

Catalina Island Yacht Club
Board Meeting
May 6, 2023
CIYC and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present: Commodore Gary Tolar, V/C John Wells, R/C Mary Haller, P/C Chris Wiltsey, Secretary Bob Flaig, V-COB Taylor Hunter, Louie Bozanich, House Chairman Kirk MacInnis, Asst. Secretary David Austin

Via Zoom: Larry Gottlieb, David Johndrow, J/A David Baker

Absent: COB Roland Rapp, Jr. S/C Steve Shea, Treasurer Randy Weaver

Members Present: S/C Carlos Chacon, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Jim Collings, Pete Compton, Dan Coury, Steve Davis, , Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, Marc Kamyab, James Koyl, S/C Michael Levitt, Trayce Nadolski, Michael Palumbo, Chris Rollins, Andrew Rowe, Jack Taylor, Georges Thiret, Keith Tholan, S/C Jim Wachtler, Dick Webben

Via Zoom: David Johnston, Jeff Kingsley, Jim Knox, Lynnette O'Bryan, Don Willet

Guests Present: Club Manager Jenny Armstrong and Aiden Rowe

Call to Order – Vice COB Taylor

Taylor called the meeting to order at 0800 hours. He stated that version 2 of the draft minutes of the April 5, 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.

New CIYC members attending their first board meeting were announced. They were Dan Coury, Trayce Nadolski, Andrew Rowe, and Keith Tholan. Taylor also welcomed Michael Palumbo who has not been to the club in a few years.

Commodore's Report – Gary Tolar

Gary gave a Celebrity Wall update (provided by the committee) and stated as a reminder, the celebrity wall project had several objectives:

1. Remove original membership cards from wall, in order to safely preserve in archives

2. Restore plaques to former brilliance, so nameplates and details are readable
3. Digitize the photos/ cards in order to loan out to museum and/or reproduce if damaged/missing

As discussed in the February, March & April 2023 Board meetings, there were a couple of approaches evaluated:

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

As agreed, in last month's board meeting, option 2 was determined to be the optimal solution and all agreed the sample replica was indistinguishable from original plaque.

The committee is ready to move forward with replicating remaining plaques, to achieve goal of completing by Closing Day 2023 (Cagney plaque to be replicated upon return from museum in mid-September). The board previously approved \$1000 for research/sampling and the committee is now looking for additional funds to complete the work. It is expected the remaining cost will not exceed \$5000, which is in line with the costs previously communicated. We have confirmed with Randy Weaver that these items will fall under the Long Range Planning budget and there is no impact to member dues.

Commodore Tolar moved and R/C Haller seconded a motion to approve funds, not to exceed \$5000., for the Committee to commence work on completing replication of the plaques currently on display (plus Cagney plaque, once returned), with the goal of having replicas in place by closing day, and originals returned to archive for security and preservation. The motion carried unanimously.

Taylor reminded us this is one of Commodore Tolar's primary projects. Gary thanked S/C Horst and Vice COB Hunter for spending so much time on this project and noted it still has a long way to go to completion.

Vice Commodore's Report – John Wells

John reports the new BBQ's have been procured and are onsite at the Clubhouse, and will be assembled today. The old BBQ's will be offered 1st to members, 2nd to employees and 3rd to local community organizations.

SCYA has requested the use of the Club the weekend of October 6th, 7th & 8th. They project over 100 members would be attending for drinks Friday evening and Dinner Saturday. A discussion including several Officers, Directors and Members followed, regarding the benefits and challenges of having a large, full weekend event, right after a very busy season. GM Jenny Armstrong noted in the past an SCYA event like this basically takes over the entire club, limiting member use for the entire weekend, and creating additional staff challenges. John suggested that the end of the very busy 2023 season would not be feasible and perhaps they can come back to us with a request in a season or two. Secretary Bob Flaig noted he knows some of the leadership at SCYA, suggested he talk to them up and report back at the June meeting.

Rear Commodore's Report – Mary Haller

Mary reported that the Harbor had been relatively quiet but is picking up and April was a bit busier. The BCYC spring cruise went off well and a number of member mooring owners helped BCYC members with reservations.

Yesterday Mary had a very productive meeting with Orne Carstarphen, Avalon Harbor Master. He noted the Burgee CIYC provided is too large to be flown and when the club can provide a suitable size, they will fly it. However, he noted it must come down whenever the U.S. Flag is at half-mast and all flags must come down whenever small craft advisories are in affect. He also noted that while complaints are numerous when we fire the cannon off, the department will allow a 5 p.m. test firing today, firing on opening/closing days at the beginning and end of the ceremonies, and also at 6 p.m. on July 4th.

Mary reminded everyone that she is the Clubs single point of contact with the Harbor Department. Any mooring, side tie arrangements or cancellations etc.,

must go through her. Do not make your own directly with the Harbor, rather call, text, or email her.

Port Captain's Report – Chris Wiltsey

Chris reported his last check of the Website indicates 79 for lunch and 73 for dinner today. He is looking forward to a good turnout and both meals will be casual.

Opening day on the 27th has 64 signed up so far with a cap of 100 and the Pirate Dinner Party the 28th has 60 with a cap of 80.

June people are starting to sign up for those events with between 10 and 20 for each so far.

Club Manager's Report – Jenny Armstrong

Jenny reported that overcrowding is becoming a real issue on the Club dinghy dock. The by-laws committee is discussing the overnight tie up policy and working on a better protocol. Jenny noted there is really no reason for members to leave dinghy's overnight other than convenience and suggests members leave them with their boats at the assigned mooring. The shore boat can be utilized with club vouchers. Also, if an emergency arises where a member must go the mainland unexpectedly, she asks other members to be agreeable to having them leave their dinghy with them.

Treasurer's Report – Randy Weaver

Randy Weaver is traveling and no report was provided.

Secretary's Report – Bob Flaig

The Club Rosters all went out and should have been received. Included with Rosters is one membership card per member. A number of spouses have asked about additional membership cards being made up. Additional information will be gathered and added to the June meeting agenda. One error was noted in the printed version of the roster, the June BOD and Auxiliary meetings is not listed but will take place May 28th and the electronic roster will be updated. If anyone has any big changes, please let him know.

Bob noted we have a Clubhouse WiFi which he tested yesterday, and it has really good download speeds of about 100 megabytes. The password is NinetyYears (all one word with the first letter of each word capitalized).

House Chairman's Report – Kirk MacInnis

It's work weekend, we have a sign-up board downstairs, find something you'd like to do and sign up. One change is we now have 4 people heading things up. In addition to Kirk and Maureen, see Jim Collings to help assemble the new BBQ's and Steve Davis to help on the dock.

Kirk asked Steve Davis for a dock update. Steve noted the dock has been undergoing minor repairs, including replacing the topping at the bottom of the ramp. He is working on getting the dock mounting (chains) a little tighter which will make it safer for everyone. Also, the loose electrical cords are being addressed.

Membership –Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that we are at our 180-membership cap (183 less 3 associate members). Currently there are 2 fully vetted prospective members on the waitlist and the committee had a great dinner meeting with them. First, Steve Alderson, a former member & former mooring owner (he is currently looking to buy a 50' mooring). Second is Scott Whitmore, partner with CIYC's accounting firm (he does not own a mooring). Both candidates will be addressed during today's executive session.

Foundation Report: Kathy Hamilton for Tom Thacker

Kathy reports that the on island High School is in need of an entrepreneur's workshop and asks members to consider volunteering to teach one.

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

No old business

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive session at 900 hrs.

David Morse membership was terminated and his equity of \$8K will be returned to him.

Steve Alderson and Scott Whitmore were approved as Regular Members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 930 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Austin, Asst. Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman