

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 3, 2018

President: Gerry Graf called the meeting to order and led the membership in the flag salute.

Secretary: Meeting minutes of May had no corrections.

Guest Speaker: Program Director Hal Reeser introduced Ryan Block, owner and operator of Savvy Sportfishing. Ryan began with his resume' of charter boats and ports he has sailed from. With years of fishing experience and boating Ryan took the plunge became self-employed and purchased a boat and started his 'six-pack' business. He gravitated to the six-pack concept because he enjoys a smaller group and it's more personal. The vessel is a 1981 Uniflite Sportfisher fully equipped. Ryan talks about this boat like a first-time dad. Ryan is the second owner and when he purchased the boat he found it in pristine condition. Originally the boat was named "Poco Loco" and it has been renamed the "Savvy". The Savvy is equipped with twin 903 turbo Cummings diesels, two generators, twin bait tanks with viewing windows, two fish boxes, freezer, kill bag and all the necessary electronics to catch fish. The Savvy is extremely comfortable with great sleeping accommodations for six, full head (bath) and galley. The Savvy is berthed at Fisherman's Landing. Ryan offers half day to overnight trips and everything between. He is a flexible skipper, if you want off shore fishing or anchoring up at a kelp bed he's for it. Ryan started talking fish and taking questions. About a couple of weeks ago two tunas over 200 pounds were caught using the kite. Ryan has all setups onboard to handle any fishing scenario and encourages his customers to use his equipment. However, if you want to bring your own the boat has plenty of rod holders. In the future 3-day trips are on the horizon, but he wants more bait capacity and has plans boat modifications. Ryan's fishing preference is an overnight trip rather than a typical "5 to 5" trip. If clients catch large fish and want it processed Ryan has a reliable processor; 5 Star Fish Processing. He has an open invitation to anyone who would like to see the Savvy, just call for availability.

For charter costs and other info go to the website: www.savvysportfishing.com or go to: savvysportfishing@gmail.com. Oh yeah, don't forget, Ryan's trips are all inclusive including tackle, but probably not alcohol. By the way, the meeting attendees were so interested in Ryan's charter service that six members booked a trip.

Hal Reeser announced the Harbor Days Chairman will be Bill Coulburn. Jim Mauritz has 3 raffle prizes for the event. Harbor Day's will have a raffle and a membership drive.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported on the June Raffle Account. Club raffle brought in \$200, Jim Mauritz received \$1,500 from the Rotary Club and Andy Underwood donated \$50. That account balance is \$20,652, with some it going to Jim Mauritz's military charters. The General Account at this time is \$41,000, however, expenditures will be heavy on charter costs in the months ahead.

Social Director: Ken Harrison gave the report for Greg Thompson. Ken reported that participating in the Oceanside Independence Day Parade went well and asked for all who helped please stand. Ken gave a special thank you to Lynn Howell and Larry Cusack for their help. We had an inflated shark attached on a long pole and it was 'swum' to the street side audience, it was a great hit. Ken reminded members to participate in next year's parade and for those with walking problems there are plenty of seats to ride.

Ron Casapulla promoted his "Deli Delights" picnic slated for July 19th. He went through the menu and encouraged everyone to come and partake in the Italian style sandwiches on fresh toasted bread. Come to the table and sign up for \$6 bucks you've got to try it.

Social Director continued: Ken went over the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club trip on July 25th with free admission on that day. If we can get 10 people we'll receive a discounted parking fee from \$10 to \$5. The plan is to meet at the Birmingham Park and Ride (off I-5), from there we'll convoy to the track. Ken said; "We'll meet up together, sit together, lose money together, eat together and drink together."

Gerry Graf mentioned that Ken Harrison, Greg and Stacy Thompson and himself went to El Camino Country Club. They all sampled the menu for the Christmas Banquet and Gerry's personal comment was, "boy was that good!"

Jeff Routsong will host a smoked pork loin at his picnic. Jeff says; "The meal is cardiologist approved". The date is August 23rd at the Park and cost is \$5.

Membership Director: Larry Knight reported that we have 7 new club members, they are Bonnie Bradford, Frank Neisch, Gary Dews, Antonio Belandres, Tim Kotter, Henry Hall and Kelly Nace. Larry directed the new members to see Hank Mabrey for directory photos.

For members who ordered name tags and new members who wish to have a name tag see Diane Dawson.

Gerry Graf introduced a long-time member Kris Thorsten to those attendees who may not know him. Gerry asked him to stand and Kris said; "I am standing!". For new members reading these minutes, Kris was a past OSA President.

President's Remarks: Gerry Graf has appointed a Nominating Committee to pick a Head Charter Master for 2019. The Committee will present the candidate(s) at the August meeting. Then at the September meeting that person will be selected by voting at that meeting. This position is an early vote because the new HCM has to start making up the new charter schedule for 2019. Anyone interested in that position, please contact Hal Reeser, John De Witt or Dave Miller. Gerry said he did it in 2017 and emphasized it wasn't difficult and went through the typical details of the task.

Gerry bought more clothing from Queensboro Shirt Co. which is on sale at cost. He also has fishing tackle items for sale at cost. Gerry reiterated the club policy, "Anyone wanting to sell items at a general meeting give him a call so he can make sure there will be space. The only requirement is that you pay 10% of your profits to the club, this helps support our programs." Gerry's friend Ken Hicks, who started out as a customer of his, now makes hand poured swim baits. What is unique is that Ken gives these lures away and has a bible verse attached to each packet. Ken gave Gerry 150 of these lures to give to our members with one request, if you catch a fish with his lure please send him a photo of the fish and lure. He wants to know if they work. Of course, the funny comments came; "Do they sink or walk on water" and another "Do they catch Holy Mackerel?" The Lord can take a joke, after all He did create the Duckbilled Platypus!

Head Charter Master: Lee Mueller reported for Jim Mauritz. Lee began with excitement that there is a lot of fish activity out "there". He predicts a good season for all. Lee invited Marshall Goddard to give his June 19th ¾ day trip report out of Oceanside. The charter had 15 anglers scheduled to fish the Sea Trek, but we were put on the Electra. Can you imagine 15 guys fishing on a 90-foot boat. Normally on a boat like the Sea Trek you make rotation groups to fish the stern. Now you're on the Electra and it seems everybody is at the stern. One guy was fishing a side rail and returned to the stern and was asked; "Why are you here?" He responded; "I got lonely and had nobody to talk to." Fishing conditions were perfect and our first stop was the kelp. We caught a bunch of Calicos but it was catch and release on that specie. We went out further out and began catching Sculpin. We caught our limit of Sculpin, 4 Barracudas, one Sand Bass and 2 Lizard Fish, which Marshall deemed, "butt ugly".

Head Charter Master continued: The Jack Pot winner was Lynn Howell with a 3# Sculpin. Marshall credited the boat crew and his assistant Charter Master Art Logan and thanked Don for bringing donuts. He commented that they did not see any Sea Lions on the whole trip. Marshall mentioned a person, who remains nameless, who dropped a rig into the 'drink.'

Lee said the fishing is getting very good and 30 to 80- pound Bluefin are showing up. Yellowtail are abundant and a few Yellowfin have been caught. The hurricane south of us will push up warm water further enhancing our fishing this season. Anybody with an interest to fish, now is the time to sign up on a trip. John De Witt's trip July 31st trip needs anglers and 2 trips in August need sign ups.

Anglers 4 Military: Lee Mueller gave the report on that activity. The first Wounded Warriors trip is on July 26th. The August trip needs 4 volunteers to help with the 20 or so Wounded vets and the September trip needs one to help. Be encouraged and volunteer to help, contact Jim Mauritz for a rewarding experience. There is a correction, at one of the meetings it was said you had to be ex-military to volunteer on these trips. That is wrong, any club member with the desire to help can sign up. A member commented that 40 to 50-pound White Sea Bass are being caught, but no specific area was noted.

Other Fish Reports: Gerry Graf announced this new agenda item, which is the membership sharing their individual fishing experiences. Bill Vogel is having a trip to La Paz, Mexico on July 11th. Gerry just came back from an Alaskan trip and reported the fishing was slow. The fish caught were Pacific Halibut, King Salmon and everyone brought back about 60 lbs. of fish. Hugh Cobb said that he went on a trip with Jim Robinson to LA Bay, Mexico and loaded up on Yellowtail and Grouper. Ron Casapulla just returned from fishing Waterfall, Alaska and he reported catches of Pacific Halibut, Yelloweye and Lingcod. Ron said the fishing was "wet" (weather) and slow. Deek Takacs reported on a 4-day Tony Reyes trip out of Sam Felipe, Mexico. The total catch report for the trip was; 331 Yellowtail, 324 Cabrilla, 25 Sargo, 9 Spotted Bass, one White Sea Bass, one Black Sea Bass, 2 Grouper, 16 Whitefish and 3 Broomtail Grouper.

Gerry mentioned that Alaska fishing has been slow this year. Gerry said Yelloweye have a long-life span and that a 17 lb. fish is probably 80 years old. Alaskan law now requires that all fishing vessels carry Seaqualizers to release fish that would suffer from barotrauma.

Conservation: Bo Bolender gave his report on the subject. Bo said he had been out chasing Bluefin. He reported that trying catch the 'big fish' can be frustrating because they're not top feeding. Anglers must use proper tackle to catch these bigger tunas. Don't use 40 or 50 lb. test line thinking you'll be landing these fish, it won't happen. Instead you'll have fish swimming around with 'bling' and several yards of line and hooks in their mouths. Be ethical when you fish these large tunas and use the proper gear with 100 or 130-pound test line.

501(c) 3 Update: Foundation President Jeff Routsong gave an update on the C3 status. It is tentatively approved by the IRS and we have our tax ID Number. We can start taking donations and the donors can write it off. With our Federal application done we now apply to the State for our ID Number. The banking rules are different for a C3 organization versus a C7, but we have a handle on it. We have some ideas on future fund raising. We've been working with Greg Thompson on the Christmas Banquet on prizes. With your dinner ticket you are eligible for a chance to win a substantial door prize. The OSA Foundation will be selling raffle tickets for gift baskets with various themes like BBQ stuff or wine and cheese. The Foundation is moving forward. Jeff clarified a question; the Federal tax ID number has to be issued first and then with that number you apply to the State. At this moment anyone wanting to donate can do so and have a legitimate tax write off with the tax ID number. Jeff will submit full information about the foundation so that it can be on the OSA website. Gerry Graf displayed the document from the IRS with our C3 designation and now we can solicit donations for our Foundation.

Bill Vogel spoke on his Bill Vogel Challenge, he puts \$100 into the Challenge and looks for others to match or contribute. Bill said that Hal Reeser gave a check for the Challenge which Hal can now deduct. All of the Challenge money collected goes to Anglers 4 Kids, Military or the Scouts. For donations with a check write it to: OSA Foundation.

Anglers 4 Scouts: Ken Harrison said all the fishing tackle that the club bought for the Scouts is being used. Ken took down the 11 new spinning reels and while putting them on rods he had about 15 camp staff come and profusely thank the club. They said they never have had such quality fishing equipment. With the Foundation we will be able to do more for our programs. Ken thanked Gerry Graf for helping a Scout Troop, associated with the Vista Optimist Group, for much needed tackle. With our Foundation established the club has the opportunity to better serve the community in the future.

Anglers 4 Kids: No report.

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

Genie commented about the Oceanside parade and thanked Lynn Howell for driving her car in the parade. Genie had attached a patriotic flower bouquet onto the car antenna which disappeared when the decorations were removed after the parade. Lynn Howell had retrieved them and Genie got her bouquet back.

Conservation Report continuance: Wayne Kotow reported that CCA and others have been fighting to abolish drift/gill net fishing from our coast for approximately 30 years. We have a fighting chance to get these nets out of our waters. Currently there are 2 Bills with the Federal legislators, one in the House and one in the Senate. There is also a Bill in the State Assembly that is in the House of Appropriations. These 3 pieces of legislation will be powerful when passed. The lead ban author has said that he is probably going to pull that Bill. If it wasn't for all of us pulling together this Bill would still be there. We're still fighting for the 12-month fishing license and in August that will be in the House of Appropriations for review. We actually have 2 different Bills in review and hopefully one will get passed. We've just received an announcement from NOAA that Captain Louis H Zimm has been appointed to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We now have 2 area people serving on that Council and that's an accomplishment. We have people in various organizations to help with the cause and a network is being developed. There is continued plans for the Hubbs Research Hatchery and a fight for the program and the funding of it. In the last State budget cycle, the Fish and Wildlife Department asked for a \$50.3 million increase in their budget. F&W in the last few years of operation has dealt with a \$20 million deficit. Other programs have been earmarked for \$11 million. We don't want this funding going to the MPA or other "enviro" programs. The State has been pulling back on fresh water programs, as well as, salt water programs. We don't want either program affected. We have to stick together both fresh and salt water coalitions.

Gerry Graf asked if there was any additional Old of New Business to discuss and there was none to report.

Dip Stick: No new candidates so Patrick Smejkal gets to keep it one more month. Who will it be next month?

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Gerry Graf was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate to That Good Boy Restaurant in Oceanside. Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary