown that Gary will investigate options and the associated costs and report back at the next Board meeting.

Vice Commodore's Report – John Wells

John discussed the whaling spears which were originally donated to CIYC by George Benton Wilson in 1924. In recent years, the spears had been stored in the tower, but had been taken down and refinished. The Board had previously decided to mount them on the now vacant Commodore's wall, however, John noted that in historical photos, the spears had been mounted on the wall above where the piano is now located. After discussion, it was determined to evaluate the best location to mount them during Work Weekend.

John then reported that the wicker furniture in the Bridge is part of the original furniture from 1924. The furniture is in need of refinishing and the Auxiliary has

requested to take on this project. **David Johndrow moved and Gary Tolar seconded approving permission for the Auxiliary to solicit bids to reupholster the cushions on the wicker furniture and bench seat along the windows, as well as do light restoration to the wicker furniture. The motion carried unanimously.**

Rear Commodore's Report – Mary Haller

Mary reported that she mailed the mooring cards to our 77 mooring owner members on January 3rd. Thus far she has received 54 of the mooring permission cards back. She requested that if any mooring owners had not received a card, to please let her know and she will mail one out immediately.

She thanked the mooring owners for being so responsive. Based on feedback she's received from a number of mooring owners, she requested that members being assigned a mooring assignment ensure they thank that mooring owner, and to make certain they are considerate to the moorings around them by not using their generators after hours, or playing loud music.

She noted that we have an even greater number of members in need of 50' or larger moorings this year, with limited availability of larger moorings. Her goal is to place everyone who requests a mooring into the harbor, but that the only way to guarantee a mooring is to purchase a mooring, which she strongly encourages.

Port Captain's Report – Chris Wiltsey

Chris reported that the Commodore's Ball will be held at the Balboa Bay Club on March 4th. Currently there are 100 signed up, with space for 130. The cutoff date to R.S.V.P. is February 24 and he encouraged everyone to sign up as soon as possible. Additionally, the 72 hour cancellation policy will be in effect for this event. The next event on the calendar is the Commodore's Cruise, leaving Miami on March 11th. Followed by Work Weekend on May 6th-only 3 months away.

Club Manager's Report – Jenny Armstrong

Jenny reported that while she was out of town, she was contacted by a friend who reported the clubhouse had an exterior water leak. She was able to have Jason shut off the water right away, and repairs have now been completed by a plumber. She recommended that during Work Weekend, we also evaluate and consider swapping the large ships wheel, which is located on a smaller wall above the entry door and the small clock, which is located on the large wall in the dining

room. Currently, it looks unbalanced. She reported that on behalf of the Auxiliary, she is in the process of soliciting a bid from local upholsterer, Zims for the wicker furniture. She also noted that the blinds on the windows in the Bridge look good, and will do a great job at mitigating sun damage in the future. Plans for the Centennial celebration were discussed, and V/C John Wells stated that he is in the process of putting together a Centennial committee.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy reported that the balance sheet, as always, is in good shape. We have 1.2 million in assets, with approximately \$80K in actual liabilities. We have \$486K in liabilities, which are deferred dues which are amortized over the full year. He noted that December is a slow month, however the Avalon Lions Club held their holiday party at the club with a net of \$600. The member's NYE party billed \$1700 in the bar for January. We're currently \$1K under budget in expenses. The 2022 tax return has been filed and annual rent in the amount of \$15,292 has been paid. LA County CPI was actually 4.9%, much lower than the 7% which we had budgeted for. All of the reports required by our lease have been filed with the City of Avalon. He noted that dues collections are on track, with 40 members unpaid, but he anticipates there not being any issues.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

Bob introduced new Assistant Secretary, Dave Austin who will be preparing the Board meeting minutes from now on. He requested that all present sign the attendance sheet and then noted that March 15th is the cutoff date to submit any changes or updated photos for the Club roster. Bob then presented the proposed list of Honorary members for 2023:

Sheila Bergman, Executive Director Catalina Island Museum,
Orne Carstarphen, Harbor Master, Avalon Harbor,
Blanny Avalon Hagenah, Avalon resident
Janice Hahn, LA County supervisor
Tim Kielpinkski, COO CI Conservancy
Bryce Noll, Director Retail Services, CIMC
Kari Konapelsky, Jr. S/C BCYC
David Maistros, City Manager City of Avalon
Jason Paret, CEO, CIMC
Rolf Rolnicki, Commodore, BCYC

Geoff & Alison Wrigley

Johnny Sampson, Deputy Director & Chief Curator, Catalina Island Museum

It was moved by Bob Flaig and seconded by Larry Gottlieb to approve the 2023 Honorary members as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis (via Zoom)

Kirk reported that after meeting with the Building Inspector, we now have approval to move forward with replacing the caps on the handrails. We may also remove and readjust the existing 4 x 4 posts, but not replace them. He noted that if any damage is found beneath the Trex decking we would qualify for emergency repair. He discussed the challenge of finding a plumber on the Island, but has identified a plumber from the mainland (Canelli Plumbing) who is also a boat owner and who has agreed to work on a number of projects starting February 15th. These include the preparation of a complete plumbing diagram of the club house plumbing systems as well maintenance on our backup hot water heater. Additionally, Kirk would like to train someone on using the backup hot water heater in the event our primary heater doesn't work. He also noted that currently, painters are very difficult to find on the island and requested member referrals.

Kirk then suggested that the Board consider moving forward with the renovation of the upstairs apartment so that we could house workers and entertainment. He feels this could be a potential savings of \$7-\$10K annually. This item is already accounted for in the Long Range Planning budget.

Bylaws-Commodore Gary Tolar

Gary noted that during last year's update to the House rules, a small section of language was inadvertently omitted from new House Rule 8.14 when transferring the language from old House Rule 29. The language is as follows:

"If the request for the use of the Club is for a date during the winter season, and the date does not conflict with any other scheduled events, the Vice Commodore, with the unanimous approval from the Commodore and Chairman of the Board, may grant the request".

It was moved by Gary Tolar and seconded by John Wells to reinsert the omitted language, and to also include "with consultation with the House Chairman" in the text, as well as on the event application. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership –Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that January was a very busy month for the Membership committee and thanked everyone on the committee, including Jim Collings and Anita Seively, Georges & Karly Thiret and Bob Flaig. They posted 7 new members and conducted numerous prospective member interviews.

At the conclusion of the January Board meeting, the membership count was 179. Last month S/C Brad Kelly transferred to S/C “A” status. Jim Schaffer, Dr. Al Breitenbach and Johnathon Wray subsequently resigned. Doug Kelly has sold his Dana Point home and lives full time in Ft. Lauderdale and would like to request transferring to non-resident member status, which if approved tonight, would bring our membership count to 174, leaving 6 open spots for new members.

Kathy noted last month’s requests by Dr. Michael O’Brien’s daughters, who are also the Executors of his estate, to transfer his membership to daughter Karen Duncan and Stefanie Sitzer’s request to transfer from Associate to Regular member. Approval of this proposed transfer would not affect our membership count until Stefanie turns 40 in three years.

Members on the waitlist include:

1. Daniel Coury, whose sponsors are Mike Osborn, Dr. Steve Hightower & Ron Cassell
2. Christopher “Robin” Hobson, whose sponsors are Jim Collings, S/C Dave Horst, & S/C Kenny Rozak.
3. Mitchell Leyton, whose sponsors are Pete Compton, S/C Frank Xavier & Gary Tolar.
4. Keith Tholan, whose sponsors are Louie Bozanich, Keith Jorgensen, & Bob Flaig.
5. George Vrabeck, whose sponsors are George Paspalof, Mike Sullivan & Ron Cassell.
6. Robert Smith, whose sponsors are Jim Koyl, Jim Collings and Georges Thiret.

Kathy reviewed all of the prospective members and noted that the committee had met with all except Robert Smith. The committee endorsed everyone they met with and look forward to meeting with Robert shortly. If all six are approved tonight, that would leave five additional prospective members on our waiting list.

New Business

Georges Thiret discussed purchasing a safety ammunition box to safely house the blank ammo the club uses in the cannon. With input from the Board, George will investigate the appropriate storage necessary and associated cost. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

V/C John Wells reported that for anyone joining the Catalina Island Conservancy, the Catalina Flyer is offering ½ price on their tickets for the year.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive session at 1840hrs.

The Board exited Executive session at 1910hrs.

Ms. Stefanie Sitzer's request to transfer from Associate to Regular member has been approved.

Mr. Doug Kelly's request to transfer to non-resident member has been approved.

Mrs. Karen Duncan has been approved as a Regular member and she will assume Dr. O'Brien's member #87.

Mr. Daniel Coury has been approved as a Regular member.

Mr. Christopher "Robin" Hobson has been approved as a Regular member.

Mr. Mitchell Leyton has been approved as a Regular member.

Mr. Keith Tholan has been approved as a Regular member.

Mr. George Vrabeck has been approved as a Regular member.

The membership count stands at 182 with three Associate conversions under 40 leaving one opening for a prospective new Regular member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1910hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Flaig, Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman