

## OCEANSIDE SENOIR ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 1, 2019

**Vice President:** Peter Rohrich called the meeting to order. Kelley Kissinger led the Membership in the flag salute.

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

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward gave the OSA financial report. The term Raffle Account will no longer be used, from this time forward it will be referred as the Foundation Account. The Foundation Account Last month receive \$2,800, \$1,500 of that came from the Rotary Club and OSA collected \$406 in donations at the Harbor Days event. The Foundation Account balance is \$10,200.

General Account began with \$4,800 minus expenses leaves an approximate balance of \$3,000.

**Program Director:** Larry Cusack introduced our guest speaker Geoff Hunt from the LP Fishing Supply and Lobster Port Trap Company. Geoff carries just about all your fishing needs, plus everything required to successfully catch lobster. Geoff offers a 10% discount to all OSA Members, just show your Membership card when you make a purchase. LP is located at 3245 Production Ave., Suite 'A', in Oceanside (near O'side Airport). Geoff conducts project classes on rod building and rod repair every Thursday night from 6 to 8 pm. Anyone interested in attending, you're welcomed to join, call 760-722-8727 for more information. Geoff handed out to the Membership the latest basic information regarding lobster fishing. Geoff started his lobster pot business about eight years ago in his garage. His business has grown to where people from Riverside come to get lobster gear and sells traps as far away as Morro Bay. Geoff talked about the different sizes of hoop nets, size recommendations, rigging and techniques. Lobsters are scavengers and eat most anything, but scent is important. The best baits are salmon heads and mackerel and to enhance scent, LP sells Lobster Crab Attractant. After two times of net a retrieval you should add fresh bait, or use attractant. Lobsters are basically night feeders so the best time to set nets is after sundown. Geoff explained multiple net placement should be spaced about 40 to 50 feet apart and suggested to set their depth about 30 feet. However, nets can be set deeper, that is up to the individual. He suggests setting the nets in and around bottom structure. After a "set", let the nets soak for about 20 to 40 minutes before retrieved. Don't let them soak more than two hours or they may be considered abandoned. To identify the sex of a female lobster, look at the underneath side of the tail. The female has a series of swimmerets or pleopods on the tail and this is where the fertilized eggs are kept. When compared with the male, the female's swimmerets are noticeably larger and overlapping. Lobsters must measure 3 1/4" from the horns to where the carapace (thorax) ends to be legal size.

Larry Cusack reported on the September 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Oceanside Harbor Days event. Both Larry and Jim Mauritz co-chaired this event. Thanks to Jim for supporting OSA on Saturday (21<sup>st</sup>) along with Peter Rohrich, Peter Graves, Don Smedley, Ron Sharp, Lynn Howell and Kelly Kissinger. Thanks to Hal Reeser, Frenchy LaBarge, Diane Dawson, Fred Capistran, George/Leslie Ruble, Ken Harrison and Dennis Jung for their help on Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>). There were four new Memberships signed up and a total of \$487 was collected from the event. Larry began the OHD drawing for five prizes with Jim's assist. 1<sup>st</sup> prize Leo Kikora, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Lee Wood, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Kevin Runge, 4<sup>th</sup> prize Mark Benson and 5<sup>th</sup> prize Kristine York. Two alternates were drawn, they are David Gilmore and Diane Dawson. Thanks to Jim Mauritz for acquiring three pairs of whale watching passes on the Oceanside Adventures and two pair of 1/2-day passes from Helgren's. The prize selection order is the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner gets to pick anyone of the listed prizes first. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner then picks from the remaining prizes and each winner after in that manner.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson reported the September 25<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry picnic hosted by Jim Mauritz. That picnic drew approximately 120 people, which included 60 Marines. Thanks to all of those who volunteered for picnic support and Frenchy LaBarge for the three-pineapple upside down cakes. The next picnic is the Mexican Fiesta de OSA on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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> and the cost this year is \$40. Today's after meeting lunch will be at the Harbor House Café. At the end of today's meeting a lucky Member will win a \$20 gift certificate for that restaurant.

Ken Harrison reported the 2019 Christmas Banquet raffle tickets will be handled in a different manner. Instead of selling "series tickets", the raffle tickets will be sold in multiples of two tickets for \$5 and you can purchase as many as you please. There will be many prizes, including fishing gear and a big screen TV. Sign-ups start today.

**Nominating Committee:** Hal Reeser presented recommendations for the offices of the OSA. The officer candidates are; for President is Peter Graves, Vice President is Peter Rohrich, Treasurer is Mike Forward and Secretary is Michael McIntire. The elections for these offices will be held at the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. The new 2020 officers will take office at the December Club Banquet. The offices for President, Vice President and Secretary are still open for additional candidates until the November meeting and any Member can still apply. If you have the desire please contact Lee Mueller, Ed Dennis or Hal Reeser. Peter Graves has been a Member for the past three years and if elected doesn't plan on big changes, only to add to what we already have. He'd like to have a "chat line" where Members could communicate about events or people in need.

**Foundation Report:** Ken Harrison reported that last week the Foundation had all the necessary paperwork completed and in order for our C7 designation. Now we wait for the State and Feds to complete the process. The Foundation is carrying over money to next year which is good news. Our goal next year is to solicit funds from various corporations so that we can support our programs. Lynn Howell, our new Anglers 4 Scouts Director will be kicking off a new Oceanside Pier tournament fishing program for the Girl Scouts. Hopefully this program will start in November or the first of the year.

**Anglers 4 Military:** Jim Mauritz reported the September 11<sup>th</sup> charter was completed and was disappointed with the equipment supplied. The boat had the opportunity to fish 450 feet and the tackle used didn't reach the bottom. Fortunately, Helgren's had gear that would get there. Five Marines did get some big "reds" and won the jack pot. We moved to shallower water so the rest of the Marines had an opportunity to catch fish. So this situation does not repeat itself, Jim has an approved plan and goal to raise \$3,000 to \$4,000 to purchase proper equipment. The Foundation will open a separate Go Fund Me bank account with the funds specifically used for this campaign. We'll be looking at outfits that cost about \$100 each. We need 30 combos (five will be spares), with five outfits having left-handed reels and some harnesses. The September 30<sup>th</sup> charter was the last military trip of the year with 16 Marines on board. The Marines caught just over 200 fish and had a great time. Jim pointed out the military trips cost \$2,400 per trip, this pays for breakfast, lunch, treats, fish filleting and boat crew tip. Jim announced we just received a letter from Commanding Officer of the Wounded Warrior Battalion, commending and thanking OSA for what we do. Jim asked how many Members would attend a wine tasting event that would benefit OSA. A gentleman, now a Member, who owns Coomber's Winery in Oceanside, approached Jim at Harbor Days and promoted a wine tasting fund raising event to benefit the Foundation. The idea is doable if we get the participants. Don Smedley's son sponsored a charter this year and the Rotary Club will be sponsoring two trips next year. Our goal is five WW trips for 2020. Jim announced that Phenix Rod is donating a new rod and jacket for the October 6<sup>th</sup> 3 ½ day charter raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** Fred Kaczmarek summarized the seven kid's trips. This year we introduced the CPR program which is "Catch, Photograph and Release" the fish caught. Initially it was thought there would be opposition to CPR, but it was totally embraced by everyone. The Kids caught approximately 1,600 fish on the seven trips. The kids learned conservation through CPR. The kids began bragging rights, "I caught four, I caught six!" and they didn't care about taking fish home. The seventh trip was the Bob Porter Memorial and three Porter family members were onboard and helped the kids with their needs. The Porter's donated \$1,000 to help fund this trip. Each Kid's charter cost \$1,425 and the total expense for seven trips was \$11,995.66, this included boat, food, trophies and OSA booklets. The seven trips took 186 kids fishing this year. The seven trips were successful trips and seven more trips are planned in 2020. The next meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Fred will try for a \$10,000 grant. Fred thanked all the Club Members for their program support.

**Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz thanked everyone for being re-elected as Head Charter Master. Jim thanked the Rotary Club for their 12<sup>th</sup> year of Wounded Warrior sponsorship. November is Jim's Canned Food Drive for needy Marine families. Please be generous in bringing your canned goods to the November Club meeting. For this year's fishing season two additional trips were added. Trips will be added if all other scheduled charters are filled and funded for those who want to fish. The second additional trip on September 3<sup>rd</sup> was on the Voyager and went to the Coronado Islands. Jim commented that he had to use 15 lb. fluorocarbon with a #4 hook in order to catch 20 lb., Yellowfin tuna. Everyone on that trip came home with fish. The Voyager came in and turned around and went back out on the same day for the Voyager on the, 1 ½ day trip. The trip Charter Master, Peter Graves reported the weather conditions were great and everyone on board caught their limits and we went home early. D. Montague won the jack pot with a 28 lb. Yellowfin. Charter Master Don Smedley reported on the September ¾ day trip on the Sea Trek by simply stating, it was a "kick". Jack pot winner was Jim Mauritz for a 4 lb. Sheepshead.

Jim announced recipients of the jack pot pin. Those anglers are; John Lopez with a 38 lb. Bluefin, Dave Cantori with a 17 lb. Dorado, Jim Mauritz with a 4 lb. Sheepshead and a 24 lb. Yellowfin, Mike Arrington with a 16 lb. Yellowfin, Dave Montague with a 28 lb. Yellowfin, Jim Henderson with a 27 lb. Yellowfin, Victor Balaker with a 6 lb. Red, Peter Rohrich with a 19 lb. Yellowfin, Deek Takacs with a 1 ½ lb. Boccaccio, Jimmy Eghaneyan with a 40 lb. Bluefin and Manny Ontiveros with a 24 lb. Yellowfin. Jim is working on next year's charter calendar. If anyone has suggestions or recommendations do it before January 2020. If anyone wants to be a Charter Master for 2020, contact Jim. Charter Master, AED and CPR training will be held in this facility after the December Membership meeting.

**Conservation Report:** Wayne Kotow announced the Facebook for OSA is operational and titled "OSAnglers". Ken Harrison, Wayne and Luis Camarena presently have access to it. It will be opened up to Jim Mauritz and Greg Thompson so they can post photos. Wayne also announced that Cowcod fishing is now open. Pacific Fisheries Management Council recently announced the Cowcod stock has been rebuilt, well before schedule. What to do next is remove the Cowcod Conservation Area, because it's now not necessary, remove depth restrictions and change catch limits. CCA will be working on these changes next year. Wayne touched on the San Diego Bay Master Plan and its issues, such as Shelter Island Drive, Scott Street being narrowed, removing some boat trailer parking at the busiest boat ramp in the State. The Port Authority didn't include the Marlin Club, the oldest club in San Diego and the only sanctioned IGFA weigh station in the area. Other areas of the Bay were also affected, but we got the word out and had open meetings with 500 people attending. There were over 3,000 letters and emails sent to the Port Authority and to the Coastal Commission. This redesign plan was drafted in 2013 and there were over 260 groups, like CCA, that had input on the Bay Master Plan. At this moment the redesign has been handed back to the architects.

**Conservation Report continued:** Deep set buoy gear got authorized as the ultimate gear instead of the use of gill nets. Regulations and conflicts with recreational fishing has to be worked out. The three “Rs”, Reactivate, Retain and Recruit initiative proposal has gone to Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. The 12- month fishing license is a legislative two- year Bill that is on hold. The reason for this is, that we got the Department of F&W to stop fighting us. There will be amendments to it, e.g., hunting along with the angler portion. We’re working on it with hope it will be effective in 2020. Wayne has been traveling the State promoting CCA and there is strong interest in establishing CCA Chapters in the State.

**Sunshine Report:** Genie Hansen shared a San Diego Union News clipping from September 8<sup>th</sup>. It featured a color photo of OSA Members that hosted a picnic and the caption read “Fishing club hosts fundraiser to benefit area Marines, youths”. Jim Mauritz’s mother, Cresenciana (Cres) Mauritz, OSA Member, passed on September 19, 2019. Memorial service will be held at the Saint Peter Apostle Parish in Fallbrook, CA on October 30<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Dip Stick:** There were many candidates for the award but, Randy Graham was the lucky recipient to get the dip stick award for not reading his raffle ticket number correctly.

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Ron Casapulla was the lunch drawing winner and received a \$20 gift certificate for the Harbor House Cafe.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Vice President Peter Rohrich adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary

**An angler is a man who first lies in wait for a fish and then lies in weight after landing it!**