

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 7, 2019

Vice President: Peter Rohrich called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms, Ed Dennis led the Membership in the flag salute.

Secretary: Meeting minutes of April had no corrections.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported the following: Foundation collected from Club raffle, individual cash donations and funds from No Tackle Left Behind totaled \$3,300. The first Anglers 4 Military was in April and the Foundation paid out \$2,400 plus \$10 paid to California Franchise Tax Board. Note, the Foundation tax return for the State is due on May 15th, not April 15th. General account received \$260 in Membership dues and picnic proceeds of \$135. The Club and the Foundation split the costs of the Fred Hall Show booth and the Clubs share was \$325. The Club has collected \$800 income so far this year which brings the account balance to \$28,000. However, in reality there is \$2500 because most of the banked money is money collected for charters.

Program Director: Peter Rohrich introduced this month's guest speaker Nick Buro who is a Pew Research Center representative. Nick related the main thrust of Pew is environmental and public policy issues. However, on the West coast the focus is on Pacific fisheries and resource management. The purpose of Nick's visit is to inform the Club to the conservation efforts of Pew for future generations to come. Part of this effort is to ensure a healthy fish habitat and population growth. Another aspect is to ensure smaller forage fish (bait fish to us) are available for the larger fish. Pew uses available science in determining fish protection decisions and conservation efforts. One effort is to reduce the by-catch that is primarily caused by commercial practices. Nick mentioned recent California legislation that affected the gill net fishing phase out with deep set buoy gear. This method would reduce by-catch and Nick explained the functionality. The next step is to have the Fishing Management Council take up this matter to fully authorize this gear for implementation. Pew worked in the past to help close deep-sea trawling which destroys ocean floor habitat. Pew also worked in the past with the recreation community to unauthorize the use of long lines, which is disheartening, because they might be coming back. Currently, long lining is not permitted in California waters, but the Hawaiian permitted boats can use long lines and they fish 200 miles off the California shore. These boats are allowed to come to California to market their catch and there is no current legislation to prevent it. Some other conservation efforts that Pew will tackle in the future is kelp and eel grass protection conservation along sea bed mining. Nick took questions from concerned meeting attendees.

Dave Miller is the Chairperson for the Clubs participation in the Oceanside 4th of July Parade and is looking for Club volunteers to sign-up. Anyone interested, please contact Dave.

Social Director: Greg Thompson announced the minimum picnic price from \$6 to \$7 per person. The increase will help offset costs and help with other expenses and generate some funding for other activities. That increase takes effect after the Spaghetti Spectacular picnic on May 23rd. Last month's lunch was at Café 101, which proved not satisfactory for many and was struck from future luncheon choices. Today's after meeting luncheon will be at Senior Grubby's in Oceanside and Greg also received two \$10 gift certificates. Greg went through the list of upcoming picnics and they are; Spaghetti Spectacular, hosted by Ken Harrison, June 28th, Boat Cheese Burgers, hosted by Jolene Thompson and Narissa Holford. On July 18th, BBQ Chicken, hosts are Frenchy and Nita LaBarge, August 22nd, Pulled Pork Sliders, hosts are Lynn and Vickie Howell.

Social Director continued: September 26th, Fish Fry and on October 17th, Mexican Fiesta, both hosted by Jim Mauritz. November 14th, Sicilian Lasagna, hosts are Steve and Cheryl Hjelt. This year's Annual Banquet will be held on December 11th.

Membership Director: Larry Knight announced the Club new members and they are; Mickey Pleasant, Gary Van Nevel, Neil Switzer, Doug Bertics and Harold Clark. Larry stated the Club Membership now stands at 234. All new Members are advised to see Hank Mabrey for Club photos, Membership card and OSA Directory.

Peter Rohrich mentioned to new and old Members that your Membership card will get you a 10% discount at Angler's Tackle (new location: 1929 W. Vista Way, Suite D, Oceanside), Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle, Helgren's and others. Remember, in order to get your discount, you must show your OSA Membership card.

President Remarks: None

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz expressed his thanks to Frenchy LaBarge, Tom Fukuhara, Kelly Neu, Chip Bridges, Pete Graves, Doug Morrison, Alan Falk, Felicia Scimo, Larry Knight and Lee Wood for their outstanding help in making the April 18th Fish Taco picnic a success.

Jim remarked that the Club has been doing well with the charters in spite of some trips being affected by bad weather. The May 7th charter, that leaves tonight and Ed Robinson cannot make the trip. Ed has donated that trip to the Anglers 4 Military Program. However, if Jim cannot get a Marine within a few hours then Ed will sell that trip for \$200 instead of \$290. The June 10th to 14th Freelance trip was on the Poseidon with 20 anglers however, has been changed to the Relentless with 16 anglers. Consequently, there has been a price increase from \$673 to \$688 and needs six more anglers. This trip is meant for San Nicolas Island, weather providing and other fishing locations. Jim touched on Bluefin, stating many boats are not doing well on the Bluefin catch, with only one or two fish being caught. July 23 to 25 trip needs one more angler, see Peter Rohrich for sign-up. Jim's April 2th to 4th trip on the Relentless, with Assistant Charter Master Peter Rohrich, had a great fish count. The fish that were caught was 160 rock fish, 150 White Fish, seven Lingcod, three Sheepshead. Dave Hagler won the jack pot with a 16.5 lb. Lingcod

Marshall Goddard spoke on his April 22nd to 24th charter to San Clemente. He stated weather conditions were perfect, sunny and calm. The fish caught were 160 rock fish, two Sheepshead, five Lingcod, two Yellowtail and ten Bonito. Jim Mauritz and Vern Capistran both caught a 11 lb. Lingcod and the \$80 jack pot was split between them.

Jim called Dave Hagler and Vern Capistran to the podium and presented their jack pot pins. Jim also received a pin. Jim stated that Dave received a Club plaque for catching the largest fish for 2018 which was a 65 lb. Bluefin.

Jim announced he has tickets on sale for \$5 for the Foundation raffle trip. This trip on the Oceanside 95 and dates are August 19th through 22nd. The winner has the prerogative to go on the trip, or sell the trip or give it to a Marine. All the money collected for this raffle goes directly to the Foundation.

Peter Rohrich forewarned the Members, due to the higher fuel charges at the pump, some skippers may have a fuel surcharge above and beyond the charter cost.

Foundation Report: Jim Mauritz announced the Foundation Board decision that criminal background checks will be required for all participants in the Anglers 4 Kids Program. This is to protect the children and the Foundation. This check will be highly confidential and results will not be shared as general information. If an individual fails the background check, that person would be contacted by Jeff Routsong directly and told they don't qualify. Participants will be required to fill out an information form and pay a \$5 process fee.

Anglers 4 Military: Jim Mauritz told about the April 11th charter with 18 Marines, ranking from Lance Corporal to Captain. The weather was good and the fishing was slow but, our Marines had fun. Jim thanked Andy Underwood, Pete Graves and Don Bomar, who set up all the equipment and helped the Marines with their needs. The August 14th and September 9th trips trip need two assistants each.

Jim reminded the Membership, that if a person has an issue or complaint on or about a charter go to the Charter Master with it. Do not take the issue to the vessel crew.

Jim received an email from a Marine asking about the military trips. The Marine stated that he had one of the best times on an Anglers 4 Military trip and elaborated on how it made him feel. Finally, that Marine thanked the Club for what we do for the military. Another email from a Sergeant Major thanked the Club for a trip that made it a blast for the Marines on that trip.

Jim mentioned there was a Fish & Wildlife representative measuring the caught fish. It was pointed out to that "rep", the Club uses descenders to return undersized fish to their habitat.

Don Smedley's son Daniel and wife Angel gave \$2,500 to Anglers 4 Military. This check will pay for the September trip and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Anglers 4 Scouts: Ken Harrison commented on the new Members of the Club that joined today as a result of engaging in the fishing community. Eric Fahr, our Publicity Director, sends out press releases to 13 outdoor and fishing medias.

The program has budgeted for 13 new salt water reels for Camp Fiesta Island. The reels will be purchased through Pacific Bait & Tackle and Penn Pure Fishing will donate and give a significant discount. All the equipment we bring back at the end of the Camp are reconditioned by Hal Reeser. On Saturday morning, May 25th we need volunteers to deliver equipment and meet with the Merit Badge Counselors that teach Scouts fishing. The Scouts have extended an invitation to our volunteer Members to go with them, without charge, every Wednesday during the Scout Camp on the Daily Double. The volunteers will assist the Scouts in the same manner they do on the Kid's trips. The reels previously donated to the Scouts were not properly suited for salt water fishing. These reels are reconditioned and have been donated to the Mammoth Lakes Kid's Fishing Festival. The Girl Scout Camp hasn't requested any new equipment but the boys need help. This year we will supply 25 new replacement combos to Camp Mataquay at Warner Springs. About 2,800 kids attend that Camp. Ken invited Wayne Kotow of CCA to the podium to speak. Wayne related that with the Foundation being a C3 Charity he will go to the manufacturers with letters and solicit donations. Wayne being connected to CCA, believes there won't be a problem in getting a donation(s) from manufacturers.

Anglers 4 Kids: Fred Kaczmarek announced that this year we will have seven Kid's trips. Any Member who is interested please contact Fred. There will be five trips in July and two in August and all trips will be on Tuesday. The Member background check to be onboard with kids is an insurance requirement and for child protection. Fred was contacted by a representative for Marine Corps kids and hoped they were not forgotten. The July 30th trip is dedicated to those kids. Our Club's Kid's trips are now well known throughout the community.

No Tackle Left Behind: John DeWitt commented on Rodger Goodall's donation of all his tackle to the Club and it was all state-of-the-art in the 1980's. Rodger didn't want anything for his donation except to help the Club. The sale of his equipment has generated \$1,500 in two Club meetings. Other people over time has donated equipment and they were Bill Vogel and Jerry Auerbach. John held up a Fenwick Pacific Stick with a Penn Squider reel, stating this was the state-of-the-art in its day and is still an excellent combo for casting anchovy. This rig would go for about \$75. John also discussed some lures and jigs that he has for sale. For those folks who donate tackle contact John and don't forget to get a donation slip.

Sunshine Report: Hal Reeser reported he received a call from Genie Hanson, the Club's Secretary for decades. Genie explained that her mobility has been hampered because she broke her leg and foot. Hal went to visit with her and found dozens of cards and letters asking about her wellbeing. Genie told him it was so nice receiving so many cards instead of sending them. She is now back to work at the Flower Fields, and if she makes it through this week, she'll have 25 years at the Fields. Hal read a card from Genie written to the Club, thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers. She stated they meant so much to her and she felt "truly blessed".

Conservation: Wayne Kotow stated that in years past it is the recreational fisherman who has been receiving the short end of the stick. Through efforts of CCA we have found some common ground to work with the other groups. The long line and the gill nets issue is one of those examples. For 30 plus years the United Anglers fought against gill nets and never got legislation to ban them. In three years CCA has gotten State legislation passed to ban gill nets and tomorrow CCA's Chairman will be in front of a committee in Washington, DC attempting to get Federal legislation passed to do the same. CCA is currently working on the Hawaiian long line issue and understands the issuing of International, Federal and State permits. Last month Wayne addressed the Sardine issue and how we're on the verge of losing that resource. We were fighting to save it and Pew was fighting against us. Pew states they use science however; their science is flawed. They were assessing beyond three miles while the greatest sardine population was within three miles of shore. CCA got the Lingcod limit changed from one to two. Here again, the National Fishery Service was using poor science. The White Seabass Hatchery here, is getting only 40 % of their budgeted funding, because the State is siphoning 60% of it and putting it into the General Fund. They are stealing our money! From Point Conception to the Mexican Border we all pay for an Ocean Enhancement Stamp that pays into that specific budget. Every time you buy tackle you pay an excise tax that supports that budget fund. CCA understands how the State is doing this and we're going after them with a letter and coalition is going after our money at the State Legislature level. Wayne needs OSA support as a Club and he asked for a vote in a show of hands. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Dip Stick: Larry Cusack was nominated because he was to ensure a projector for the Pew presentation and a written speaker introduction and it didn't happen.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Lee Mueller was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for Senior Grubby's. Club Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

Meeting Adjournment: Vice President Peter Rohrich adjourned the meeting.
Michael McIntire, Secretary