

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 4, 2018

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

Special Guests: Jeff Routsong introduced Bob Porter's daughter, Katherine Saxon and his granddaughter, Molly. Jeff made the announcement the Porter family donated \$1,000 to the Foundation to be used for the Anglers 4 Kids program. Foundation made the decision that one of the annual kid's trips will be designated the Bob Porter Memorial. Katherine spoke to the membership, thanking them for the bonding friendship that her father experienced with this club and what it meant to Bob's family. Katherine gave a special thank you to Terry and Hal Reeser.

Guest Speaker: Gerry Graf gave an introduction on Orchid Martinez and her Baja Fishing Convoys operation, web site: bajafishingconvoys.com. The name originated when these trips were actually a convoy of vehicles traveling to a fishing destination. Orchid is also a full-service travel agent that arranges hotel accommodations and flight transportation from wherever you are to a selected fishing destination. Orchid said her travel service offers turn-key fishing packages that include transportation, lodging and boating needs to fish whatever destination you choose. Her service will take you to spots like Mag Bay, San Felipe, Gonzaga, San Quintin, Loreto and Cedros. One specific location she is promoting is La Bocana, a place of pristine fishing, which is located approximately 500 miles south of Tijuana. The La Bocana package is a six-day trip for \$2,095. This package includes roundtrip airfare from Tijuana airport to Guerrero Negro airport, ground transfers, 4 days of panga fishing, 5 nights of beachfront cabin accommodations, continental breakfast and packed panga lunches. Orchid has been in the travel business for over 25 years. She has the knowledge and tools to make your next Baja fishing trip come true. You'll fish from the panga fleet and know that you will be taken out by local boat captains from the area, so you know you are fishing with the best skippers. Orchid shared customer and personal fishing stories of La Bocana. She spoke of the multiple species of fish caught like wahoo, snook, grouper, tunas, bottom fish and behemoth calicos. La Bocana has an award-winning fish packing plant, where other countries contract this facility. This is a benefit to our guests, because your fish will go home brick hard. Regarding air travel, there are some restrictions on weight, type of equipment and quantity. Generally, on the return flight you can bring back 50 to 60 pounds of filleted fish. Orchid had a video presentation depicting La Bocana and its facilities. After that presentation she took questions from the members. More information is available on the website or call 619-483-7315, if you have a specific question.

Toys for Tots: Gerry Graf introduced retired Marine, Patty Siegmann who represented the toy drive for the Corp. She presented OSA a certificate of appreciation and gratitude from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Patty thanked the club for their years of participation in the toy drive effort.

Secretary: Meeting minutes of November had no corrections.

Treasurer: Mike Forward gave the Raffle Account report. The collection of donations and raffle proceeds yield \$900 and leaves the account balance at \$9,778. The General Account summary for November is made up from charter sign ups, banquet and member dues, leaving the sum of \$10,500. Paid out from that was \$6,900 for charters and banquet prizes. This leaves the General Account balance at \$10,707.

Social Director: Greg Thompson reported Hal Reeser's Shrimp Boil was a success. He thanked Hal's helpers who were: Felicia, Frenchy, Dave, Julie, Ken, Jolene and Max. Today after meeting lunch will be at the Oceanside Eleven Casino and there is a dinner gift certificate for two from the casino. Banquet sign-ups will end as of today, currently 112 people will be attending. The banquet will be at the El Camino Country Club. The address is 3202 Vista Way, Oceanside. However, to get to the club you must turn onto Valley Glen Drive from Vista Way. Festivities will begin at 5:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM. For those who have difficulty in walking, there will be shuttle service from the parking lot to the club. Greg went through the dinner menu, which will be buffet style. Dining, prizes and dancing will fill the evening. There will also be a slide show featuring pictures of members and activities. The first picnic of 2019 will be "Hot Diggity Dog" on January 10th and hosted by Dave and Julie Miller.

Membership Director: Larry Knight reported that only 111 members have paid their dues. After the holidays those members who haven't renewed their membership will be contacted and encouraged to continue their membership.

President's Remarks: Gerry Graf addressed the members stating there are members that serve the club that are not BOD members. They are those that handle the raffle tickets and ensure member sign the log book. There are three director positions appointed by the BOD, they are Program, Social and Membership. There are also the positions of heading the Anglers 4 Military, Kids and Scouts. We hope members who haven't stepped forward to support a club activity in would do so. You can volunteer to work with one of these directors or programs and learn what they do and take on the task in the future. If any club member would like to get involved, please contact Gerry. Gerry pointed out the sale activity at today's meeting. Items such; as clothing, a rod/reel, John DeWitt's refurbished tackle, Randy Brown's sinkers and military coins all support the C3 Foundation.

Head Charter Master: Jim Mauritz stated January meeting he will be presenting the 2019 list of charters and Charter Masters. January charters will be opened up to June. In February the charters from July to October will be opened. The December charter scheduled for the 5th has been rescheduled for the 12th. The cost is \$290 and only 16 anglers will be on the Relentless, out of H&M Sportfishing. Next charter is January 15th on the Relentless to Cabo Colonet and the cost is \$438. Four more anglers are needed on that trip. Jim Mauritz reminded all those who will be Charter Masters for 2019, there will be a training session after today's meeting. We will break for lunch and return to our meeting room for training. The CPR and AED course will follow the Charter Master's training. The members who ordered club shirts are in the works and will be available at the January meeting. Jim announced the fighting belts that Hugh Cobb donated to the club are selling for \$10 each and the sale of these will benefit the C3 Foundation.

Other Angler Reports: No report

Foundation Report: Jeff Routsong thanked Orchid Martinez for donating some of her Baja Fishing Convoys T-shirts. These shirts will be part of the Foundation raffle in the next months. The Foundation is moving along and we have received generous donations, to including the one from the Bob Porter family, which is specifically for Anglers 4 Kids. Jeff said, the Porter family would like some commemorating T-shirts available for that trip. For the Christmas banquet we now have 17 gift baskets to raffle. The State, After five months, the State finally acknowledged our C3 application and we'll receive our paper work in the next 90 days. On December 6th, Mike Forward, Jim Mauritz and Jeff Routsong will meet at the bank to establish the Foundation C3 account.

Foundation Report continued: Jeff explained how to bid for the raffled gift baskets. After you purchase your tickets you can put all your tickets in the bowl of a prize or spread them out on many other prizes. Tickets will be sold in this fashion: 5 for \$5, 12 for \$10 and 25 for \$20. The gift basket prizes are a Lemon cake from Frenchy, Wayne Kotow donated and Avet rod, hats, AFCO shirts and many other items. When you buy a ticket(s) you'll receive a GEICO fabric styled backpack bag containing a poncho. From Ballast Point Brewery, a beer koozie and bottle opener. For anyone making a donation to the Foundation, there is a donation form for cash and another actual items. Members: remember, if you have any corrections or changes you want in the 2019 directory, make sure you get that information to Jeff by January 1st. Jeff's email address is: bajajeff@yahoo.com.

Anglers 4 Kids: Fred Kaczmarek stated the 2019 request for funding 7 Kid's trips has been submitted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission. F&W has received the grant information and it's believed to be a go. We want to do 7 trips this year, however there are time constraints. The trips have to occur between the months the kids are out school for the summer. Fred thanked everyone who has supported the Anglers 4 Kids program. Fred handed the mic to John DeWitt, who began stating, "for those who don't know OSA targets the YMCA, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs for our Kid's trips." John began his involvement in the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club back in the early fifties. The Carlsbad club never participated in our program until recently. John began reading a letter from Nicole Mosher of the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club. Her letter, to OSA, thanked our club for the enjoyable fishing trip the children had. To quote a line from her letter; "It was a very valuable chance to bring different generations together for the benefit of the community." This Boys and Girls Club is looking forward with anticipation in the program next year. Fred said he had received a similar letter from Charles Clifford, Assistant Scout Master of Troop 708. In short, the letter stated they are looking forward to continued participation.

Anglers 4 Military: Jim Mauritz's goal for 2019 is to have two $\frac{3}{4}$ day trips and one 1-1/2-day trip. Jim sent a letter to Lowe's Home Improvement, asking for a contribution. The letter explained the contribution is for our Anglers 4 Military program. Jim was redirected to contact a local store. Update on the donated fighting belts; we have now sold \$210 at this meeting, which has been given to the Foundation Treasurer. Jim also thanked Felicia Scimo for her \$50 donation and to pick out one of the military coins. Jim's 1-1/2 day trip will need financial support from this membership to make it work. If you give cash donations, ensure that it is noted it's for the Anglers 4 Military. For that trip Jim is working with the Relentless to get the cost as low as it can go and putting 15 military onboard. The deck hands would have to volunteer their time plus pay their fare. Hopefully, this plan will work, and get those military out to San Clemente fishing.

Anglers 4 Scouts: Ken Harrison reported this season we supported 4,800 Boy and Girl Scouts at three different County camps for \$1,500. Ken thanked all those who have supported the effort and that he is looking forward to a great 2019 season. We have new salt water reels to be used at the Fiesta Island Camp. Ken mentioned Rueben Goertzen, a recently passed member and asked Marlene, his wife, who is here for the very first time. Ken asked her to please rise so the members could love and honor her.

Gerry Graf commented about Jim Mauritz asking if he was going to be re-appointed. Gerry said, "How can you not re-appoint these people who do these jobs." The people who are doing these various tasks are doing a great job. However, if anyone would like to work with or even take over a program in the future that would be nice too. A reminder, the next members meeting will be January 8th. The first Tuesday of 2019 is New Year's Day, so if you show up, you'll be alone!

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 nonmember viewing.

Conservation: At a past meeting Wayne Kotow spoke on losing the live bait fishery. Along with the rest of our partners we went to the Pacific Management Council and we were successful in preventing the proposed mandate. Wayne has continued working on maintaining the bluefin fishery program and other programs. Wayne announced the 2019 CCA calendars are available for \$10 each. Remember to support CCA and join, annual membership is \$35. A new CCA chapter has just opened in Santa Barbara and we are still growing with an estimated 2,500 active membership. We are partnered with other organizations like IGFA, ASA and NMMA, just to name a few. At the 2019 Fred Hall Show we will continue the sign-up promotion. Pay \$50 for the members package, which consists of a one-year membership, calendar, a surprise package, you get free raffle tickets and you receive free entrance into the show.

Old Business: Gerry Graf asked if there was any old business and there was none.

New Business: Gerry Graf asked if there was any new business and there was none.

Website: Gerry Graf spoke on the change of the website responsibility and the shifting from Bo Bolender to Luis Camarena. Both Luis and Bo have been working very close in the past months to familiarize Luis. Luis is a competent webmaster and will maintain our website. The only thing Luis asked for while maintaining our website is a club membership. Luis does not qualify to be club member because of his age, so he will receive an honorary membership and once admitted his name will be in the directory.

Dip Stick: No new candidates, however Randy Brown jokingly made a bogus claim that Jim Mauritz started a fire on a charter boat. The fire was caused by a lightbulb and not by Jim. Consequently, the attending members voted that Randy should receive the dip stick.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Mike Corsi was the lunch drawing winner and received a dinner gift certificate for two at the Ocean's Eleven Casino. Raffle followed the lunch drawing and Rudy Gonzalez's wife Carol pulled the tickets..

President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting
Michael McIntire, Secretary