

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 5, 2019

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

Secretary: Meeting minutes of February had no corrections.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported the Foundation received a total of \$1,300 in February, giving us an account balance of \$13,880. The General account brought in \$468 and paid out \$188 leaving \$280, giving an account balance of \$7,059.

Program Director: Larry Cusack introduced our guest speaker Hunter Denette. Hunter spoke about his background. He is 21 years old and received his captain's license at age of 18. At age 6 began his fishing career with his father. He has grown up doing all that is required in operating a fishing vessel. His family owns the Constitution and the Poseidon. Both of these boats berth at H&M Landing. Hunter is an engaging person who mixes with the clients and can be found on deck assisting his passengers. His boat, the Poseidon, is going through an extensive overhaul; new galley, heads, paint, sonar, rod storage and carpet, just to name a few upgrades. Hunter spoke on the OSA 3^{1/2} day trip to Colinet, Cortez Bank and how successful it was. The first day was wide open Yellowfin bite. Hunter mentioned a list of previous fishing spots reopened, i.e., Cow Cod Conservation Area, San Nicolas Island, 42 Fathom Spot and others. Also ground fishing depth has changed from 20 fathoms (120 feet) to 40 fathoms (240 feet).

Hunter took questions from the Membership. "What was the largest fish caught last season?" A 225 lb. Bluefin and the largest Yellowfin was 380 lb. caught off Puerto Vallarta. He was asked what were the qualifications to become a captain. Hunter stated, "You're required to have 700 days on the water to become eligible to take the exam and you must be at least 19 years old to be licensed." Hunter went from high school into the Maritime Institute, got his captains papers at 18 years old but, had to wait until he was 19 to use it.

Members are needed to support our Fred Hall Show booth. Contact Dave Miller and sign up to support the Club.

Social Director: Greg Thompson reported last month's luncheon was at the Pit Stop Diner. The Pit Stop was voted the best restaurant of the year by the Membership. The diner is a Fifties style with a menu of the period, a great place to eat. Today after this meeting lunch will be at the Ocean's 11 Casino. Ocean 11 serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Greg has a \$25 gift certificate from Ocean's for a lucky Member at the end of today's meeting.

Greg thanked Dave and Julie Miller for the January picnic. Chili & Cornbread Cook-off was a success and Greg thanked all those who helped make it a success. Dave Miller won first place for his chili and received a \$25 gift certificate to the Olive Garden. Second place winner was Gary Nolan and Trace and third place winner was Stacey Thompson. Second and third place winners received a \$15 gift certificate.

Picnic schedule for 2019: March 21st Corned Beef and Cabbage, April 18th Fish Tacos, June is Jolene's Boat Burgers, September 26th Fish Fry, October 17th Mexican Fiesta and November is Steve Hjelt's Gumbo. There are still open dates for picnics. Anyone who desires to chair a picnic can pick the theme and the menu. If interested contact Greg.

Membership Director: Larry Knight announced the 2019 Directory is available. Please review your directory information and if an error is found send an email of correction to Larry. Larry has limited News Letters available to Members.

New Club members; Jeff Barr, Kyoko Dollar and Jay Schodrowski.

President Remarks: Gerry Graf invited John DeWitt to the podium. John gave credit to Bill Vogel who has given a lot of tackle to the Club and today Bill gave a new pair of size 11 hip waders and a pair of knee-high boots. Tom Connors donated a Phenix PCH rod and Kelly Kissinger offered \$200 for it and the money will benefit a program. Doug Morrison donated a variety of hooks. Roger Goodall donated rods and reels to the Club because he can longer fish. All the equipment is in very good condition and one of the rods was a Truline Octagon spinning rod rated at 10 to 80 lb. line. The rod is valued at \$449. John put a Shimano 4500 Baitrunner reel on the rod and is asking \$300 for the setup. Thanks to Pete Kastorf for buying the Truline with reel. Another rod/reel combo, Shimano TLD 50 on a Diawa rod, the asking price is \$275 and great for a “flat fall”. John listed a number of other items for sale.

Bill Vogel promoted his Vogel Challenge and thanked Hal Reeser for his donation. These donations help the Anglers 4 Kids and Military. Bill announced his La Paz trip from June 12th to the 19th and the cost is \$1,150. He’s also on a trip to Cedros, September 1st to the 6th. Bill’s fishing harness is still available and sells for \$25 and a reel adapter sells for \$12. The adapter is used if the reel has no “eyes to clip the harness to. Contact Bill Vogel if interested in either the La Paz trip, Cedros or the harness.

Gerry announced that Art Logan could not attend today’s meeting due to illness. This will be the first meeting Art has not been able to attend in 10 years.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz reported all charters through the end of July are open to friends and family, this also includes the special charter in November. The March 24-26 trip on the Relentless to San Nicholas Island, needs four more anglers. Contact Charter Master Pete Graves for that trip. The April 14th to 16th trip on the Relentless to San Clemente Island needs six more anglers, contact Marshall Goddard for that trip. May 7th to 9th Catalina Island needs four more anglers. June 10th to 14th Freelance trip on the Poseidon needs 16 more anglers. July 16th Inshore trip needs 2 anglers. July 23rd to 25th Offshore trip needs five anglers. August 1st Youth trip needs one angler.

Jim discussed the November La Bocana, Mexico trip and still needs six more anglers for that trip. If that trip is not filled in the next week the trip will be cancelled.

February trip to Colonet on the Relentless was a successful trip, everyone came home with a lot of fish. A special thank you to Kelly Kissinger and Don Bomar for helping to sponsor a young Marine. Jim went through the list of species caught and noted there were a lot of Yellowtail, but they weren’t biting and only one was caught. With all the scheduling issues that this trip had Captain Mikey had a free raffle of an Okuma 8’ rod and a Penn Fathom reel. Chris Bentley won the reel and Tom Connors won the rod. Day one jack pot went to Michael Harris for a 19 lb. Yellowtail. Day two jack pot went to Peter Kastorf for a 7 lb. Sheepshead. Jim presented Peter Kastorf his jack pot pin.

The Foundation is raffling one passage on the August 19th 2^{1/2} day trip on the Oceanside 95. Buy your raffle tickets and help the Foundation which will also sponsor a child on the Youth trip. Phenix Rod will also be on that trip and will bring gifts for all on board.

Jim addressed the surcharge subject that was discussed at the last BOD meeting. Jim explained there has always been a small “cushion” built into the charter fees. On any given trip this might amount to \$40. This money accumulates and is used for perhaps a cancelled trip or other purposes. Last year this money was used for shirts of appreciation for OSA staff and support persons.

Head Charter Master continued: Jim discussed the use of electric reels in Mexico. It is only legal if you are a handicapper and have a doctor's letter expressing the disability. The letter must identify why the use of an electric reel is necessary. You have to present this letter to an official at the Conapesca office in San Diego for authorization, there is no fee.

Jim refuted the rumor that volunteers on an Anglers 4 Military trip have to pay the charter fee. No volunteer has to pay the charter fee. They are only required to pay for their galley tab.

Foundation Report: Jeff Routsong reported Anglers 4 Military trip are scheduled, if you're interested call Jim Mauritz. The Anglers 4 Kids trips are being "wrapped up". Jeff has applied for 12 grants from various corporations, soliciting everything from equipment to money. There are corporations that will support your charitable programs. Companies like Okuma, Bass Pro, Cabela's and the Federal Government has a Disabled Military Recreation Grant (DMRG). Jeff is currently writing for the military grant to hopefully get funding for some of our trips. Some of these grant letters can be lengthy. Example, the grant for the military is 50 pages and the justification is burdensome. For an example, the DMRG sponsors a disabled military surfing club in California to the tune of \$88,000.

The Foundation is raffling a 2^{1/2} day trip on the Oceanside 95 and tickets are \$5 for a chance to win a \$583 trip. The winner of this trip can do as they please with it and it is transferrable. It does not cover items such as licensing, special permits, visas, fish cleaning or extra galley tab, such as beer. We are calling the raffle "Make a Wish Raffle", which will sponsor a child on the upcoming Youth trip.

A new 4 x 8 foot banner has been ordered to be used at the Fred Hall Show. The banner has information regarding the Foundation and its sponsored programs. The banner will also serve the Oceanside Harbor Days. Jeff is preparing a grant request from an organization that states the funding must be used in the local of the origin of your club. If the grant is honored then it will be used to help fund our participation at Harbor Days.

Ken Harrison addressed the Membership by stating "would anyone like to go on a half day boat out of Pt Loma absolutely free? During the Scout Camp at Fiesta Island, the Scouts on every Wednesday go on a half day boat from Pt Loma. The Scout command has requested for two or three OSA senior anglers to go out with them. Signups will begin at the April meeting.

Anglers 4 Kids, Military and Scouts are now under Foundation reporting.

Sunshine Report: Gerry Graf gave the report on Genie Hanson's behalf. Jack Kirkman, longtime Member, passed away suddenly on February 14, 2019. Gerry acknowledged that Lee Wood, who has had health issues, was in attendance. Lee announced that Sue Reeves passed away on March 4th. Sue was a longtime Member and was the Club Treasurer for 20 years. Ed Dennis reported that Ron Casapulla has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Conservation: Gerry Graf gave the report in Wayne Kotow's behalf. Item 1: Governor Newsom has appointed Samantha Murray of Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the state's Fish and Game Commission. Item 2: The Natural Resources Management Act passed in the "House", in part defines recreational fishing. Item 3: AB1387, is back, but not passed. It would change the current annual 12 month license to a date of purchase. There will be a petition available to sign at the FHS CCA booth. Item 4: There is California legislation for fishing tournaments equality. Any prizes or awards given to a male, the exact same must be given to a female in all categories in all tournaments.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Dip Stick: Larry Cusack received the coveted award for booking two guest speakers at the same meeting.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Randy Brown was the lunch drawing winner and received a \$25 gift certificate for Ocean's 11 Casino. Club Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

Meeting Adjournment: President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary