

**Club Cruceros de La Paz**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Vista Room**  
**January 14, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:04pm by Commodore Heidi Benson Stagg.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Benson Stagg, Commodore; Mary Jo Hood, Vice Commodore; Tom Murray, Rear Commodore; Jan St Pierre, Secretary; Jeff Brandt, Director-at-Large

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Walker, Director-at-Large; Dr. Juan Alvarez, Director-at-Large; Steve Brenner, Past Commodore; Vacant, Treasurer

**MINUTES: 12/03/24** - Motion to Approve: Mary Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom All Ayes

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jan presented amended monthly reports for May 2024 through November 2024 and December's report. She amended the reports using the pre-determined exchange rate. The General Fund is at \$108,825, the Charity Fund has \$58,876, the Merchandise Fund has \$54,772 and the Disaster Fund remains at \$31,224.

**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Heidi wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked Mary Jo for coordinating the Club's festive holiday events, the Christmas Eve potluck dinner and the New Year's Eve appetizer potluck with a complimentary champagne toast for all. Mary Jo also provided our lighted Christmas tree for the Clubhouse patio and the mirrored ball drop on New Years Eve.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Jeff and Mary Jo organized the Bodega. They reported that steel shelving is needed as the plastic ones we use sag from the heat and weight, and some have broken. Some storage bins are cracked or broken and need to be replaced.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Bulletins & Notice Boards:** Jeff Brandt – The boards look great and up to date. No posters, please.
- **Charities:** Heidi reported that Leiann Scee resigned as chair of this committee due to other commitments. Heidi thanked Leiann for her dedication and efforts to raise funds for Charity. Heidi will fill-in for the rest of the year.
  - Allison Porter chaired *the 50/50 Charity Garage Sale* on December 8, which raised \$14,510
  - Linda Keigher chaired the **Charity Pancake Breakfast** on December 8, which raised \$12,742.
  - Pat Waddell chaired *the Charity Fish Fiesta* on December 17, which raised \$23,270 pesos.
  - The **Charity Beach Party**, chaired by Peggy Joyce, will be held this Saturday, January 18, at La Costa Restaurant. The Baja Rummy Tournament begins tomorrow.
  - Applications for the Club's Charity funds are available in the clubhouse. Deadline is February 15.
- **Clubhouse and Coffee Hour:** Cindy Espinosa – We will need a new coffee pot soon.
- **Emergency Equipment:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Fleet Captain & Veleros de Baja Sailboat Racing:** Jimmy Loburg – No report.
- **Health and Welfare:** Cindy Espinoza – Cindy reported that during an emergency, a wheelchair was needed, but people were unable to access the Club's wheelchair because it was locked in the bodega. It was determined that an additional wheelchair is needed, and the Club's emergency supplies will be kept in an accessible location.
- **Membership:** Steve Brenner – 34 new members, 21 renewals, 327 active members. *The Membership Chair position is now open. If you would like to get more involved, please consider this spot. See any Board member for more info.*

- **Merchandise:** Linda Keigher – There are lots of shirts, hats, Mexican courtesy flags and more. There are still a few BayFest shirts.
- **Morning Net:** Rich Boren is away. We need a person to do the weather report in his absence.
- **Social Events:** Mary Jo Hood reported on holiday events and upcoming fun Club events planned.
  - *Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve* potlucks. More than 100 people shared in the holiday festivities.
  - *Three Kings Day / Día de Reyes* – Members enjoyed rosca de reyes, a sweet bread with a hidden figurine of Jesus inside, and atole, a rich, warm drink made from corn. According to tradition, whoever finds the figurine in their slice must host the upcoming Día de Candelária, on Feb. 2.
  - *Día de Candelária* will be held on Sunday, February 2, 9:30-10:30am, at the Clubhouse. Everyone gets a free tamale and a chance to buy more.
  - *The Charity Fashion Show* will be held on Sunday, February 16. More info to come.
  - *Carnival* festivities will be held February 13-20, citywide.
  - *Superbowl Sunday*. More info to come.
- **Standard Operating Procedures:** Patsy Verhoeven – Committee chairs, be sure to update event procedures following the event and email updates to Patsy.
- **Vista Room:** Leanne Lawrence – Everyone is invited to open sewing on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have machines or you can bring your own. Please sign up on the sheet in the Clubhouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:07pm    Motion: Tom    2<sup>nd</sup>: Jan    All Ayes