

OCEANSIDE SENIOR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 3, 2019

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

**Secretary:** November meeting minutes had no corrections.

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward reported the November Club Account's balance is \$8,993 and the Foundation Account's balance is \$11,139.

**Marine Toys for Tots:** The Club Members brought dozens of toys for this annual toy drive. The Club was honored to have 4 young Marines pick up our gifts. Patti Siegmann thanked OSA for the years of participation in support of Toys for Tots. She presented a certificate of appreciation and gratitude to OSA from USMC Reserve, signed by Brigadier General Michael S. Martin, Commanding General. Patti promoted the Young Marines Program which benefits dependent children and invited the Club to participate in teaching these kids how to fish. OSA's Anglers 4 Kids Program takes kids from the Camp Pendleton YMCA. Patti and her husband are prospective candidates for a position on the Central Committee of the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and appreciates voter support.

**Special Announcement:** Marshall Goddard will conduct Charter Master CPR and AED instruction after today's meeting. To demonstrate how effective this training is one of OSA's members applied this life saving skill. Club Member Jolene Thompson was on a Chubasco charter when an elderly male angler collapsed and was nonresponsive. Jolene jumped into action, with the assistance of others, situated the victim and she began CPR. Jolene revived the victim and soon after the Oceanside Patrol arrived with 2 medics, which rendered further medical attention. The Chubasco returned to port and the victim was transported to the hospital. It was learned cause of his collapse was dehydration. Jolene commented, the training she got from the CPR training saved a life. If you haven't taken a CPR and or AED class, this demonstrates why you should, because one day you could be faced with an emergency situation.

**Program Director:** Larry Cusack announced that in January, the Club will start asking for support staff for the Fred Hall Show. This year's show will be March 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Working the show is an enjoyable experience.

Larry introduced our guest speaker, Wayne Kotow, who is a Club Member and heads up the San Diego Chapter of the CCA (Coastal Conservation Assoc.). Larry encouraged all Members to become Members of CCA and there is a way to join without a cost to you. Dana Landing in Mission Bay has a Bay Bass Seminar in February. You sign up for the seminar, which costs \$40 and in turn you receive a \$40 gift certificate, plus you get a CCA Membership. However, the gift certificate cannot be used in the same day, you must spend it in subsequent days. The annual CCA Membership is \$35 per year, so this is a bargain. Wayne gave a CCA activity update on major accomplishments.

- CCA successfully updated the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Act with the Modern Fish Act. This Act will regulate the fishing community, the resources assigned to us and separates the recreational from commercial fishing. It was assumed the commercial sector was larger than the recreational. This is inaccurate, the recreational fishing and boating sector is greater than the entire US agricultural sector. Because of this we should be getting our fair share of resources.
- CCA was instrumental in passing the Bill Fish Conservation Act.

**Program Director continued:** Samantha Murray was appointed as a Commissioner to Fish and Game. Ms. Murray is the Executive Director of Advanced Studies Program in Marine Biodiversity at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and she is an advocate. Melissa Miller-Henson is the new Executive Director of the Fish and Game Commission. In the past CCA and Ms. Miller-Henson had disagreements, but we now have open dialog with her and the Commission.

- CCA of Southern California is turning 5 years old. When CCA was created we had zero representation in the southland. In 5 years, we've grown into 6 Chapters with 2,500 to 3,000 active supporting Members. Currently CCA is planning Chapters in central California, Morro Bay to Bakersfield, to Monterey Bay and north. There are 3 basic fisheries in California; southern, central and northern.
- CCA got the Gill Net Initiative Bill approved and a "buy out" agreement.
- Hawaii Longline Fleet are now trying to get permits to fish our coastal waters. The Hawaiian government shut down their industry because of the devastating by-catch. Their shallow set long lining is indiscriminate and will hurt our coastal resources. CCA was successful in denying this fleet permits. Our complaint is the fishing gear type and not the fishing. Deep-set Buoy Gear is selective and targets specific species.
- CCA and others have worked on the San Diego Port Master Plan since 2013. Recently the Port Authority totally revised the plan, which left very little consideration for recreational fishing and boating. CCA said "NO" to the changes. We had meetings with over 500 attendees and over 3,000 submitted letters in support of our opposition. CCA presented their opposition to the Coastal Commission and at this moment they will not approve the present Port's plan.
- Bluefin Tuna tagging operation for this year wasn't as successful as last year due bad weather. We have the stockpiled resources for an operation in 2020.
- CCA is working with the science team that's studying the MPAs. We're involved in the tagging studies done in San Diego to Santa Barbara inside and outside of the designated MPA areas. We're on the boats because scientists are not fishing people and we ensure the correct data is accurate.
- CCA was successful in getting a halibut hatchery, through private money, created in Mission Bay. This resulted in a November release of 2,300 baby halibut into Mission Bay. Hatchery programs are important for sustainability of fish species.
- Cowcod fishery is rebuilt, 70 years ahead of predicted schedule, which reveals how inaccurate the previous science was. Our fishing depths have been changed from 60 to 75 fathoms (450 feet). Presently, all rock fish species are now deemed rebuilt, so this negates the Cowcod and Rock Fish Conservation Areas. We're actively working with F&G to remove the conservation areas and change the depth limits to 100 fathoms (600 feet).
- Wind Farming, offshore electrical power generation, is in the works and must be completed by 2030. This will create another restricted fishing area if completed. The US Air Force may have a say in the location, because the chosen location is in line with the USAF's radar detection antennae.
- Red Abalone dilemma caused a shutdown in parts of our coast due to kelp die-off and warm water. Kelp reforestation will take place after an ocean cool-down and then the abals have their food. Another issue is the over-abundance of sea urchins who compete with the abalone. A calculated number of star fish will be introduced to control the urchins and balance the area environment.
- CCA has been successful 3 times in saving the use of live bait. Live bait restrictions were on the way because their science was wrong on the bait population figures. They counted population offshore and not inshore (0 to 3 miles). The inshore population was beyond count.
- The California fishing licensing is still an issue and we're working with F&G to get the annual fishing license established. CCA's three "Rs" campaign, Recruit, Retain and Reactivate is designed to keep and get more people fishing and in hunting. CCA will be launching the three "Rs" program at the upcoming International Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento.
- Hatchery programs are working with half the funding because of F&G restrictions. We're working on updating legislation to get the full funding allocations.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson gave a thank you to all those many Members who have helped staff the picnics throughout the year, which in-turn made his task lighter. The Annual Christmas Banquet will be held at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside on December 11<sup>th</sup> and costs \$40 per person. The last date for sign-ups is the December Club meeting. This year we'll have the use of the main ballroom plus a side room. The side room will be used for the raffle, buffet and the bar. Golf cart shuttle service will also be available. The last Club picnic of the year was on November 14<sup>th</sup> and was Lasagna, hosted by Steve/Cheryl Hjelt. Greg thanked all those who helped with this effort. After today's meeting we will have lunch at the Pit Stop Restaurant. The Member of today's lunch drawing will receive 2 gift certificates; one from the Pit Stop and the other from Handel's Ice Cream. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> the "Eat Pasta, Run Fasta" picnic will be hosted by Jolene Thompson and costs \$7 per person.

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight stated 82 Members have renewed their Membership with a 166 left to renew. The 2020 OSA Directory is in work and on track. The January 2020 Club meeting is the deadline for getting your name in the Club Directory. If you're a new Members see Diane Dawson for name tags and see Hank Mabrey for Directory photos. Hopefully the Directory will be ready for the February 2020 meeting. As a point of reference, in 2015 the Club Membership was 320 as compared to the current 248.

**Special Offer:** Bill Vogel brought a tool, designed and made by Don Hanes called the "X" wrench. The wrench, with its multiple sizes, will work on all reel seats. The retail is \$25, but it is being offered to Club Members for \$15. Bill is taking signups for his La Paz, Mexico trip that is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**President's Remarks:** Gerry Graf thanked the Club for having the confidence in him for electing him President 2 years in a row. Gerry further commented that it was an honor and privilege to serve.

**Foundation Report:** Ken Harrison announced just a few years ago this Foundation was created and we're looking at a rollover of \$11,139 for 2020. This money will be a bonus for our various programs. Thanks to the donors; No Tackle Left Behind, the Bill Vogel Challenge, people who work the Fred Hall Show and Oceanside Harbor Days. To all the contributors, thank you. Ken promoted the Banquet Raffle and told of many prizes, to include a big screen TV, fishing reels and tackle. Tickets are 2 for \$5 and we will be able to accept credit card payment.

**Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz reported there is a charter on December 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> on the Relentless. The trip is to the Cortez Bank and the cost is \$292. We need 5 to 6 more anglers on this trip and if interested contact Jim. On January 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> there is a charter on the Relentless to Colonet, Baja and the cost is \$442. See Jim for this trip. Jim told the Membership that today is the last day to order a Club shirt, because the order goes in this week. January 2020 the charter schedule will be coming out, so look at it and support the Club in signing up for these trips.

**Anglers 4 Military:** We still have canned tuna on sale for \$6 per jar or 4 for \$20. The money from this sale will help in purchasing those rod and reels needed for the military program. So far, we have collected \$1,000 of the \$5,000 goal. The "Go Fund Me" account had some issues, but is very close to activation. The Membership will receive an email when the account is up and running. However, if a Member wants to make a donation, keep in mind that facilitators of this account takes a percentage of your donation. If you donate direct to the OSA Treasurer, the Club will get the full benefit of your donation. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Jim said he spoke to Ray Wilkerson (onetime Member) and learned he is living near family in Livermore, CA. Ray lives in a senior community and extends a hello to all.

**President's Remark:** Gerry Graf announced his annual King Salmon trip to Sitka, Alaska. The trip is scheduled for the last week in June, 2020 and currently has a couple of openings. The trip cost is \$3,650, plus air fare and tips. If you're interested contact Gerry.

**Sunshine Report:** Genie Hansen said she was thankful for being at these meetings. She hopes that we'll all be healthy next year, so she won't have to buy any more cards. Genie is in her 90s's and her comedic secret to life is, "not to die".

**Anglers 4 Kids:** Fred Kaczmarek and John DeWitt will be meeting with F&G on December 12<sup>th</sup> regarding funding for the Kid's program. Fred is hopeful that we will get \$10,000 for the 2020 program. This year F&G is requiring more specific expenditure details in order to receive any funding. Fortunately, we have those required records to present. The Foundation had 7 kid's trips last season and the total itemized cost was \$11,665.66. Fred expressed his thanks to everyone in the Club for the support and help of the Kid's program. Per the November Club meeting minutes, the Anglers 4 Kids took 186 children fishing

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John DeWitt was asked at a previous meeting; how much money is collected for the year and to John's surprise it was \$2047. If you have tackle to donate, please give serviceable tackle, a fishing rod with a missing guide is acceptable. If you are donating tackle, itemize what you have, its condition and email it to John. John has a Calstar graphite rod with a 25 to 60 lb. rating. This rod retailed for about \$350 and it's selling for \$125. John also has a Penn 506 high speed Jig Master reel and rod rated at 15 to 25 lb. for \$100.

**Conservation Report:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Dip Stick:** No candidates for December, current holder Lynn Howell will hang on to it.

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Hank Mabrey was the lunch drawing winner and received 2 gift certificates from the Pit Stop Restaurant and Handel's Ice Cream. This month's meeting had 71 attendees.

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary

**Fishing is a sport that makes men and truth strangers.**