

**Minutes**  
**Hermosa Beach Sister City Association**  
**January 4, 2010**

**Attendees:** Deborah DeMaderios, Don DeMaderios, Cathy McCurdy, Dick McCurdy, Merna Marshall, George Barks, Moira Nelson, Amparito Doolittle, J.R. Reviczky, Claudia Lindwall, Nicole Burke

**Call to Order:** Deborah DeMaderios: 7:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

To be amended with names of newly elected officers for 2010.

Motion to approve as amended: Cathy McCurdy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Merna Marshall. All Ayes.

**Conference Call with Paul Hawkins:**

Paul reported on the November 5–12, 2009, paramedic-training session that he, Kim Bridges, and Mike Garafano conducted in Loreto. Paul says the Loreto paramedics and paramedics-in-training are more organized, committed, and professional than ever and that the response of Loreto inhabitants to the paramedic service has been positive. Paul's wish and that of the Loreto paramedics is to have greater material support from the Loreto government.

The board asked Paul to come up with a list of specific needs of the paramedic program for which we might earmark funds raised at this year's auction.

**Treasurer's report:** Cathy McCurdy presented the treasurer's report for review and approval. She intends to revise the report to apply \$1500 in checks written for the 2010 student exchange trip to the 2010 rather than the 2009 budget. HBSCA has a CD maturing on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Cathy intends to leave \$5000 of that money in a CD and move the balance to checking in anticipation of increased student exchange costs, due to the large size of the student exchange group going to Loreto this year.

Motion to approve treasurer's report as amended and to approve the planned conversion of CD funds: Merna Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Barks. All Ayes.

The board affirmed its intention to renew HBSCA's membership in the U.S.– Mexico Sister City Association by budgeting for and paying the annual dues of \$150.

The board affirmed its intention to continue to offer \$1000 annually in scholarships for graduating high-school seniors.

**Membership:** Moira will send out reminders that 2010 membership renewals are now due and will also send invitations to join HBSCA to parents of this year's local participants in the student exchange program.

**Student Exchange:** George reports that the 2010 Student Exchange trip to Loreto, scheduled for 3/28/10 through 4/4/10, now has 18 participants and 2 chaperones.

Motion: By Claudia Lindwall, to appropriate \$250 for Nicole Burke to organize a taco party at which the students who will be traveling to Loreto can get to know each other. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amparito Doolittle. All Ayes. Party is scheduled for 1/25/10, 6 pm at Kiwanis Hall.

**Adult Visit to Loreto:**

Deborah is in contact with Pascal at Oasis Hotel concerning outings and other activities being planned for the upcoming adult visit to Loreto. An invitation from the Loreto Sister Cities Association to go whale watching, reported by George, has been tentatively accepted for the Friday of the visit. Dick expressed the intention to inspect the Friendship Wall in Loreto during the visit, to see if any repair or upkeep is needed.

J. R. has collected diabetes supplies for the Loreto paramedics, and Amparito has tentatively agreed to transport them to Loreto if she travels there by car.

**MISC.:**

Motion was made by Claudia Lindwall to give Beach Travel a lifetime membership in HBSCA. 2<sup>nd</sup> J.R. Reviczky. All Ayes.

Amparito submitted receipts for \$65.63 in expenditures for the recent U.S.–Mexico Sister City Association board meeting, which was hosted by Hermosa Beach. Request approved by members present: All Ayes.

**Calendar:**

- Adult trip: February 23 – 28, 2010
- Student Exchange trip: March 28 – April 4, 2010
- Biannual auction: tentatively, October 3, 2010, at home of Chuck and Missy Sheldon

**Adjournment/Adios: 8:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Moira Nelson  
Secretary