

Catalina Island Yacht Club
Board Meeting
April 5, 2023
BCYC and Zoom Video Conference

Officers/Board Members Present: Commodore Gary Tolar, V/C John Wells, R/C Mary Haller, Treasurer Randy Weaver, COB Roland Rapp, Larry Gottlieb, David Johndrow, Taylor Hunter, J/A David Baker and Asst. Secretary David Austin

Via Zoom: P/C Chris Wiltsey, Louie Bozanich

Absent: Jr. S/C Steve Shea, Secretary Bob Flaig, House Chairman Kirk MacInnis

Members Present: Jim Collings, Pete Compton, Dan Coury, Karen Duncan, Gary Granberry, Kathy Hamilton, S/C Dave Horst, David Johnston, Terry Kroll, S/C Michael Levitt, David Reed, S/C Kenny Rozak, Jim Sellas, Jack Taylor, Tom Thacker, Georges Thiret, Dick Webben

Via Zoom: Paul Bushaw, S/C Carlos Chacon, S/C Jeff Christiansen, Tom Collins, and Steve Davis

Guest Present via Zoom: Club Manager Jenny Armstrong

Call to Order – COB Roland Rapp

Roland called the meeting to order at 1712 hours. He stated that version 3 of the draft minutes of the March 1, 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 reported that, despite being the off-season, March was quite busy. The month began with the Commodores Ball, and Gary thanked all who helped put the event together. The Commodore's Cruise to the Caribbean began the following week and the month ended with the Flag Officer Retreat which was hosted by the Tolars at the Inn at Mt Ada. He reported that the retreat weekend began with a tour of the Avalon Fire Station, along with lunch for the Flag Officers and their spouses, prepared by Avalon Fire Chief Mike Alegria and his crew at the fire station. They also performed a demonstration utilizing equipment purchased

with funds donated by CIYC. Chief Alegria expressed great appreciation for the support and donations provided by the members of CIYC.

Gary reported that the Flag Officer retreat was a very productive weekend, with some fun mixed in. Topics covered during the meeting included club use policy, recommendations for committee appointments and identifying potential Board and Flag Officers to share with Nominating Committee. The weekend closed with a burgee exchange ceremony between CIYC and Elkhorn Yacht Club, from Monterey.

At Gary's request, Director Taylor Hunter and S/C Dave Horst gave an update on the status of the celebrity wall project. Taylor reported that a number of test prints / procedures were conducted and the committee has identified a printing procedure which very closely matches the original cards. The near identical card was distributed to the Board members for viewing and made available to club members for comment.

S/C Horst reported that he has been in contact with Johnny Sampson, the Deputy Director and Chief Curator at the Catalina Museum for Art & History, in order to enlist his comments, direction and feedback. Johnny validated the direction the committee is taking. Dave communicated the club's concerns regarding storage, theft, and degradation due to humidity. David Johndrow asked how the cost will be funded. S/C Horst is working on several options.

Vice Commodore's Report – John Wells

Requests for use of the Club:

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club was already approved for their 2024 Cruise the last weekend in April, however House Chairman Kirk requested they not come the weekend before Work Weekend. V/C Wells checked with BCYC regarding alternate dates which would also be better for House project scheduling and determined that May 17-19, 2024, is a mutually satisfactory date.

Commodore Tolar moved and R/C Haller seconded a motion to approve BCYC usage of the Club May 17-19th, 2024 for their Avalon Cruise. The motion carried unanimously.

John then reminded everyone of the rule change made last year regarding dogs/animals on the deck during certain events. Dogs, Cats, etc. are no longer

allowed on the deck during Club Events while cooking is taking place on the quarterdeck. This will include the Flag Officer's Steak Fry, Rockin Baja Tacos, S/C Fish Fry, and the Chili Cook-off

Safety Update: John also reminded all members and guests using the ramp from the Clubhouse to the Dinghy float to exercise caution (let the ramp move ALL the way out at the end of its travel) before stepping off). Dir. Hunter asked about prior concerns regarding the connecting chains and Commodore Tolar reported that when the Dock (float) is re-installed this season the chains and connections will be assessed, safety solutions determined and adjustment will be made as needed to steady the dock as much as practical. Also, the Aluminum plates at bottom of ramp will be replaced with Starboard, as available. J/A Baker suggested Caution Signs to mitigate liability in and around the Dock & Ramp. COB Rapp indicated we do have signs and the BOD agreed caution signs will once again be installed when the dinghy float is put back in place.

Rear Commodore's Report – Mary Haller

Mary reported that nearly all of the mooring cards have been returned at this time. She will be meeting with the Harbor Department this Friday 4/7, and will be handing over the mooring cards to the Harbormaster. She expects it to be busy in the harbor this season and with the current trend toward larger boats, encourages purchasing a mooring when available and suggested anyone needing info contact her. Also, a reminder that any side ties for "non-mooring owners" must be coordinated by her. Also, any changes or cancellations can be made on the website up to the Monday prior to arrival, beyond that date she must be contacted directly via text, email or phone.

Port Captain's Report – Chris Wiltsey

Chris reported the Club Website indicates about 40 members signed up for Work Weekend's "Weary Workers lunch and dinner." Opening weekend follows and currently about 45 are signed up for the Dinner/Dance Saturday the 27th and Pirate Dinner Party the 28th. These events are coming up fast, and he reminded members to please sign up promptly.

Club Manager's Report – Jenny Armstrong

As a follow up on Chris' report, Jenny noted that there is also the Work Weekend Friday Deck BBQ on the 5th, and to please sign up so that she has an accurate

head count for ordering purposes. Jenny noted the required “Labor Posters” are displayed in the kitchen next to the entry door. Her office make over is complete and anyone wanting the 30 second tour, please let her know.

Upcoming non-club events this month are: The Conservancy Ball Cocktail Party April 21st, a member sponsored wedding on the 22nd, and the BCYC Avalon Cruise the weekend beginning on the 28th. Jenny suggested Secretary Bob Flaig send out an email blast reminder so that members are aware of these events should they plan to come over to the island during that time. J/A Baker suggested should display Labor Posters in Spanish. Jenny will procure.

Treasurer’s Report – Randy Weaver

The Club’s balance sheet is in good shape, up \$57,000 at \$650,000. Current operating cash is \$547,000. We currently have all our cash in 2 banks (1 major, 1 regional) and with the recent turmoil Randy transferred \$630,000 out of the regional bank to the major bank until things settle down in the banking industry. Randy requested the BOD authorize him to look into another major bank to spread our risk. A discussion ensued regarding current rate of return vs. risk options and a few deposit/investment options were discussed.

Treasurer Weaver moved and R/C Haller seconded a request authorizing the Treasurer to research another bank alternative in order to accommodate moving club cash and investigate alternative deposits and/or investments to act on subsequent to BOD approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report – COB Rapp for Bob Flaig

The Club Rosters will be ready to go out on May 1st. Treasurer Weaver noted that one member still has not paid annual dues and if not paid by April 15, the Board will address his final membership status at the May meeting. Currently, his membership status has been suspended, and the required communications have been sent to him. He will be included in the roster, due to the roster cutoff deadline, however, he will not receive a membership card nor a roster.

House Chairman’s Report – Commodore Tolar for Kirk MacInnis

Gary reported that the table tops are on order and expected to arrive next week. The new Microwave arrived damaged, was returned and the replacement is expected shortly. The East-side railing project will be pushed to next year due to weather and scheduling issues. Outdoor carpeting will arrive and be ready for

installation on Work Weekend. COB Rapp discussed the hand rail up to the Bridge and noted that the House Committee should investigate and determine if the railings meet current code.

Bylaws Committee Report - Tom Thacker

No report at this time.

Membership –Kathy Hamilton

Kathy reported that we are at our 180-membership cap. There are 3 applications pending on the waitlist. She noted that we definitely need some more great candidates, especially with moorings. Director Johndrow asked if we have given any more thought to attempting a Mooring Owners membership drive, as we've done in the past. Roland mentioned we have been unsuccessful so far in procuring a current list, but it's a great approach if and when we can obtain a list. It was suggested a public record mailing list may be a good place to start.

Foundation Report: Tom Thacker

Tom reported that the Foundation has appointed the initial slate of 15 directors, there are 20 slots total, leaving 5 available, if anyone is interested. A minor financial obligation is required in addition to time. Please contact Tom with questions and desire to be considered. An email notification has gone out regarding the Bill Fish Tournament and is on the calendar for September 7th thru 9th with space still available.

New Business:

COB Rapp discussed committee appointments, including, City Liaison, Long Range Planning and Nominating. The BOD approved the following appointments: **City Liaison**; COB Rapp, **Long Range Planning Committee**: Commodore Gary Tolar (Chair), S/C Earlabough, S/C Wachtler, Treasurer Randy Weaver, House Chairman Kirk MacInnis. **Nominating Committee**: Jr. S/C Steve Shea (Chair), S/C Dave Horst, S/C Michael Levitt, COB Roland Rapp, Director Taylor Hunter.

Jim Collings indicated our deck BBQs are in disrepair and in need of replacement. COB Roland suggested "High Quality" Stainless Steel, serviceable (rather than disposable) replacement units. The Board asked Jim to research and recommend suitable replacements with the objective of having them by work weekend.

Old Business:

Club Cannoneer Georges Thiret updated the Board on the potential acquisition of a storage safe for the Club's ammunition supply. A couple options were discussed, a small safe in the \$400 range and a larger safe in the \$580 range.

Commodore Tolar moved and R/C Haller seconded a motion to purchase the larger safe with delivery to the Clubhouse under Cannoneer Georges supervision. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive session at 1815hrs.

The Board exited Executive session at 1909hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Austin, Asst. Secretary

Roland Rapp, Chairman