

OCEANSIDE SENOIR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 3, 2019

**President:** Gerry Graf called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms, Ed Dennis, led the Membership in the flag salute.

**Secretary:** August meeting minutes had no corrections.

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward gave the report. Donations totaling \$430 were collected and designated specifically for invited military picnic guests, so far \$140 has been spent. Thanks to Lynn Howell and his efforts in acquiring most of these funds. Picnic/Club raffles produced \$250 and Phenix Rod donated a rod which was subsequently raffled and yielded \$325. Expenditures were \$900 for 12 Marines to be on the August 25<sup>th</sup> charter. Checks have been written for the remaining Anglers 4 Military charters. Foundation ending account balance is \$12,084.

General account stands at approximately \$11,800; this is made up from charter receipts, picnics and Membership. Expenditures were \$9,500 for Helgren's August 19<sup>th</sup> charter and other charters are coming up. The General account balance currently stands at \$20,440 with \$10,000 in outstanding checks.

**Program Director:** Larry Cusack reported. Our guest speaker Gary Brennan from San Diego Wildlife Foundation was unable to attend. Larry announced the Oceanside Harbor Days are coming up this month and there are three reasons to participate: to wave the flag and announce we're to OSA Anglers, to make money and sign-up more Members. We need Members to help at our booth on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign-up and support our Club at this event.

Jeff Routsong, the retiring Foundation President, spoke regarding the devastating fire on the dive boat Conception. The incident happened on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with 34 people lost and the only survivors were the crew. The cause of the fire at this time is unknown. There are many speculative questions, what ignited the fire, were the smoke detectors functioning or were there carbon monoxide detectors on board. Most of us have been fishing on boats where all the bunks are below deck. Probably most of us haven't thought about exiting the bunk area in an emergency. When we get on board we should beware of our environment and where are the bunk room exits. Also, situational awareness, know what the situation is going around you! Jeff suggested that when we go on an overnight charter to bring our own detection device. Writers note: a reliable 2 in 1 carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarm can be purchased for about \$10 to \$20. Jeff commented, because of the below deck fire he speculates there will be a major critique of all fishing boat procedures, equipment, fire suppression, emergency exiting and even boat design.

Jeff addressed the meeting attendees on how important it is for Member involvement. He stressed in order for this Club to survive we must get involved. Look to see where you can contribute or shadowing a position that you may have an interest. Most positions in this Club are not difficult to handle and if we don't get involved this Club may just sadly go away.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson mentioned he would like to have more Club activities other than picnics and charters. He suggested that all of us checked our social circle and get more engaged in our Club. Greg announced that he has a \$35 gift certificate from the Oceanside Jolly Roger Restaurant which will be given away at the end of today's meeting. Greg explained he meets with local restaurateurs and promotes our Club with making new customers and we feature their business on the OSA website.

**Social Director continued:** Greg has an idea for Club fishing contests that can be held at the beach, Oceanside Pier, our area lagoons or fresh water at our local lakes. Greg mentioned he could possibly get sponsors for these contests. He announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hookup Baits Tournament, Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 held at Dana Landing in San Diego. Greg gave the activity details and schedule. If you are interested go to the website; [www.hookupbaits.com/tournament](http://www.hookupbaits.com/tournament). for more information. Greg suggested field trips, such as Day at the Docks, fish hatchery, Del Mar race track (in racing season) but we need someone to head it up.

The August 15<sup>th</sup> Pork Sliders, hosted by Lynn /Vickie Howell went well. Greg gave out a thank you to all the helpers at these picnics. Next picnic is September 25<sup>th</sup>, Fish Fry picnic hosted by Jim Mauritz, October 16<sup>th</sup> Mexican Fiesta, hosted by Jim Mauritz and November 14<sup>th</sup> Lasagna picnic, hosted by Steve/Cheryl Hjelt. The Annual Christmas Banquet will be held at the El Camino Country Club on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The present budget is \$1284.

Note: Greg stated a flat top grill and a propane burner are missing from the Club storage shed. The propane burner was determined to be unsafe to use due to its height and was given to Randy Brown the Club Lead Man. There's no clue where the flat top grill is.

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight announced Club Membership now stands at 240. The November meeting will be the start of Club Membership dues collection. For name tags see Diane Dawson and see Hank Mabrey for Directory photos.

**President Remarks:** Gerry Graf was contacted by the New York Times regarding the dive boat fire. They asked if the fishing boats are laid out like the dive boat and Gerry responded yes. There were also other questions asked.

Gerry has sold fishing tackle for many years and turned it over to a nephew a couple of years ago. He still sells some product. Recently, he received notices from all our whole sellers telling of the 30% import tariff on Chinese manufactured fishing tackle. This 30% is wholesale and is what Gerry will pay. The retail will probably go up 10 to 15%. He gave some examples of 'made in China' product that will be affected, names like Penn and Owner. Gerry did a show and tell of a new surf fishing product called a Sputnik sinker. It retails for about \$4 and Gerry is selling them for \$2.

Sportsman of the Year Award nominations are open. Qualifications for this award is the nominee must be an active Member who participates in Club activities and charters. They are also a person who goes the extra mile in their Club support. Give your nominee information to Peter Rohrich and the Board will review the nominees and make the selection based on prevailing recommendations.

At the last Board meeting we discussed what percentage of the Membership actually goes on the charters. The Board would like to know the reasons why Members don't go. Is it charter prices, physical issues or abilities, trip types, whatever it is we would like to hear from you? Please send your input and suggestions to Jim Mauritz.

Senior Center meeting room fees was thought to go up, but through negotiations we keep the present room and the Club will get the 2019 rate extended for 2020.

Gerry was contacted by KOCT, an Oceanside Community TV station, to do a program on pier fishing. Ken Harrison embraced the task and was featured on a TV segment called 'On the Scene with Eileen'. Ken showed the televised video to Club Members. In the video he talked about fishing on the Oceanside Pier and species caught. Ken gave useful fishing information, as well as telling about OSA Anglers and its community programs. Ken said it took four hours to video tape a three-minute segment.

**Nominating Committee:** Lee Mueller announced today is the Head Charter Master election and next month will be nominations for Club officers. If any Member has the desire to run for an office please let Lee know. The Head Charter Master puts a lot of effort in scheduling and negotiating Club charters. At present Jim Mauritz is only one candidate for Head Charter Master. Lee asked a show of hands all those in favor of Jim for HCM and the vote was unanimous.

**Foundation Report:** Jeff Routsong conducted the election for Foundation President. Although the Foundation Board has selected Ken Harrison, Foundation By-laws still require to take nominations from this meeting. With no additional candidates Gerry Graf made the motion to close the nominations. Jerry Auerbach seconded and with a show of hands made it unanimous. The Membership was then asked should Ken Harrison be the next Foundation President and with a show of hands the vote was unanimous.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** Jeff Routsong spoke about the success of the Kids Program. Fred Kaczmarek and John DeWitt made it work. The fish count these kids have put on the decks has been phenomenal and probably catching thousands of fish. The kids have learned the lesson of conservation through the CPR program: Catch, Photograph and Release. The impact our Club makes with our community programs changes lives and we all should be proud of that. The Member support of finances and involvement is very important and we always need more volunteers for program support. Fred Kaczmarek commented that on the 5<sup>th</sup> trip over 1,000 bass were caught and released. The CPR program worked well with the kids and no one had complaints about releasing fish. What was important to the kids wasn't keeping the fish, but the fish count. John DeWitt commented on what Fred has meant to this program. This year Fred managed to get \$7,000 from the Fish and Wildlife Commission, which enabled us to have seven kid's trips. Fred puts a lot of energy into this program and F&W greatly appreciates the fact the funds we receive is spent solely on this program. Our purpose is to teach kids the principals of conservation and that you don't have to keep everything you catch. Fred commented, "When the parents see these kids come off the boat, they also appreciate our program." Fred thanked the following Members for their program support; Dan Ontiveros, Dan Ontiveros Jr., Manny Ontiveros, George Ruble, Hank Mabrey, Bill Colburn, Jim Eisenberg, Art Logan, Everette (Frenchy) LaBarge, Ralph Ellis, Dennis Jung, Greg Thompson, Deek Takacs, Ed Dennis, Susan Morse, Russ Pfaff, Ken Harrison, Hal Reeser, Larry Cusack, Mike Springer, Wayne Kotow, John DeWitt and himself. Fred mentioned that perhaps seven trips might be too much. That will be reviewed. Next season due to increased program costs, an effort will be made to get additional funding from F&W.

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John DeWitt expressed a thank you to all those who have donated tackle to this program throughout the year. John acknowledged the following people; Terry Matthews, Vern Capistran, Tim Johnson (via Lee Mueller), Walt Topel (via George Ruble), Edd Robinson and Steve Forbes. John always has a lot of lures for sale and promoted the Wahoo lures. He mentioned Wahoo lures that are pink to orange/black are great for dropping to the bottom for Yellowtail. John is selling Wahoo lures for \$10. New Wahoo lures cost over \$20. John has a Seeker rods (\$350 value) with a choice of Penn Squider, or a Penn Jig Master or a Diawa SL on that pole for \$150. He also has a Fenwick rod with a Penn Squider for \$50. All the reels have been spooled with new line.

**Head Charter Master:** Peter Rohrich gave the report. The September 23<sup>rd</sup> charter was slated to have 12 Marines, but they had to cancel. Phone calls were made and with some hustle that trip is full and is on schedule. The August 19<sup>th</sup> 2½-day trip on Oceanside 95 was scratch fishing on the first day with only two Yellowtail caught. Jimmy Eghaneyan caught the jackpot fish, a 40 lb. Yellowfin on a flat fall. The second day was more scratch fishing, but we managed to get 13 Yellowfin. Peter Rohrich caught the jackpot, a 25 lb. Yellowfin was caught on the second day of fishing.

**Anglers 4 Scouts:** Kem Harrison gave the report. Peter Rohrich went to the Fiesta Island BSA Camp with Ken, Lynn Howell and Hal Reeser. This was Peter's experience with that camp and was very impressed with what he learned. Each week of camp many Scout groups come in and leave with yet, another group coming in. The Scouts have set up a rack for all the tackle which is very well taken care of. The Scouts are taught the art of fishing, but also, how take care of the equipment. Peter advised, "If want to be impressed, get involved with this program, because it's just not giving some tackle to some kids." Ken thanked Jeff Routsong and others for getting the Foundation started and for the confidence in electing him (Ken) as President. Eight years ago, Ken wanted to create a foundation with this Club, but there was opposition to the idea. Ken believes the Club attitude changed when a family offered \$10,000 and could not except it because we weren't a 501 C3 organization. With the Foundation now, we don't worry about funding because it's now funded with donations. Ken announced that his Anglers 4 Scouts successor is Lynn Howell, who accepted without hesitation.

**Anglers 4 Military:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Dip Stick:** Larry Cusack held onto the dip stick for one more month.

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Ralph Konzal was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for the Jolly Roger.

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary

**A sportsman sometimes catches big fish by patience, sometimes by luck, but most often by the tale.**