

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 2, 2019

President: Gerry Graf called the meeting to order. Membership stood for the flag salute.

Secretary: Meeting minutes of March had no corrections.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported the following; Club raffle collected \$185, Lead sales were \$206 and \$300 in donations. Foundation account balance as of today is \$14,500. General account received \$315 in Membership dues, shirt sales were \$105, plus unspecified, totaled \$468. Club spent \$188 on supplies leaving a balance of \$17,464 with \$13,000 of that money being trip deposits.

Program Director: Larry Cusack announced that our guest speaker Stephanie Pickard from West Marine was a no show. Larry asked Ken Harrison to give the Fred Hall Show report. Ken gave Wayne Kotow recognition for his efforts in representing CCA at three FHS. In the four days that our Club was at the FHS we raised \$2,138. OSA Members that represented the Club at the FHS were asked to stand and be recognized. This was the first year the Foundation participated in FHS and paying the expenses without taking funds from the Club. The Club did get some new Members, but one of the best accomplishments was engaging the fishing community. The Club also recognizes the efforts that Larry Cusack and Dave Miller put into making this year's show participation a success.

Julie Miller was asked to draw the 2019 FHS raffle prize winning tickets for the seven prizes. The order of the following ticket numbers, (1) indicates first prize to the last prize winner (7)

| <u>Ticket</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Phone #</u> | <u>Ticket</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Phone#</u> |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| (1) 798100 | Tam | 714-717-3338 | (2) 408481 | Smith | 619-843-5137 |
| (3) 409066 | Tom | 949-302-8730 | (4) 408980 | John | 909-730-3949 |
| (5) 409636 | Tim | 760-233-2887 | (6) 798113 | Michael | 619-616-9249 |
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1st Alternate: 797676, Joe, 760-447-1338 2nd Alternate: 797028, Anthony, 504-305-2116.

Guest Speaker: OSA Foundation President Jeff Routsong was our guest speaker. Jeff is a retired Fire Department Captain with 32 years of fire service and did a lot of fire house cooking. He also had a competition BBQ team and was fortunate to win a few financially lucrative big food network contests. This resulted in receiving invitations to further compete in BBQ contests with all expenses paid. Most of the competing contestants are full time caterers and restaurateurs and looking to win for the "bragging rights". The BBQ competition is very tough and you just can't BBQ one item. At a West Coast BBQ Championship, Jeff won with a bread pudding and cognac caramel sauce done in a Dutch oven.

Jeff discussed fish in the home freezer, stating that all fish should be vacuumed packed for protection. With the new fishing season, it's time to make room for the new catch. Rotate your fish, consume the older first and if you're overstocked give it away. Protect your fresh caught fish from boat to home. Don't let your fish sit in a burlap bag in the sun. The ultimate handling is to have the fish placed into chilled salt brine in the boat's hull. Remember, if a fish smells of ammonia and the eyes are glazed the fish is not fresh. Transporting whole body fish should always be packed in ice and not in water. Filleted fish should be in Ziplock bags, or equivalent, and be iced in a cooler. Jeff's icing method is; place fish into cooler, place a folded towel or cardboard layers on top of the fish and then add the ice. NEVER put fish in a black trash bag because they are toxic and will contaminate your fish, always use clear or white plastic bags.

Guest Speaker continued: Jeff continued preparation and insisting to clear water rinse your fish before packaging. For vacuum packing, first put the fish into a light weight plastic bag, such as a produce bag and tie it off, then vacuum bag it. The first bag will prevent your vacuum sealer from sucking in liquid. Jeff mentioned different methods to cook fish, but suggested using a 'grill mat' when cooking on the BBQ. Grill mats allow the fish to have the grill marks without burning and prevents fish falling through the grates. Grill mats can be purchased from a number of popular retailers. Smoked fish is another fish preparation. For those who don't own a commercial smoker the best electric smoker is the Big Chief. When using this smoker save the shipping box and put over the Big Chief to help retain heat while smoking. Make a salt water brine to soak your fish before smoking. There is a multitude of brine recipes, however, the only elements the fish will absorb is salt and smoke. All other seasonings such as teriyaki, brown sugar, etc. don't absorb but only coat the fish. Jeff's brine is simple, it's just sea salt and white sugar. If you want to add more flavor to your fish, add it while it is smoking. The best wood to use for smoking is Alder and wood chips from fruit trees. Jeff doesn't use Hickory or Mesquite; he believes they leave fish with a harsh flavor. Jeff brought in smoked Yellowtail and condiments for the Membership to sample. For anyone that would like Jeff's brine recipe or if you have technical questions, contact him by email.

Social Director: Greg Thompson reported Jim Mauritz's corned beef and cabbage picnic was a delicious success. Greg announced the picnic schedule for the year, on April 18th, Fish Tacos, host is Jim Mauritz, May 23rd, Spaghetti Spectacular, host is Ken Harrison. June 28th, Boat Cheese Burgers, hosts are Jolene Thompson and Narissa Holford. On July 18th, BBQ Chicken, hosts are Fred and Anita, August 22nd, Pulled Pork Sliders, hosts are Lynn and Vickie Howell. September 26th, Fish Fry and on October 17th, Mexican Fiesta, both hosted by Jim Mauritz. November 14th, Sicilian Lasagna, hosts are Steve and Cheryl. This year's Annual Banquet will be held on December 11th. Today's after meeting lunch will be at Café 101, which was established in 1938 and has many historical photos of Oceanside. Greg received four \$5 gift certificates from Café 101.

Membership Director: Larry Knight handed out a correction list for 2019 Directory. The OSA Membership is now at 212 with 15 new members from the Fred Hall Show. The new Club Members are; Jim/Nancy Fortieth, Mark Williams, Akio Ransom, Gary Timinshky, Glen/Anne Phillips, Rodger/Anne Marie Duquette, David Brahms, Robert Rogers, Jim/Nancy Bordiner, Wilson Rowley, Kenneth/Ina Carr, Sam/Marge Cordeiro, Ed Flynn, Ross/Rebecca Langley, Brian/Karen Kane, David/Lisa Newland and Harrel/Beth Clark. Larry will no longer will be emailing the OSA News Letter to the Membership. Members should see osanglers.org for that letter.

President Remarks: Gerry Graf announced the OSA Board has authorized Club Members the advertising privilege to sell items in the News Letter. The ads must be concise and limited to one-inch vertical space and when you sell an item the Club gets 10%.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz expressed his thanks to Peter Rohrich, Frenchy LaBarge, Doug Morrison, Lee Wood, Richard Minsch, Alan Falk, Larry Cusack and Chip Bridges for helping with the corned beef and cabbage picnic. The picnic had three raffle prizes, Alan Falk won 1st and 2nd prize and Peter Kastorf won 3rd. An \$80 profit was made and given to the Treasurer. Alan Falk donated his 2nd place prize, which were picnic tickets for two. These will be used for two Marines at the Fish Fry picnic.

The cancelled March San Nicolas trip is going out tonight. The April 14th charter to San Clemente Is. needs one more angler, see Marshall Goddard. The May trip to Catalina Is. needs one more angler, see Peter Rohrich. The June 10th trip on the Poseidon is short seven anglers. If that trip for 20 can't be filled then there is a possibility the boat may be changed to the Relentless. If that occurs there will be a \$15 increase, but instead of 20 anglers it will be 16 anglers and we only need three more anglers.

Head Charter Master continued: The July 23rd offshore charter on the Voyager needs six more anglers. The contract cancellation clause puts the Voyager trip in jeopardy. If this trip is not filled by the end of April then it will be cancelled unless a time change can be negotiated. See Peter Rohrich for signup. Jim addressed the new Club Members, emphasizing the importance of filling the charters.

The Club has no established policy on charter deposits, but there could be in the future, but no decision yet. Other clubs have a deposit policy, if you sign up for a trip and the angler backs out, they lose their deposit. OSA policy is; if an angler backs out, that person has to find a replacement or the Charter Master has to. This creates a lot of grief on both parties. Furthermore, if no replacement can be found then the trip could be cancelled and the Club loses their deposit. The Club asks all anglers signing up for a trip to pay as much as they can, this ensures a trip. The Club policy is; if you've not paid by seven days prior to a trip departure then you may be replaced.

Charter Master trip reports are found on the Club website under Fishing News & Other Fish'n Stuff.

The November La Bocana, Mexico trip has been cancelled. Jim reported the side trip to Castro's with 14 anglers was cold on the first day. The following days were sunny but with large ground swells and overall it was a successful trip. A trip report will be posted on the website. August 2^{1/2} day trip, that leaves on the 19th has three openings. September 2^{1/2} day trip, that leaves on the 17th has four openings. The October 3^{1/2} day trip on the Poseidon charter needs 12 anglers. All charters are posted on the Club website.

Gerry Graf reminded the new Members who want to be on a trip and don't have the proper tackle, don't be concerned, the Club will help you with gear. The advantage of our Club is if your new to the ocean we'll help you with tackle.

Foundation Report: Jeff Routsong stated our new banner at the Fred Hall Show received great comments. The banner will be used at our Oceanside Harbor Days booth. Donation requests and sponsorship is going well. Dick's Sporting Goods sent four \$50 coupons, which will be probably used at Harbor Days. Dick's also sent six tablets of store coupons; these are available to all Club Members. The first coupon is a 20% off any fishing item, while others are for various camping and hunting gear. Dick's in San Diego has a lot of fishing tackle items, whereas, the Murrieta store doesn't even carry hooks. Grundens contacted the Foundation and will be sending a big box of hats, T-shirts, belts and goods. Grundens is a manufacturer of foul weather and commercial fishing wear. Jeff announced the Anglers 4 Kids and Anglers 4 Military volunteer signups will be soon. The Club is well funded for these trips. Jeff mentioned today's eight meeting raffle items and one was a large Savage Gear soft bait lure that works great for Lingcod or bottom fish. Jeff managed to get an entire box from a vendor at the FHS for \$10.

Anglers 4 Kids: Fred Kaczmarek put a notice in the News Letter regarding the trips. At present he is organizing the seven Kids trips. There are five trips in July, two in August and all trips are on Tuesday. Volunteer signups will occur in May.

Anglers 4 Military: Volunteer signups contact Jim Mauritz.

Sunshine Report: Gerry Graf reported in Genie Hanson's behalf. Deek Takacs had a kidney removed and is at home recovering. Gary Marks had wrist surgery and is recovering. Ed Dennis is receiving skin cancer treatments. After five years of dialysis Tom Hollenhorst had a kidney transplant and the last report stated he's doing well. We all wish these men a great recovery and we all should hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Conservation: Wayne Kotow reported the ‘sardine attack’ still prevails. CCA got the Council to vote themselves the ability to use adaptive management when stock assessments are very low. They’ve given themselves the option not to use just the Pacific Fishery Management Council’s decision to shut down. The problem is NOAA, a Federal agency, hasn’t implemented a decision yet. The new stock assessment came back again being low. Their statistics come from three miles to 200 miles offshore and fail in not considering the inshore stock. This presently has a high sardine population. With that information NOAA still has not accepted it. On April 30th CCA received a call with the National Fishery Service, Coastal Pelagic Species Subpanel Group, which is part of the PFMC, and got them to agree their stock model is flawed. The problem is, getting them to agree to it doesn’t make it change. This month, April, NOAA will be presenting the same flawed data to the Council and the Council will have to figure out their decision on the matter. Will they be allowed to use the new process they voted on in November, or will they be held to shutting down the sardine fishery, due to their flawed science? If they shut down the harvest there will be no live bait for fishing. This impact to the sport fishing industry will be a catastrophic socioeconomic impact.

CCA is watching what’s going on with the illegal charter business in San Diego and the Coast Guards Federal Rules. President Trump signed off the Federal National Fish Habitation Act. However, it’s the implementation and getting NOAA to ensure that recreational boating and fishing gets its fair share of Federal funding. Today recreational boating and fishing is statically larger than agriculture.

Legislators in Sacramento introduced 2,576 new State Bills. The CCA is pouring through those Bills to ensure none of those will affect the fishing and hunting community. Wayne Kotow is also on other Boards one being the San Diego County Wildlife Federation. Being on that Board gives him the opportunity to watch what is affecting that community. Another State Bill, SB54 will stop 75% of the sales and use of single use plastic by year 2030. Ramifications of that will affect every industry in California. It was pointed out to Wayne that next month’s Club guest speaker will discuss gill netting. Wayne and CCA is currently working with coalition partners on the environmental side to ban the present gill net design. CCA isn’t against gill net per se, but the gear type being used. We’re encouraging the use of deep-set buoy type of net. This design gets it below the mammals and other shallow species which eliminates much unwanted by-catch. CCA is currently working on legislation at the State and Federal level. “It’s one resource and one ocean and we’re trying to take care of it!”

Twelve-month State fishing license, AB1387, is in legislation. CCA is working on a program called “R3”, which is, Reactivate, Retain and Recruit. One aspect is to set up an automatic renewal system which could be done with a PC or Smart Phone. Other states are doing this and it encourages the licensee to maintain a current fishing and hunting license. With that data from other states, it sounds hopeful it might happen here. California has 431 unique regulations just on trout and there is an effort to simplify and regionalize the regulations. Currently there are town hall meetings going on throughout the State on this topic. If this gets full implementation, perhaps the next step will be ocean fishing regulations.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Dip Stick: No new candidate, Larry Cusack retains the award.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Jay Schodrowski was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for Café 101. Club Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

Meeting Adjournment: President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.
Michael McIntire, Secretary