

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 6, 2018

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

Guest Speaker: John Dewitt introduced the guest speaker, Mike Lackey owner and captain of the 80 foot Vagabond. John made personal comments on the captain, crew and boat. Mike's attitude towards his customers is to make them feel at home.

Mike began speaking about Guadalupe Island and the fishing restrictions there and the Yellowfin and Yellowtail fishing. He spoke on how Mexican politics affect our fishing. He explained the Bluefin migration route and how they locate off our coast. Once the Bluefin are here they generally stay within 800 to 900 miles off San Diego for approximately 5 to 7 years. He stated the aircraft spotters reported there's more Bluefin than ever seen. Mike shared his expertise and what combos to use for tuna and suggested 4 setups for fishing Bluefin.

Captain Mike went through his preferred 4 setups and suggestions on terminal gear. Solid Spectra is his preference and not hollow, because solid sink rate is faster than hollow. He also went through his preferred line connections, those being the Seaguar knot for light line and the uni to uni jam knot for heavier line. He cautioned not to use the Seaguar knot to tie different line hardness, it will fail. He said reel drag should be set at 30% of the lightest line strength and uses a scale for setting a drag on heavy line. He cited a common mistake is that anglers set drag too light. "When you're fighting a fish, that you want, you have to fight to catch the fish".

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

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported the Raffle Account now stands at \$11,410. The expenditure year to date is \$1,000 and is a deposit on a Helgren's charter. The General Account is \$22,735.

Program Director: Hal Reeser, staffing for the Fred Hall Show still needs members for some shifts. Hal spoke on funds and said the last 2 years we raised about \$2,000 per Show and he expects about the same this year. We also need to focus on getting new club members. Any new members signing up at the Show will get a discounted club membership for \$20. Prizes offered: 1-1/2 day fishing trip, for one, on the Oceanside 95, thanks to Helgren's and Jim Mauritz and a 1/2 day on the Chubasco, for 2, thanks to Ernie Prieto and Ken Harrison. The main prize will be a rod and reel combo.

Social Director: Greg Thompson commented on the Fish Taco picnic and thanked Jim Mauritz and helpers that made it a success. Next picnic is the St. Patrick's Day on March 15th, with Jim Mauritz hosting and held at MLK Park. The after meeting lunch will be at Grandma's Hilltop Hideaway Café in Oceanside. Our Christmas Banquet will be held at the El Camino Country Club. We'll have the use of the main ballroom, which accommodates a150 guests. Dinner will be buffet style. Parking can be problematic, but we'll have 2 golf carts to shuttle us all evening. The banquet will be booked this week.

Membership Director: Lee Wood announced four new members; Randy Graham, Aaron Knight, Rick and Kelly Neu. Membership now stands at 242 with 229 Email addresses.

President's Remarks: President Graf said we still have issues finding a local vendor to supply club clothing. The garments here are from Queensboro Shirt Company; they're purchased and sold at cost. Diane Dawson returned the suitcase with the club clothing samples. The next BOD meeting will discuss what to do with the samples.

President's Remarks continued: Gerry addressed the lease issue with Helgren's and the Sea Center saying that Helgren's lease had expired and the Sea Center got the lease. Gerry pointed that within our club there are Sea Center supporters and Helgren's supporters and the club cannot take an official position as to which group we support. We've worked with and chartered with Ernie Prieto and Joe Cassiola for years.

Gerry discussed the Pacific Star litigation and how it began. In 2013 it was reported to the Fish and Wildlife that Pacific Star was violating state game laws. Subsequently two undercover F&W officers went on a Pacific Star trip. They observed violations ranging from over specie limits to fishing in Marine Protected Areas resulting in 84 violations. An administrative law judge rendered a penalty of a 90 day suspension and a \$5,000 fine; however Fish and Wildlife Commission disagreed and wanted a more severe penalty. F&W had another hearing on February 7th and a new judgment resulted in a 5 year license suspension. Gerry has a video of that hearing and invites anyone interested to contact him. Steve Hjelt, club member and a retired administrative law judge attended our last BOD meeting and gave us some guidance on the matter.

The club will vote on the 501 (c) 3 today. A committee went through setup info and will report their findings to this meeting. The charity will have a BOD consisting of seven members. It will be separate from this club, but coexist. Those BOD members will run the charity operation and the only part that OSA has is voting for BOD of that charity.

Head Charter Master: Jim gave the report on the Relentless charter scheduled for the Cortez Bank, but because of good weather at San Clemente we went there. Sixteen anglers were on board, 14 OSA members and 2 quests. Jim noted when the boat returned to dock there were 16 members. Trip fish count: 32 Vermillion, 65 various rock fish, 24 Salmon Grouper, 2 Sculpin, one Sheepshead, one Lingcod and 23 White Fish. Doug Reeser got the jackpot with a 6lb White Fish. Hal Reeser accepted the Jackpot pin for Doug. Approximately 70 fish were released using our descender and Andy Underwood released most of them.

Jim said the April Relentless trip to Bonda Bank still needs anglers, see Ed Robinson. The May Relentless trip to San Nicolas Island is full. As of today the July trips are open to friends and family.

Jim got back the Pacific Star \$3,500 deposit, but he's holding on the contract. Jim noted by the end of March Pacific Star's owner assumes they will be back in operation. If that happens Jim said we will honor the contract. Jim took backup measures in the event Pacific Star doesn't get the suspension removed and has a tentative charter with Helgren's. Jim revisited the violations stating the 84 talked about is really just 6. There were 3 citations in Long Beach and 3 citations in Santa Barbara. An example of one of the citations regarded penalizing crew members for multiple fish when in reality it was the same fish.

Jim commented on the Fish Taco picnic stating the net profit was \$155 and thanked Jerry Porter helping pay for the Marine guests. At the Board meeting a measure was passed for funding military personnel attending club picnics. Jim Mauritz commented that each picnic chairman will check their budget to see if they are capable on inviting military.

OSA Charity Foundation: Larry Cusack spoke on the 501 (c) 3, there will be no effect regarding our 501 (c) 7 designation. Any donors will be able to make a tax a legal deduction. He gave an example in where a person at the Fred Hall Show wanted to make a donation and because we are a (c) 7 it is not deductible.

Jeff Routsong spoke about his experiences setting up a 501 (c) 3. He has set up three 501 (c) 3, one was for a fire fighters association and that charity allowed getting corporate and private donations. This particular charity collected \$3,800,000 in 15 years. The 501 (c) 3 allows us to benefit charities like the Scouts, kids and military.

OSA Charity Foundation continued: Mike Forward said the foundation will be a separate corporation. We will be filing 2 tax returns instead of one. Records will be kept on donations received on those who donated and copies of receipts filed and bookkeeping would be easy.

Ken Harrison said we have an elected BOD and we have 5 main areas of service. (1) The fishing charters take care of themselves, you pay, and you go. (2) Club meetings, (3) Social events and (4) Conservation, our dues pay these. (5) Community service, scouts, kids and military these will be funded by the 501 (c) 3. Club dues and club costs to participate at the Fred Hall Show and Harbor Days is approximately \$2,500. That will now be under IRS rules paid by the foundation and would not come out of membership dues. Ken announced the foundation committee will be nominating Jeff Routsong as the foundation president.

Fred Kaczmarek commented on the 501 (c) 3 and how it will get more funding for kid's trips, military trips and the scouts. Once it is installed it's easy to operate and control and does not interfere with members fishing trips or other club activities. The 501 (c) 3 will enhance our charitable programs.

Anglers for Military: Jim Mauritz reported that he was given some rods and reels. His plan is to put this gear together and rent it to anglers who don't have proper ocean gear. We'll rent it out for a nominal fee and for less than sport fishing docks. It can help the angler and benefit the club's programs.

Anglers for Kids: Fred Kaczmarek will have the signup sheets for the kid's trips next month.

Angler for Scouts: Ken Harrison no report

Conservation: Bo Bolender reported that we have collected 143 miles of recycled fishing line. Club members; bring your used line to the meetings where it will be shipped to Berkley for recycling. There are collection bags for line on all fishing trips. About 18 months ago California had a proposition to ban all lead which affected weights and fishing products. It has come back as California AB2787. If passed it will eliminate lead in all fishing products. The bill specifically states you cannot manufacture, sell or distribute lead products, but doesn't say you can't use it.

501 (c) 3 Votes: Club vote was taken and Ed Dennis gave the vote count of 72 "yes" and 10 "no". The "yes" votes have approved to go forward and apply for 501 (c) 3.

Bill Vogel Challenge: Bill has donated \$100 in support of Kid and Scout Programs. The challenge is for members to match or donate to support this program. Bill demonstrated his fishing harness, for \$25 and reel adapter for \$12.

Dip Stick: No new candidates

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Bo Bolender was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for lunch at the Grandma's Hilltop Hideaway Cafes. Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

President Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary