

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 6, 2018

Vice President: Ken Harrison called the meeting to order and led the membership in the flag salute.

Secretary: Meeting minutes of October not available

Nominating Committee: The committee consisted of Hal Reeser and Dave Miller. Committee Chairman Hal Reeser opened with asking the membership if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Hal asked for a motion to close the options for candidates, George Ruble stated ‘so moved’ and Ray Klotz seconded the motion. Candidates for President are; Gerry Graf and Jim Mauritz. Candidates for Vice President are; Ken Harrison and Peter Rohrich. Candidate for Secretary is Michael McIntire and candidate for Treasurer is Mike Forward. Hal went through the club election rules and voting format. Each candidate for President and Vice President had time at the podium to give their resume’ and to promote their candidacy.

Ken Harrison asked for the voting ballots to be collected for tabulation.

Guest Speaker: Program Director Hal Reeser stated the scheduled guest speaker; Brady Pesola of Triple B Adventures was not able to make the meeting. Instead Hal introduced Virginia Duncan as our speaker. Virginia is the Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission and she is responsible for getting funding for our Anglers 4 Kids trips. Virginia will be speaking in Brady Pesola behalf. Triple B Adventures is an organization that focuses on helping veterans combat common issues that plague the veteran community by taking them hunting, camping, hiking and fishing.

Virginia explained the organization is non-profit and it deals exclusively with military veterans suffering with various conditions. She explained that TBA has worked with a multitude of veterans. What was discovered through the outdoor program was these veterans were able to reconnect and get a healing benefit from these various activities. Another aspect of TBA is they don’t end with an outing, but are available 24/7 for these veterans. Some vets come out of this rehab with the desire to pay back by doing various types of community service which gives them a sense of self-worth.

Ken Harrison introduced our second speaker, our own Bo Bolender. Bo is moving to Oregon on or about the first of 2019. Bo has been a club President, is the primary on our conservation program, managed the OSA website and has contributed many ideas and policies to the club.

Bo briefly gave his club history; 10-year member, President, Vice President, OSA website design, did the conservation work, charter master, involved with Pacific Fishery Council and NOAA. As President one of his messages to the Board was to engage the members. That entailed surveys on what the members wanted to do and how to approach it. It was emphasized that we were primarily a fishing club. Bo said, with humor, “Most of us are a couple of years past fifty and when fishing it’s customary to do the ‘tuna shuffle’, we do the senior stumble.” Bo credited those are involved with the kid’s program. However, it takes a commitment from the membership to support this activity and others like it. Bo emphasized club members to seriously consider dedicating 3 to 4 hours a week to a club that provides you this type of environment. He also emphasized stepping up to support all the club’s social programs, like the kid’s program. Bo emphasized participation in the Fred Hall Show, Harbor Days and picnics.

Guest Speaker continued: Bo continued, Wayne Kotow, Executive Director of CCA, will be assuming the club's conservation role, but will need help from club members. Conservation programs identified were fish tagging, fish release programs and working directly with NOAA. A few years ago, the club got involved in a tag and release program. 600 calico bass were caught, tagged and then released, all done for science. Hopefully, someone in this club will have the will power to get involved with NOAA and Pacific Management Fisheries Council. Write letters to these organizations telling them what our club cares about, i.e., Bluefin fishery, we don't want it to go away. Bo reminded us about the MLPA and be vigilant regarding their future plans. The question, "We will be able to fish Mexican waters?" He went through the areas that are closed to fishing, such as Cedros, Benitos and San Martin islands. Bo emphasized knowing your tackle, your knots and practice your skill. He talked about OSA being one of the largest fishing clubs and that we should be fishing on boats that are safe and that appreciate our business. In 2019, what would you, the membership, like to see new? What is not working for you and what is working for you? Bo went through the various functions of the club, reminding members that all these need assistances and that you, the club member should be participating. Bo opened it up discussion regarding what type of fishing trips members want, 1-1/2, 2-1/2-day trips and others? Next item he talked about was the 9 or so club picnics and the need for membership participation. Bo's final message for the members is, "get engaged!" OSA members will truly miss Bo's commitment and the contribution he has given the club.

Social Director: Greg Thompson reported on the October Fest picnic hosted by Jim Mauritz. A picnic attendee who has been to Germany, said, "It was as authentic as it gets." Greg gave credit to those who helped make the picnic a success. Hal Reeser will be hosting the November Shrimp Boil picnic, cost \$9. Members, sign up for the December 11th Christmas Banquet, cost is \$35 per person. Dinner will be buffet style with an excellent menu, prizes, entertainment and dancing. The place is the El Camino Country Club near El Camino Real and Vista Way. Sign up for it, 70 members have already signed up, don't miss it! The after-meeting lunch today will be at the Beach Break Café in Oceanside.

Membership Director: Larry Knight reported we have 2 new members, they are Virginia Duncan and Judy Kanouse. New members please see Diane Dawson for club name tags and see Hank Mabrey for directory photos. Thanks to member Suszi Sutherland for donating 2 tickets for two active military to attend the Christmas Banquet. Member Jerome Navarro, owner of Jerome's Furniture, has donated \$200 in support of the Anglers 4 Kids.

President's Remarks: Ken Harrison announced the Toys for Tots drive will happen at the December meeting. Bring unwrapped new toys, **no guns**.

Bill Vogel spoke about the Honor Flight which is offered to all vets. It's a flight to Washington DC for a celebration and tour of the War Memorials. Vets fly out of San Diego on a Friday and return on a Sunday. You, the vet, can sign up for this program. They have two or more trips annually and if interested in this program contact Bill Vogel for info. Did you know that Bill Vogel and Fred Kaczmarek are both WWII vets? Don't forget the Bill Vogel Challenge. Bill donates \$100 to the club and challenges the membership to match his donation. All the money goes to the social programs.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz began with announcing shirts for the members who have participated in the club operations. He described the shirts as having a 3 color OSA logo on the shirt back and logo on shirt pocket. Any club member that would like to purchase a "T" or polo shirt or 'hoodie' with the club logo contact Jim. T-shirt is \$15, polo shirt is \$20 and the hoodie is \$30.

Head Charter Master continued: Last charter of the year was the 3-1/2-day trip in October on the Poseidon out of Seaforth. One guest was a young Marine whose ticket was sponsored by Edna Wright, Andy Underwood and Jim Mauritz. The Marines license(s) and galley tab was paid for by Peter Rohrich, Deek Takas, Josh Kahani and Jim Mauritz. First day Mexican waters were fished. All limited out on yellowfin tuna and some caught limits of dorado. First day jackpot went to Andy Underwood for a 20-pound yellowfin. Second day, more yellowfin and dorado caught. Second day jackpot winner was for a 17- pound dorado, no name mentioned. The third day we fished U.S. waters in search of bluefin and none were found. We went to the Cortez Bank and caught bocaccio, white fish and rock fish, with limits caught. On the way back to port we made a stop on a bluefin school and a 100-pounder (the jackpot fish) was caught and others of various weights. One tuna wrapped the line around the sonar and the crew managed to free the line, but the line had to be cut. The skipper wound the line around his hand while a crew member retied the line and the skipper released the line. Unfortunately, the 'blue' broke off and it was not the failure of the knot. Jim announced a rock cod trip on the Relentless which is scheduled for December 5th and will return on the 7th, contact Jim if interested. We need Charter Masters for 2019 and if interested contact Jim.

Ken Harrison talked about the club shirts stating, if you're representing the club at the Fred Hall Show or Harbor Days, wear a club polo shirt. This gives our club visibility and presents a better image of what we are.

Hugh Cobb is making a contribution to the club of 100 quality molded rod fighting belts. They have a gimbal mount set up, but the pin can be removed easily. These belts will be sold for \$5 each for a belt that retails for \$35 to \$40. Hugh will make these available at the December meeting.

Randy Brown, the club's "lead man" makes and sells sinkers for club members. Randy is selling weights at a special temporary price of \$1.50 per pound. They are normally sold at \$2 a pound. All sale proceeds go directly to benefit the club's social programs. Contact Randy if interested.

Ken Harrison spoke about the club directory. Last year we received about \$600 in advertising and this year we are pushing for over \$1,000. These directories are also made available to all members that cannot attend meetings. This keeps the member connected to the club. If you, the member, shop or eat at an establishment, tell them about advertising in our local directory. Ads are available in full color, \$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full-page ad.

Foundation Report: Jeff Routsong is the current President of our 'C3' organization, but also handles the club directory and soliciting advertising to reduce printing costs. Jeff told the members that if their info had errors in the 2018 directory let him know so corrections can be made. If you want a new picture see Hank Mabrey for a directory photo. Send email changes to bajajeff@yahoo.com and don't forget to notify our Membership Director, Larry Knight of changes. **Important**, the January meeting is the cutoff for directory changes. The 2019 directory cover is depicting a yellow tail swimming in kelp and is illustrated by a local artist.

Foundation report: Much is going on including the Christmas Banquet. At that venue there will be a "basket" raffle that will benefit the Foundation and our social programs. Each basket will have a different prize and you can buy ticket(s) for that specific basket. Remember, what you spend on raffle tickets benefits us and the club. The Foundation is doing well and receiving contributions.

George Rubel has gone out and found the perfect mascot for our club. He has named it OSA and it's a sculpture of a California sea lion, aka bowser.

All the Vets were gathered for the 2019 club photo. This includes vets from WWII to Desert Shield. This photo will be found on the OSA website.

Anglers 4 Kids: Fred Kaczmarek thanked the members that participated in the kid's trips and hopes for more participation in the next season. This year we had 5 trips and for 2019 we hope for 6 to 7 trips. We are hopeful to get a grant of \$7,000 from Fish and Wildlife to help with costs. With more trips we do have time constraints, because the kid's trips have to be during summer months.

No Tackle Left Behind: John De Witt spoke about wahoo fishing and what is the best lure to use. John's preference and swears by the black and orange Marauder lure and these lures retail about \$50. He cautioned these lures must swim straight, if they are designed with an erratic pattern they don't work well. The best way to buy one of these lures is at a swap meet. Look for the one with teeth marks, they are the best.

Anglers 4 Military: Jim Mauritz reported that Andy Underwood donated his \$60 jackpot winnings to the Foundation. Jim also has received checks from friends and family resulting from the Forest Wright Memorial, earmarked for the Anglers 4 Military program.

Anglers 4 Scouts: Ken Harrison reported the fishing equipment used at the Scout Camp Fiesta Island needs rehab. After examination 13 reels that were used are fresh water and will be replaced by salt water type. We'll be budgeting for these reels however; a Penn source may be able to help us. Hal Reeser will be checking the condition and repairing the 24 poles used at that camp.

Treasurer: Mike Forward announced that California Attorney General has authorized our raffle registration for this year which relates to the C3 Foundation. Mike announced the following received donations, \$60 from Andy Underwood, \$160 from Wright Memorial, \$75 from Lynn Howell's neighbor, \$200 and \$150 from anonymous sources, plus \$1,500 from Rotary Club. Raffle Account has \$10,300 and an outstanding check to the Sea Star and when that check clears, we'll enter 2019 with a \$8,800 balance. General Account has \$8,200 and an outstanding check for \$1200 to Helgren's, no balance given.

Sunshine Report: Genie Hansen gave a report, but due to the personal nature they are not included in the meeting minutes because of security. The club minutes are online and subject to non-member viewing.

Conservation Report: Wayne Kotow came to the podium saying "Don't put your rods and reels away, there's still fish out there!" The American Angle 10-day trip worked its way to the Cortez Bank and Joe Hajduk caught a 363- pound bluefin tuna. This is one of the largest 'blues' caught on rod and reel in California. We were at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and they are saying the sardine stock is at a critical low level. The result may be taking our live bait away, because what is decided in the fishery management plan. We are fighting for our right to keep our live bait fishery and we don't agree with their assessment. A few years ago, the PFMC said the anchovy stock was critical and were going to shut down that fishery. Their science was flawed, NOAA conducted a survey, but it was in Federal waters only and the anchovy stock was inshore. To prove our position, we took them by boat and airplane so they could see the anchovy school locations. After their review they revised their position and instead of estimated 20,000 metric tons they realized it was 359,000 metric tons. We believe the PFMC hasn't learned their lesson. PFMC's plan regarding sardines forced the commercial fleet to suspend harvest for the last 3 years and the next group affected would be us. PFMC considers our landings as a "catch".

Conservation Report continued: Our argument is, we don't take the sardine out of the ecosystem, we borrow it. We put the bait on our boat. We use the bait and what we don't use, we put back into their environment. They were convinced and we are able to keep the live bait fishery open. CCA will have a big fund raising on 11-10-2018 at Sea World Research Institute in Mission Bay. There will be entertainment and \$15,000 of product will be auctioned. Attendance limit is 200 and tickets are available online through CCA. Ken Harrison commented that Wayne is the Executive Director of CCA, he represents us by introducing legislation in Sacramento and Washington DC. OSA members can join CCA's annual membership is \$30. Your membership supports an organization that is fighting for 'us'.

New Business: Ken Harrison introduced Luis Camarena, founder of Asentex, Inc. Luis will be taking over the OSA website for Bo Bolender. Luis expressed his fishing desires, family and talked about his company. Luis wants to add to the OSA website, not rewrite it. With the OSA Foundation he wants to promote it through the website.

Ken stated the website features you currently see will remain with some adjustments. The stories, pictures and etc., that website content will remain with the various committee chairs.

Dip Stick: Jolene Thompson won that award at a previous meeting. Her mishap involved a dock cart that found its way into the harbor waters. Her clever addition to the dip stick is a miniature shopping cart with an attached mermaid. No nominations at this time, so Jolene will keep it until next month.

Election Results: President is Gerry Graf, Vice President is Peter Rohrich, Secretary is Michael McIntire and Treasurer is Mike Forward.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Wayne Kotow was the lunch drawing winner for two and received a gift certificate to the Beach Break Café. Club raffle followed the lunch drawing.

Vice President Ken Harrison adjourned the meeting
Michael McIntire, Secretary