

**OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
January 8, 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 December had no corrections.

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward gave the Raffle Account report. The Club has two bank accounts now, one for the C7 (Fishing Club) and C3 (OSA Foundation). OSA is in the process of segregating what is Club and what is Foundation. The Raffle/Foundation activity at the end of 2018 was \$11,800, plus donations and additional raffle money we end with \$18,900. Expenditures for the Anglers 4 Kids, Military and Scouts costs were \$18,200. Currently the Raffle Account stands at \$12,580. The General Account, which excludes the Foundation, at the end of December is \$12,750. This is made up of member trips and charter deposits.

**Website:** Gerry Graf introduced Luis Camarena, who has taken over the OSA website from Bo Bolender. Luis spoke regarding some changes to the Club website. He spoke regarding website management, format and creating operational procedures. Currently, the website is an older process and Luis has ideas on bringing it up to current website design, which will be easier to manage and upload. Basically, the present website appearance would remain. Another change, with approval, would be in the Club's social media portion, keeping members aware of such events, as pictures and communication with other entities. Luis also wants to create a separate website for the OSA Foundation and make it appealing to outsiders that may benefit the Foundation with donations. It was suggested to post the Club's trips and fish counts on the website, something that Luis said could happen.

**OSA Gratitude Presentation:** Gerry Graf and Jim Mauritz presented Club shirts to the following individuals for their OSA support participation.

Social event shirt presentation; Bill Colburn, Chairman/Harbor Days. Hal Reeser, Chairman/Fred Hall Show and Ken Harrison, Chairman/4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade decline shirts for those efforts. The following members chaired the Club picnics; Julie Miller, Jeff Routsong, Steve Hjelt and Ron Casapulla received shirts. Greg Thompson, who chaired the Christmas Banquet, Jim Mauritz, Hal Reeser and Ken Harrison, were only thanked, they received shirts for other functions.

Administration shirt presentation; Fred Kaczmarek for Anglers 4 Kids, Diane Dawson for name tags, Manny Ontiveros for raffle tickets, Kelly Kissinger for raffle prizes, Mike Mercado for meeting sign ins, Hank Mabrey for historian photographer, Randy Brown for "lead man", Art Logan for line recycling, Eric Fahr for publicity, Ed Dennis for Sergeant at Arms. The following individuals were recognized, but did not receive shirts for these particular functions; Jeff Routsong for the Club News Letter and Directory, Genie Hansen for the Sunshine Report, Bo Bolender for the OSA website, Jim Mauritz for Anglers 4 Military, Ken Harrison for Anglers 4 Scouts, Marshall Godard for CPR/AED training, Dave and Julie Miller for the Club event and storage and John DeWitt for No Tackle Left Behind.

Board of Directors shirt presentation; Gerry Graf for President, Ken Harrison for Vice President, Jim Mauritz for Head Charter Master, Mike Forward for Treasurer, Michael McIntire for Secretary, Larry Knight for Membership Director, Hal Reeser for Program Director, Greg Thompson for Social Director and Larry Cusack for Board Member.

Trip Charter Master shirt presentation; Pete Rohrich, Marshall Goddard, Deek Takas, Jerry Porter, Chris Bentley, Tim Johnson, Lee Mueller, Ed Robinson, John DeWitt and Vern Capistran who declined a shirt. Jim Mauritz participated and received his shirt for Head Charter Master.

**Guest Speaker and Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz handed out the 2019 OSA Charter Schedule to attending meeting members. The trips from January to June and November are open for signups. This year the Club is using the following landings; H&M, Seaforth, Sea Center and Helgren's. Vessels used will be the Relentless, Poseidon, Chubasco, Voyager, Electra, Sea Trek and Oceanside 95. On August 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a children's trip. This charter will be on the Electra and the cost is \$57 per person. For more detailed 2019 charter information go to the website; Oceanside Senior Anglers Fishing News.

Jim discussed the November La Bocana, Mexico trip. The La Bocana package is a six-day trip for \$1,925 and we must have 12 anglers for this price. Six anglers have already signed up for this trip and we need six more. Anyone interested in this trip there is a mandatory \$600 deposit by the March membership meeting and write deposit checks to "OSA". This package includes roundtrip airfare from Tijuana airport to Guerrero Negro airport, ground transfers, four days of panga fishing, five nights of beachfront cabin accommodations, continental breakfast and packed panga lunches. The package does not include dinner, Mexican fishing license, tips for various services, fish packing (\$1 per pound), T.J. airport parking. It was suggested to have an additional \$1,000 available to cover these expenses. It is recommended that individuals purchase traveler's insurance, which can be purchased privately or through Baja Fishing Convoys for about \$150. This insurance would protect your investment, because any paid to Baja Fishing Convoys is non-refundable. Jim gave examples; "You became ill and can't make the trip or the air carrier doesn't show up, you'll get your money back." For aircraft packing purposes NO hard-sided coolers, soft sided ONLY. Target fish are: wahoo, snook, grouper, tunas, bottom fish, calicos and more.

**Member Side Trips:** John DeWitt's has a seven-day trip to Guadalupe Island on the Vagabond, scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$2,795 which includes a \$180 Guadalupe fee. If we don't fish Guadalupe, you'll get the \$180 back. This trip is all inclusive, except for tips and beer. If the trip to Guadalupe is too sharky, then we'll be fishing the "ridge" (Alijos Rocks). Some of the best wahoo fishing can be found there. John spoke to Ken Corwin (Ken's Custom Reels Service), who reported he caught 15 wahoos at the "ridge" last year. If you are interested in this trip contact John DeWitt immediately.

Bill Vogel has a seven-day La Paz trip. Trip date is June 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Trip cost \$1,150, which includes three dinners. It's four days of panga fishing with two anglers per boat. Tipping the Pangeros is generally \$20 a day, plus tipping other services. Air fare is additional and is about \$200 round trip from the T.J. airport. If you are interested in this trip contact Bill Vogel for more details. Bill also has begun his "Bill Vogel Challenge" for 2019 and has kicked it off with \$100 donation to the OSA Foundation.

Randy Brown has a tentative trip to Mag Bay, Baja, Sur. Two days of driving (fuel is an extra cost) and three days of fishing for \$845 which included meals and accommodations. The boats used are "fast" boats for offshore fishing, you go out to fish and back by nightfall. No trip date is set at this time, anyone interested in going to Mag Bay contact Randy.

Gerry Graf is scheduling a June fishing trip to Sitka, Alaska. The cost is about \$4,500, which includes accommodations and airfare for five days of quality fishing. In August there is another trip for about \$2,500. Anyone interested in these trips contact Gerry. If you want an Alaskan trip and can't do one of these, Gerry can hook you up with someone.

Jim Mauritz has an upcoming trip to Castro's Fish Camp, which is south of Ensenada. Trip dates are March 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> with 12 anglers. The trip cost is about \$350 and we have two days of fishing. We carpool to Castro's and share the fuel costs. We sleep three men to a bungalow and the same three panga fish together. At this camp we all pitch in and work together with meals, fish cleaning and packing. On this trip we have a rule, all the fish is divided up equally so that everyone comes home with fish. Trophy fish are excluded. Anyone interested contact Jim.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson asked for a moment of silence in reverence for the passing of Gary Thompson, a dear friend and mentor. Gary was a past OSA member. Jacque, his surviving spouse is holding a celebration of life at her home on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Address to be announced. If anyone has pictures or stories regarding Gary please forward them to Greg.

Greg stated he is looking for an assistant and someone to assume the position of Social Director for next year. Greg's tentative plan for this year are field trips, fishing tournaments, lunches and more picnics. Anyone who is willing to host a picnic, Greg is taking signups. On January 24<sup>th</sup> Dave and Julie Miller will be hosting "Hot Diggity Dog" picnic. Cost is \$6 and location is MLK Park. On February 28<sup>th</sup> there will be chili and corn bread. Anyone contributing chili and corn bread will get in free all others pay \$6.

Greg asked the meeting attendees how many went to the Christmas Banquet and did they have an enjoyable time, it was met with resounding applause. Greg recapped the banquet, described the menu, entertainment, went over the prizes, the seven Daiwa reels, \$100 restaurant gift cards and gift baskets. Special thanks were given to Gerry Graf, Jim Mauritz, Mike Forward, Ken Harrison, Jeff Routsong and his wife Kristin for all their efforts. Greg gave special thanks to wife Stacy for helping in the coordination and creating the venue.

Greg initiated a best restaurant/picnic survey for 2018 and handed out voting slips. Survey concluded with best lunch spot being the Pit Stop and best picnic was the Fish Fry.

After our meeting today, lunch will be at "That Boy Good Southern BBQ".

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight reported that only 156 members have paid their dues. Last year we had 218 paid members and membership signup deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a member who hasn't signed up give them a call. Correct email addresses are needed for Tom Basham, Richard Licata, Tom Johnston, Robert Nace, Ignacio Regalado, Jennifer Ross and Ray Werner. Some members paid \$30 for membership renewal and are due a \$5 rebate, dues are now \$25 per year. Those members are; Earl Henderson, Glen Foss, Gary Nanson, Lloyd and Debra Stephens. These folks can opt for a rebate or donate it to the Foundation and get a receipt for taxes

**President's Remarks:** Gerry Graf announced that Ron Casapulla is hospitalized and please sign his Get-Well card. Gerry addressed the use of the Senior Center and their fees. The Center charges \$20 per hour per room and we pay \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year for membership meetings. Rates will be increased in the future, but Gerry has negotiated and froze the rate for 2019. Our scheduled meeting time is 9 to 11 AM and our members start arriving around 8 AM, fortunately we are not charged for that time. However, we must conclude our meeting by 11 AM and exit the room to avoid being charged an extra charge. In addition, we will have to begin paying \$40 for our two-hour BOD meeting, which will be \$440 a year.

**Foundation Report:** Jeff Routsong thanked banquet participants, \$1,700 was collected from the raffle to benefit the Foundation. That money will pay for at least one Kid's trip. The State has finally completed our C3 application and OSA Foundation is now State and Federal compliant. The Foundation BOD will be meeting this month to discuss its budget and the various sponsored trips. It was announced that an unnamed person has donated a vacation time share. This will be used as an end of year raffle.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** John DeWitt, Fred Kaczmarek and Ken Harrison attended the Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting in September 2018. We approached the Commission for a grant of \$7,000. Fred Kaczmarek submitted an extensive and detailed report that supported our request. At that meeting there were only four groups asking for money and F&W had \$43,000 to allocate. We have yet to hear from F&W regarding our request. Because we have gender mixed kid trips, which appeals to F&W, we remain hopeful. With the plan for seven trips this year we need volunteers and we also need women to help the girls.

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John DeWitt has a tackle box filled with fresh water items for \$15. This is a deal for anyone who fishes lakes.

**Anglers 4 Scouts:** Ken Harrison thanked Hank Mabrey and Bob Markley's wife Ann, for spending an entire day putting the Christmas Banquet on face book and will soon be on the OSA website.

The Club supports two Boy Scout camps; Fiesta Island and Mataquay Scout Ranch. We also support the Girl Scout Camp Winaca in Julian. Last year our club purchased \$650 on fishing supplies for the Scouts. This year our support is not needed, because they have reached out to other groups for support. We are thankful that other community groups are stepping up to help the Scouts. We will still remain very active in supporting our Scout program. Currently, we are reaching out to Berkley and Penn for some salt water replacement reels. Ken thanked all those members who make the Scout program work.

**Anglers 4 Military:** Jim Mauritz's goal for 2019 which is to have four  $\frac{3}{4}$  day trips. He plans to make one of those trips for active duty Marines. Jim wants to request a uniformed Marine from that unit to be at our Fred Hall Show booth and Harbor Days. This would be a visual impact for those who would support our Anglers 4 Military Program. Jim mentioned we need Club member contributions to support our program. Let your heart reflect and donate. Remember, your donation is now tax deductible.

**Sunshine Report:** Genie Hansen thanked members who signed Ron Casapulla's card. A previous card was mailed and this one will be sent today. Genie said "from now on all I want to send are Get-Well cards". She'll also send a card to Gary Thompson's family. This club owes Genie a debt of gratitude for the years of effort in sending cards to those members and families with various needs.

**Conservation:** Wayne Kotow stated "On December 31, 2018, we, the fishing community won a battle". The Modern Fish Act of 2017 made it through Congress, the Senate and was signed by the President and now is law! Recognition goes to the recreational fishing and boating communities for their contribution in getting this done. This was a huge win for the recreational fishing community. Wayne said;" We're bigger than agriculture and this gives the recognition that we worked so hard for".

California F&W ground fish regulations for 2019 are changing because of our conservation efforts for the past 10 to 15 years. Ground fishing depths are being increased and allowable catch limits also increased. The establishment of Sheepshead fillet lengths are in the administrative process and will happen this year.

**Old Business:** Gerry Graf stated old business was previously discussed.

**New Business:** Gerry Graf stated new business was previously discussed.

**Dip Stick:** No new candidates. Perhaps next month we'll have a new candidate

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Richard Bremmer was the lunch drawing winner and received a \$20 gift certificate for That Good Boy Southern BBQ. Club Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting  
Michael McIntire, Secretary