



Cruising Club of America, San Francisco (SAF) Station Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 14, 2015

Location: St. Francis Yacht Club

Attendees: 49 members and guests attended the meeting. Please see the list of attendees at the end of these minutes.

Call to Order: Rear Commodore Hanelt called the meeting to order at approximately 1200 and asked for the introduction of guests. Guests introduced were: Marc Gounard (Francoise Ramsay), Jeff and Karen Stokes (Robby Robinson), Boo Hanretti and Sig Baardsen (Fred Huffman) and Alice Cochran (Mary Crowley). Later in the meeting our speaker, David Hirzel, was introduced by Mary Crowley.

Treasurer's Report: The undersigned reported that prior to the meeting, our Station had, counting PayPal deposits, the BofA checking account and cash on hand, a balance of \$4,009.

Cruise Committee Report: Chairman Mark Lindlow was not in attendance. Rear Commodore Hanelt reported that the only firm cruise date at this point is the Tomales Bay Cruise, which will be held September 18-20, to coincide with Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19th.

Historian's Report: There was no Historian's report.

Membership Committee Report: Chairman Zia Ahari reported that the SAF Station has three membership proposals in the pipeline. They are: Marc Gounard (nominated by Francoise Ramsay), Jason Deal (nominated by Bill Edinger) and John Brown (nominated by Dewey Hines).

Program Committee Report: Mary Crowley reported that the speaker at the February 4 meeting will be Zia Ahari, who with Fred Huffman and Doug Finley, will talk about his cruise last February and March in Patagonia. The meeting will be held at the Marin Yacht Club. She also noted that the annual Crab Feed will be held on March 4 at the San Pablo Yacht Club.

Webmaster's Report: Michael Moradzadeh reported that members will soon be asked to visit the CCA website and update their information in preparation for the publication of the Yearbook. He also reported that the Station will be updating its calendar function and changing the overall look of its website.

Environment of the Sea Report: As he has done in the past, Bill Foss suggested that as it was the first meeting of the new year, it was a good time for each member to consider doing at least one thing focusing on some aspect of stewardship of our oceans. He added that anyone looking for an idea for such a commitment take a look at “A Dozen Ways To Celebrate World Oceans Day 2014 in the Bay Area”, which is posted on the Station’s website.

Speaker



Our speaker, David Hirzel, who writes about high-latitude explorers, published an account of the sailing ship *Jeannette* search expedition by the S/V *USS Rodgers*, in 1880. The account, published last year, is based upon the diary by one of the *Rodgers*’ crewmembers, Patrick Cahill, who is the great grandfather of our member Sue Cahill Proudfoot. David provided us with interesting insights about the 1880’s quests to sail to the North Pole, how the *Jeannette* was lost and how the *Rodgers* was sent to find her in the Arctic. While searching for *Jeannette*, the *Rodgers* expected to winter in the Arctic and chose an anchorage in the North of Siberia where the crew had expected to ship to be frozen into the ice for the winter. Well provisioned, the crew expected to be snug, comfortable and well fed for the winter.

The ship, however, accidentally caught fire and burned to the waterline. The crew had to abandon ship with very little of their extensive provisions. How the 31 crew members were taken in by an Intuit village, itself undernourished, and the depravations suffered by all was captured in the diary of Patrick Cahill, was told to us by David Hirzel, and is published in David’s book, “*Rough Weather all Day.*”

Members attending meeting:

Zia Ahari, Jim Antrim, Morgan Barker, Liz Bayles, Don Bekins, Bob Bernheim, Jim Coggan, David Cohan, Jim Cooper, Mary Crowley, Peter Darbee, Jerry Eaton, Dick Enersen, Doug Finley, Bill Forsythe, Bill Foss, David Fullagar, Tom Hall, Bob Hanelt, Wyman and Gay Harris, Todd Hedin, Peter Hogg, Fred Huffman, Steve Hunt, Jim Hurst, Stafford Keegin, Michael Moradzadeh, Bruce Munro, Alan Olson, Mike and Sue Proudfoot, Françoise Ramsay, Jim Robinson, Robby and Dolores Robinson, John Sanford, Gary Schwarzman, Peter Stoneberg, Doug Thorne and Bob Van Blaricom.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Station will be held on February 4, 2015 at the Marin Yacht Club. Members may come to the meeting on their yachts if they wish.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully Submitted,

William S. Foss
Secretary, CCA-SAF Station