

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 5, 2018

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

Secretary: Meeting minutes of May had no corrections.

Ken Harrison introduced Boy/Girl Scout spokesman Henry Hall. Henry is the fishing coordinator for the OSA efforts, he serves on the San Diego County Girl and Boy Scout Councils. Henry is an Eagle Scout and a Scout Master. Henry thanked OSA for the years of Scout support. Henry gave a report on activities at the 1,000-acre Mataquay Scout Ranch. At this Ranch they teach about 60 kids a day for an 8-week period, where they are taught fishing and fly fishing. Henry mentioned 300 Scouts a week attend the Fiesta Island Camp. There is also a Catalina Island Camp where Scouts are introduced to SCUBA and other aquatics plus a half day fishing trip. Henry spoke about the Girl Scout Camp, Winacka, where their "mudhole" was turned into a 2-acre 1st class aerated fishing lake. Ken asked about the pink Okuma rods/reels given to the Girl Scouts. Henry's response was the girls use the rods constantly and they appear brand new. Ken thanked Henry for the Scout update.

Guest Speaker: Program Director Hal Reeser first announced he needs a volunteer to be chairman for the Oceanside Harbor Days, please contact him.

Hal introduced Ben Secrest, Vice President of Marketing for Accurate Reels. Ben spoke about his recent fishing on the Sea Trek for White Sea Bass. Ben stated the WSB fishing has been exceptional. Recently a 74 and 76-pound WSB were caught near San Clemente Island and the fish were from Hubbs Research Hatchery. Ben commented, when the mackerel come up for the chum the "whites" are right behind them. The key is don't anchor up for these fish, you move around. Ben went through his various rod/reel combos describing the various setups. One was a 3-way Owner's swivel with 2 swim baits, 1 to 1-1/2 ounce on different lengths of Fluro; this is also effective for bottom fishing. With Red Crab in the area use red or pink plastics. Something extraordinary occurs with this setup, one fish gets hooked another will swim to the excitement. Another setup is a Muskie float, as an example, if fished in 40 feet, tie on about 25 feet of line and hook a Mackerel and let it swim. WSB normally swim along the edge of the kelp so be ready for a strike. Ben spoke about using a 9-foot rod for surface iron and his preferred color is "mint". Ben said always point your rod tip at the fish. Ben emphasized light weight tackle to make it comfortable fishing for yourself. Ben took questions from the audience and went through techniques, line weights, Bluefin and Yellowtail and kite fishing. For Bluefin don't forget the "flat falls". Spectra type line was discussed and Ben's advice was use solid braid and never buy braid made in China or Singapore. Go to the web site www.accuratefishing.com/author/bensecrest for fishing for tuna and other info.

Treasurer: Mike Forward reported with the \$5,000 received from F&W, \$1,000 spent on the Scouts and other collected funds the Raffle Account is about \$19,000. One comment about the Raffle Account and that is when the OSA Foundation is functional the money from this account will be redirected to the Foundation account. The General Account brought in \$250 which was a result of dues and picnic proceeds netted \$82. There has been a lot of unusual activity with charter changes leaving the account with approximately \$40,000. Currently OSA has deposits on 5 charters, they are; Helgren's, Chief, Voyager, Relentless and Jig Strike.

Social Director: Greg Thompson first gave a fish catch report from Dana Point to San Diego.

Jeff Routsong's BBQ chicken picnic on May 17th was a success with more than 60 people in attendance. June 14th picnic will be New Orleans Gumbo, hosted by Steve Hjelt.

Social Director continued: In August Jeff Routsong will host a BBQ pork picnic. Greg related that last month's lunch at Mary's Family Restaurant was a delight. This week the luncheon will be at the Breakfast Club Diner.

Greg announced a field trip to the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 25th, admission is free on that day. Lunch will be served to attendees. Parking is \$10 each, but if we can get 5 people to go parking will be \$5 each. Gate opens at noon and we'll meet at Plaza de Mexico out front and at 1 PM. There will be a newcomer seminar.

Greg mentioned that our membership is dwindling and suggested that we invite a non-member friend to a meeting. Greg needs a part time Social Director, anyone interested call or email him.

Ken Harrison spoke about our participation in the Oceanside 4th of July Parade. This will be OSA's 3rd year. The parade will be not held on the 4th but on June 30th, the Saturday before. Ken said, thousands of people will be cheering old folks as they march in the parade. Ken will notify parade marchers when to meet and our parade position.

Membership Director: Larry Knight requested email contact info on Ray Warner, Jay Perry, Tom Johnston, Richard Licata and Tom Basham, their email addresses are "bouncing". Larry introduced James Eisenberg, a new OSA member. Larry reported that OSA has 281 members and 193 spouses which totals 474 on the OSA roster. Larry encouraged those who do not have an OSA directory to contact him for one.

Head Charter Master: Lee Mueller reported for Jim Mauritz. Lee said last month's Relentless charter was cancelled due to mechanical issues. The affected people were sent an email with optional trip suggestions. Rescheduling initially was with the Pacific Star, but the sale of that vessel failed. Jim Mauritz ultimately got the Chief to accept the charter. Jim thanked all the Charter Masters for their understanding of the necessary charter schedule changes. The Oceanside 95 trip for 1-1/2 days on August 15th has openings and needs signups. This trip is Phenix Rod sponsored and it will have a representative onboard. Phenix rods will be loaned to promote their product. A couple of July ¾ day trips on the Sea Trek need signups. All charters to the end of September are open to family and friends, the only restriction is they have to be 18 or older. On May 29th Jim was invited to the Escondido Rotary Club and received \$1,500 for the Anglers for Military, July charter. That charter needs 2 volunteers, preferably vets, to assist the Warriors, please contact Jim to help.

President's Remarks: Gerry Graf thanked Gary Marks for the club clothing sale which is all gone. Gary even sold clothing with embroidered names and finding men with those names. Gerry has new embroidered baseball caps in various colors, they sell for \$10 each.

Gerry spoke regarding some interest in paying for charters with a credit card. If the club did that it would cost OSA about 3% for processing. The meeting attendees were asked how many were for credit card use and how many for checks/cash. The majority preferred to remain with checks/cash. California law currently states you cannot have a surcharge on credit card purchases, but it is believed that law is under legislated revision. The credit card use for charter payments will be discussed at a OSA BOD meeting.

Gerry asked anyone had further fishing information and had the following response; 4 Yellowtail were caught off Oxnard. Warmer water has created a Corbina bite in the local surf zone and Spotfin Croaker are being caught off the Oceanside Pier.

501(c) 3 Update: Ken Harrison reported the By-laws have been approved for the OSA Foundation. Jeff Routsong is President, Jim Mauritz is Vice President, Mike Forward is Treasurer, Ken is serving as Secretary and Fred Kaczmarek is a Member at Large. All 3 of our angler programs have representation and Jeff has submitted the paper work. OSA should hear about our status in a few weeks. The Raffle Account goes to the OSA Foundation and then we can solicit donations.

Gerry Graf Comments: Gerry mentioned one BOD member thought the membership meetings were getting too busy with sales activity. Gerry's personal opinion is that more things going on at meetings will attract more attending members.

Gerry announced that 2 long time members have passed. Bill Woodcook passed at 77 and Len Chernos, a founding member passed at 95. Julie Chernos, wife, spoke to the membership regarding her late husband. Len was the first Vice President at a time when the club was called the Carlsbad Senior Anglers. Julie thanked all those who sent cards and expressed their concerns. She thanked those who donated old fish for her five "4 legged children"!

Diane Dawson has OSA name tags ready for pickup and if you ordered one see or contact her.

Gerry reminded members that Hal still needs someone to take the O'side Harbor Days chairmanship. Please contact Hal for that position, he really needs your help.

Anglers 4 Kids: Fred Kaczmarek said the first trip will be July 3rd with Boy Scout Troop 708 and Boys and Girls Club of Vista. Fifteen kids from each organization will participate with 2 supervisors per group. Fred will be contacting all members who signed up for these 5 trips this week and next. The July 17th trip will have kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad and Griset Branch. The July 31st trip will be the Camp Pendleton kids. The August 6th trip will be the Melba Bishop Group along with the Oceanside Boys and Girls Club. The last trip on August 14th will be the Pro Kids and Boy Scout Troop 722.

John DeWitt commented on No Tackle Left Behind and thanked George Maynard for donating a new Penn Battle II spinning reel. With the upcoming Foundation donations, such as this, can be a tax deduction. With our new Foundation we may consider expanding what prizes we offer at the Fred Hall Show or the Oceanside Harbor Days. Special thank you to George Maynard for the reel.

Ken Harrison commented, he and John DeWitt will be spearheading the club's participation at the Koby Swap Meet in the fall. The club will start collecting items starting in August. Members look through your unused stuff and make a donation that ultimately will help our social programs.

Angler 4 Scouts: Ken Harrison stated OSA was able to purchase about \$600 worth of tackle for the 3 Scout camps. We purchased everything from Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle plus a 10% discount with many thanks to owner Walt Bailey. Ed Dennis was able to salvage many reels thought to be a lost cause. The club was able to purchase 11 Penn Fierce spinning reels from Walt with a discount and Hal Reeser will be spooling those reels. This equipment will be delivered to the Scouts this week.

Service Announcement: Bob Markley from the Rancho San Luis Rey Mobile Home Park, 200 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside invited all to attend the Senior Products and Service Fair. Saturday, June 9th from 10 AM to 1 PM. Twenty-two companies will be offering services to seniors. Free refreshments and a light lunch will be offered.

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.

Conservation: Wayne Kotow of CCA stated that our live bait is now in jeopardy. The sardine is at a low point according to a NOAA report. Starting tomorrow Pacific Management Council in Spokane, WA and others will be discussing what to do with the live bait fisheries down here. The outcome of that meeting is not known. Depending on their decision it could cut off our live bait. The entire sport fishing industry of Southern California is dependent on live bait. The flaw with the NOAA report is the bait is located within 3 miles of the coast and the study was done in offshore Federal waters where a problem may exist. CCA has asked these decision makers to fly the coastal waters and come out on a bait boat and see for themselves bait conditions. What this Council doesn't understand is that sport fishing here doesn't remove the bait from the ecosystem.

Conservation continued: The bait used catching fish here, is putting the bait back into the ecosystem it came from through the caught fish. This group is creating regulations on something they do not understand and it's our job to make sure they have the facts.

Illegal fishing charters are happening up and down our coast. Investigations are occurring and before you go on a private charter make sure they are legal.

CCA is still working on the drift/gill net legislation trying to get it passed. We got legislation through the CA State Assembly last week and we have 2 legislative items pending at the Federal level, one in the House and one in the Senate. This is the farthest we ever gotten drift/gill net legislation and hopefully there will be an end to this type of fishing.

Presently, we are having Town Hall meetings up and down the coast regarding White Sea Bass. Last night there was a meeting in Goleta, CA, 20 anglers, 2 commercial entities attended but no environmentalist present. CCA needs anglers to attend these meetings to show presence and if you can't make them then email your comments. An email will be sent to the OSA membership with instructions on what CCA wants to do. CCA wants the Hubbs WSB funding to continue, we want the hatchery program to be extended into other species and we want better tagging methods. External tagging will give a more accurate accounting for hatchery fish. Remember, it's our Ocean Enhancement Stamp and Excise Tax that pays for this.

Bo Bolender reported on the latest news on the lead ban. CA State legislators still have AB2787 active and if passed will eliminate lead used in all fishing tackle. The State says that by March 1st, 2020 they will have reviewed the research and data on impact of lead fishing tackle on the environment. This includes all aspects of wildlife and waters. Research of existing data regarding lead impact used in fishing is in review. Information from other states will be reviewed. The states that have banned lead are, Washington, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Vermont and Canada.

Bo reported on the Red Urchin invasion in Northern CA. This urchin is wiping out the Bull Kelp by over eating. This is a monumental problem because of the kelp deforestation is causing lost habitat for fish. Due to the size of the Red Urchin they have no commercial value and so they continue to multiply. The problem is so severe the abalone's normal food source is gone and F&W reported that abalone are climbing kelp to forage. Lobster, fish and other species are impacted because of the urchin. Currently F&W have authorized dive clubs to harvest as much of the Red Urchin they possibly can. Even the urchin its self is becoming emaciated because of lack of food.

Bo reported on the Tijuana River, affectionately called the "POO River", sewage crisis. Presently, there is a lawsuit pending with the cities of San Diego, Port Authority of San Diego, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. The suit is filed against the International Boundary and Water Commission for violations in preventing water pollution per the Clean Water Act and other laws, namely for allowing polluting sewage from Mexico into US waters.

Bo told of the invasion of Scorpion Fish, aka Lion Fish, in the waters of coastal waters of South Florida. This fish is currently eating every fry specie it can manage. This specie originated from the Indo-Pacific region. Humans imported it to the Caribbean in 1990 where it was released by mistake into the local waters. Having no predators, they have multiplied exceedingly. Area Florida diving clubs have spear fishing contests to see who can spear the most fish. One club was declared winner when they speared 3,068 Scorpion Fish in one weekend. This problem is also shared by Eastern Mexico, Aruba and many other communities in that region. 4,300 invasive species have been identified in the US. Per US Fish & Wildlife Service it costs over \$120 billion in annual eradication and Zebra Mussel eradication alone will cost \$3.1 Billion over the next 3 years. Bo said fishing Lake Powell in earlier years had cloudy water. Now the lake is crystal clear because of the filter feeding Quagga Mussel. Bo asked the members what fish is eating the mussel? He received a multitude of names. The Red Eared Sunfish and Smallmouth Bass are eating the mussels. Bo's point is to be supportive of CCA, Pacific Fishery Management Council and other organizations that are trying to save our fishing environment. Go to the OSA web page to learn more and stay engaged.

Old Business: Gerry Graf's only item was the club clothing and that issue was previously addressed. Gerry did order 20 more polo shirts in sizes from medium to 2XL. Those will be sold for \$15 each and should be here by the July meeting. With no other business Gerry asked if there was a Dip Stick candidate.

Dip Stick: Patrick Smejkal was awarded the cherished "Dip Stick" for the age old, ringing cell phone during the meeting. Who will it be next month?

Raffle and Lunch Drawing: Doug Morrison was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate to the Breakfast Club Diner. Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary