

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 2, 2018

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

Secretary: Meeting minutes of December were read with no revisions.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported on the condition of the Raffle Account, which includes Anglers for Kids, Military and Scouts. Mike then reported on the General Account stating there's a lot of activity due to charter start-ups and year end expenses.

President's Remarks: President Graf made referenced to the 501(c) 3 Charity and wants to discuss it in the old business. He would like to vote on it within the next two months. His comments regarding the 501(c) 3 are in the OSA News Letter.

George Ruble, the club's long time historian, has passed the baton to Hank Maybrey. Special appreciative thank you was given to Hank for the video capturing the Annual Banquet.

Kelly Kissinger has assumed the responsibility for acquiring the monthly door prizes. Special thanks to Hal Reeser for handling this task in the past.

Diane Dawson has been handling the clothing and badges, however, it has become burdensome and she can longer do the task. Diane has agreed to continue ordering badges/name tags. The club needs a member to take over the clothing portion. Getting a local vendor to fill our clothing requests has become a problem; they want multiple orders on a product. This issue will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. The clothing currently displayed is from the Queensboro Shirt Company and all prices were at cost.

Program Director: Hal Reeser asked the membership what speakers or subject matter they would like covered. Send your suggestions to Hal's email which is in the membership directory. Hal announced the following activities for 2018.

- Fred Hall Show will be held March 22nd to 25th. See Dave Miller for signups for OSA's booth. The focus this year will be revenue and membership generation.
- Day at the Docks, this event is scheduled for April, date to be determined. The club has not participated in this event for a number of years and has an opportunity to do so. A chairperson would be needed for that event.
- Harbor Days in Oceanside is scheduled for September 15th and 16th. A chairperson is needed for that event.

Social Director: Greg Thompson, new Social Director, thanked Ken Harrison for his past efforts. Activities such as after meeting lunches, picnics and field trips would continue. Greg thanked all who made the Club's Annual Banquet a success and thanked Lee Wood as coordinator. Lee Wood is stepping down as coordinator for future banquets. Any member who has activity suggestions is encouraged to contact Greg via email or phone; his info is in the membership directory.

- Ken Harrison announced Dave and Julie Miller's "Burgers and Dogs" picnic on January 25th at MLK Park.
- Jim Mauritz announced the Fish Tacos picnic on February 22nd at MLK Park.

Membership Director: Lee Wood announced the following new members; Lori Valencia, Jim/Gale Bixler, Dennis/Patricia Reigle and Errol Ovid. Lee reported the current membership stands at 202 and said membership is "way down". Lee is concerned because last year we had 336 members.

Jeff Routsong reported the club membership directory was currently in draft format. This directory will be printed in a larger color format and it's expected to be available at the February meeting. Special thanks to Jeff Routsong and Ken Harrison for gathering enough advertisers to pay for the directory printing.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz read the December Charter Master report for Marshall Goddard. Sixteen anglers went on the Relentless for rock cod at San Clemente Island. Two anglers, Al Ferris and Kelly Kissinger became ill and couldn't make the trip and gave up their spots for two US Marines. If anyone cannot make a trip and wants to send a Marine let Jim know. Jim said Forrest Wright could always get a Marine for a trip. Hal Reeser won the trip Jackpot with a 16 pound Lingcod and received a Jackpot pin. Hal, with his Jackpot winnings, paid the Marine's galley tab and Tony Johnson paid for the Marines to be in the jackpot.

Guest Speaker: Amber Duff, Helgren's Sport Fishing representative, summarized her Helgren's affiliation. Amber addressed changes to their charter business and the new location which is a kiosk north of Joe's Crab Shack. This location is next to free 72 hour parking and handicap parking.

Amber announced to all club members that with proof of OSA membership, Helgren's will discount \$10.00 on all 2018 open charter half day and 3/4 day trips. Reservations are strongly suggested and if you call, tell them you are an OSA member. Jim Mauritz presented Amber Duff with a certificate of appreciation.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz distributed the charter schedule for the 2018 season to the attending membership. The present schedule has 24 trips varying from half day to multi day, from inshore to offshore. All the 'times' given on the charter schedule are departure times. Jim announced charter deposits have been paid and trip contracts signed and copies given to the Treasurer. Jim encouraged members to sign up for the first Helgren's trip on March 20th. All Helgren's charters will load at the dock gate north of Joe's Crab Shack.

Jim opened the meeting to questions. Bo Bolender has concerns regarding the club's Kids program. In the past the club used Joe Cassiola of the Sea Center for those trips. The concern is due to the shift to Helgren's, is there a cost impact? Jim contacted Joe Cassiola and discussed charter pricing with no conclusion. Jim addressed a club member incident with the Chubasco skipper. He stressed, if there is a problem on a charter, don't be confrontational, take the issue to the charter master.

There was general discussion regarding charters with other fishing docks. Some members had questions why not continue and use docks like Seaforth. Jim responded with it's all about cost. Jim said charter boats have specified bringing beer aboard is not allowed, they sell it. Wine is still allowed on trips with meals.

Anglers for Kids: Fred Kaczmarek and John Dewitt went to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for a meeting and gave their funding pitch. Fred stated there are five (5) approved kid trips for 2018. The schedule for those has not been finalized due to finance commitments.

Anglers for Military: Jim Mauritz has been working with Helgren's for three (3) trips for 2018 and will present it at the next Board Meeting. Jim has a contact that can arrange at least ten discharged or disabled vets and active duty for each of the proposed trips. Jim contacted Fish and Wildlife in an effort for special permits for the active duty personnel and is waiting for their response. Jim spoke to Ron Parker, our Rotary Club representative, in hopes for co-sponsorship of the military trips.

Jim has collected the remaining military challenge coins and club coins from Kris Thorsten. The intent is to revitalize the sale of these coins to help raise money for the military fishing trips; this is subject to Board approval.

Angler for Scouts: No report

Sunshine Report: Genie Hansen has no report. However, if anyone has any news, give her a call and leave a message(s) on her home phone only.

Old Business: President Gerry Graf asked if there was additional info for the 2018 Club Directory and Jeff Routsong said no changes after January 15th.

The club has made annual donations to the Oceanside Senior Center in the past for OSA using their facility. However, the meeting room use agreement has changed it is now an annual fee of \$1200.

Gerry wants to provide a 501 (c) 3 presentation at the next club meeting and have open discussion. Many members have questions and opinions. Hopefully, members will do an 'online' search for an explanation of a 501(c) 3 and have a better understanding of the subject.

New Business: Gerry commented, for those giving membership reports, be specific and please refrain from extra dialog. These items should be discussed in either new or old business.

Gerry discussed two issues. (1) Helgren's versus Joe Cassiola conflict and that the club should get the best price for a charter. (2) Settle the club member conflict with the Chubasco and a resolution to the issue with the owner Ernie Prieto.

Gerry and Lee Wood had a discussion regarding club the annual dues and concluded the cost maybe a "turn off" and would like a way to roll back the rate. If the club became a 501(c) 3 Charity it would be a benefit, any donations would be tax deductible and it could reduce membership dues.

Note to the membership, Club Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend. Meetings are held in a smaller room and seating is limited, if you want to attend give Gerry a call. Board meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Oceanside Senior Center.

Dip Stick: The New Year starts out with a clean dip stick. Is there a candidate?

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: John Ptaszek was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for lunch at the Oceanside Jolly Rodger. Following the lunch drawing the raffle began.

President Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary