

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 6, 2018

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

Secretary: Meeting minutes of January were read with no revisions.

Program Director: Hal Reeser introduced the guest speaker, Ken Corwin of Ken's Custom Reel. Ken's topic was Bluefin tuna fishing techniques and tackle. Ken told of a Bluefin trip where fish ranged from 30 to 178 lbs and for those circumstances, Ken had three basic suggested rod/reel setups for Bluefin.

- First setup a 20 to 40 lb rated rod, a reel spooled with 50 lb test Spectra with a five foot leader of 20 lb test fluorocarbon. Depending how the fish are biting will dictate your leader size. Ken uses the "John Collins" knot to splice fluorocarbon to Spectra because it is easy to tie. There is a "YouTube" demonstration on tying the "John Collins" knot.
- Second setup a 30 to 60 lb rated rod, reel spooled with 50 lb Spectra with a five foot leader of 50 lb test fluorocarbon with 3/0 Owner ring hook. This works for fly lined bait or a "sinker rig". If the sinker rig used, nose hook the bait. Don't make a fast drop or the bait will be above the sinker and wrap on the line.
- Third setup a 40 to 100 lb rated rod; reel spooled with 80 lb Spectra with a 60 lb fluorocarbon leader. This setup works well with Shimano Flat Falls. To rig the Flat Fall use two or three feet of 130 lb fluorocarbon leader. The leader is crimped at the lure and the other end crimped to a swivel and tied to the 60 lb fluorocarbon leader.

Ken discussed tackle techniques and the importance of the "tuna shuffle", other fishing advice and one baiting tip, shoulder hooking a sardine. The hook is placed behind the head, before the dorsal fin and above the spine. He noted, you might kill baits learning the technique, but the bait lasts longer.

Hal Reeser spoke on the clubs schedule at the Fred Hall Show will be held March 22nd to 25th. See Dave Miller for signups for OSA's booth. The focus this year will be revenue and membership generation. Any new members signing up at the show will get a discounted 2018 club membership for \$20.00. OSA members who participate in the show will get free entry and parking.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported the Raffle Account now stands at \$12,031.00. The General Account, after money coming in and operating expenses paid the account balance is \$13,250.00. Mike is currently working on the 2017 tax returns.

President's Remarks: President Graf announced that Wayne Kotow, from CCA, gave the club some coupons for one free "mono" reel fill up at any Turners Sporting Goods. Offer good until February 15th.

Gerry had a favorable meeting with Joe Cassiola and Ernie Prieto and after the exchange they separated on very good terms. If members want to know anything about the Sea Center operation, visit them, they are eager to show you their plans.

Gerry announced that Eric Fahr volunteered to be the club's P.R. person; he will be putting announcements in the newspaper regarding our club.

Social Director: Greg Thompson commented that the January's lunch at the Jolly Rodger was very enjoyable. He encouraged club members to join in the after meeting lunches. Greg said January's BBQ picnic was a success and thanked those who made it work. Greg emphasized that if anyone has any social suggestions to contact him via email. Greg announced two awards for the best picnic of the year, one to Tim and Paula Johnson for the Shrimp Boil and one to Ken and Juliet Hagan for their support.

Membership Director: Lee Wood announced the following new members; James Anwyl and Rudy Gonzales. The new directory is available and Lee advised everyone to check their directory info for accuracy. If there are corrections let him know immediately via email.

Head Charter Master: Jim announced, effective today all charters to the end of June are open to friends and family. The Relentless April trip needs 8 anglers and the May trip needs two anglers, that trip is to San Nicolas Island. The Helgren's March half day trip is full with four alternates. The remaining charter trips are getting sign ups and the schedule regarding trip status will be updated as changes occur.

Jim reported on the January Colonet trip on the Relentless with 16 anglers and thanked Charter Master Peter Rohrich for an excellent job. Jim thanked Tom Fukuhara and Forest Wright who couldn't make the trip and gave their spots to active duty Marines. Randy Brown won the trip Jackpot with a Vermillion rock fish and received a Jackpot pin.

Jim reminded club members, if you have issues on a trip do not approach the skipper or crew, go to your charter master with the problem.

Anglers for Kids: Fred Kaczmarek reported that Captain Joe has given him the trip schedule for three trips in July and two in August. The specific days will be announced when he gets finance commitments. He is hopeful the Fish and Wildlife Commission will give the funding for the five trips. When all is finalized Fred will ask the membership for volunteers to assist on those trips.

John Dewitt spoke on "no tackle left behind", reminding members that any tackle donated will be used as future raffle items. John thanked Terry Venard and other people who have donated used and new tackle. John reminded us that the club gets 100% benefit from these donated items, which helps our Angler programs.

Anglers for Military: Jim Mauritz reported that three trips for the military are confirmed with two trips co-sponsored by the Rotary Club. Trips dates are July 26th, August 23rd, and September 10th. The trip dates have approved by Marine command. Customarily on these trips we have six club members to assist. On the Rotary Club trips some of their personnel will assist along with three OSA members. Any OSA members on these trips will be responsible for their galley tabs. Contract and deposit have been paid and permits have been received from Fish and Wildlife. Active duty personnel don't qualify for the Fish and Wildlife program and must buy their licenses.

Angler for Scouts: Ken Harrison said 25 salt water spinning reels have to be replaced. The Penn 5000 reel was selected, which retail at \$45.00 and the club can purchase them wholesale for about \$23.50 each. We have received letters from the Boy and Girl Scouts asking for about \$50.00 in gear for each camp. Last year they gave us a shopping list and thanks to Bill Vogel's generosity for covering that list. This year the OSA will spend about \$800.00 to cover those programs. Ken thanked all who got involved with Fred Hall Show, swap meet, and "no tackle left behind", all these help the Scouts. Last year Larry Cusack observed 23 booths at the Fred Hall Show selling raffle tickets, mainly for kid's trips. We were the only one sponsoring military trips and the only one sponsoring the Scouts. Our booth this year will display a banner showing the sponsorship of the Scouts and military.

Sunshine Report: Genie Hansen reported that Don Maquet had a medical incident, which now requires medication. His wife Virginia is recovering from knee surgery. Lori Valencia, a new member, is suffering from the flu. If anyone has info on any member give Genie a call; she has nice get well cards to send.

Conservation: Wayne Kotow reported the "365- Day" license did not pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The only fishing license available is the yearly. Wayne spoke of the CCA itinerary and CCA will be at the Fred Hall Show.

Old Business: President Gerry Graf announced a 501 (c) 3 committee has been formed. Those members are Ken Harrison, Jeff Routsong, Larry Cusack and Mike Forward. The committee will give a presentation at the March meeting followed by a discussion and a membership vote.

New Business: In regards to club clothing the search continues for a local vendor to meet our needs. A couple of members have been searching and have yet to find a local source. The vendors contacted want multiple quantities of the same item. The club has an option, if no local supplier can be found. We can set up an "online" store account with Queensboro Shirt Company.

Dip Stick: Lee Wood has a candidate. The circumstance was the December Banquet and this person won a TV. They left without their prize and had to come back for it. The club's prestigious award goes to Ken Harrison.

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Lee Wood was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for lunch at the Pit Stop. Following the lunch drawing the raffle began.

President Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary