

# OHCC Travel Club BoD Meeting Minutes 1-6-26

## OHCC Travel Club Board of Directors

**President, Adele Siesel; Treasurer/Membership, Lynn Opelka; Secretary, Amy Blount; Director, Jeannine Ferrari; Director, Callie Dean**

President Adele Siesel called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm in the Sewing Room. Board members present: Lynn Opelka, Amy Blount, Jeannine Ferrari, Callie Dean. Invited guests, Judy Harris and Rosemary Bray.

Amy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeannine. It was approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Dues Account is \$4,416.23; Spendable Trips Account is \$3,185.95 (\$3,132 still owed to Lynn as she reimbursed Judy H for the Pageant of the Masters Tickets); Membership is 51 for 2026. Lynn said that taking credit cards for dues etc. the fees would be 6-7% for our small group.

Lynn made a motion to transfer \$3,000 from the Dues account to the Spendable Trips Account. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved unanimously.

Lynn will calculate a list of club expenses for 2026 (i.e. copies/printing, plastics, food for the programs and Travel Bucks.)

Trips and Events paid by members

Kick-Off 1/20/26	41 paid	Budget \$1,000
Balboa Park 2/19/26	29 paid	Budget \$3,000

Lynn made a motion to budget of \$3,500 for the Winery tour. Jeannine 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved unanimously.

Lynn made a motion to budget \$5,000 for the Hornblower Cruise. Callie 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved unanimously.

Lynn made a motion to budget \$4,000 for the Pageant of the Masters. Jeannine 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved unanimously.

Lynn made a motion to budget \$4000 for the Padres game. Adele 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Do Dues Day** January 10, 2026, 10am-2pm. We will have the following flyers: Kick-Off, Balboa Park, Wine Tour at Cougar Winery, Hornblower Cruise, Pageant of the Masters and the 2026 TC Schedule. The very cute banner that Adele ordered arrived today. We will not have 2026 waiver forms for trips at the table. Lynn will confirm that everyone who signs up for a trip has signed the 2026 waiver. Adele will be there at 9:15am with table covers and candy and more.

**Kick-Off** January 20, 2026. There will be round tables 5x10 seats/table for 50 total. Adele will order the food on Wednesday January 14. Instead of Baclava, Adele will order 8 dozen Winco Donuts at \$8/dozen (this is cheaper than the Baclava.) There will be decaf coffee for 25. We will have tea and put ice water pitchers on the table. We will have green table cloths. The food will cost between \$750-800. Mirrors and table numbers will be ordered.

Amy will prepare the centerpieces with the South African Flag, bandanas, flowers and micro lights. There will be stanchions around the food to prevent lecture only people from eating the food. Rosemary will set up a meeting with Dario a week before the event to go over the AV. She will walk around the tables during her lecture. She needs a podium for her computer. (text Jeannine a week before the event re Travel Bucks.)

**Debrief of the Jungle Bells.** We should have started earlier so we could see more of the animals.

## **New Business**

Callie was appointed as an official Travel Club Director. She now has all of the rights and privileges of a board member.

All of the 2026 Travel Club volunteers are listed below so they will be covered by D&O insurance.

Lynne Williams, Adrienne Lutz, Gail Hyams, Pete Payne, Cindi DeWeese and Judy Harris.

We will have a special meeting on Friday February 13 to go over our Bylaws.

## **Trips, General Programs & Meetings**

### **2026 Activities and Functions**

Things to consider, the early departure, activity level, and cost.

**January 20 Kick-Off, Tuesday** – Rosemary Bray will reprise her Rhino Lecture. Doors will open at 5:30. Dinner 6-7. Lecture at 7. The board and volunteers will receive travel bucks in addition to the raffle for a total of 16 to be printed.

**February 19, Thursday** - Balboa Park Architectural Tour including the renovated Botanical Garden and Lily Pond. They prefer to have groups of 15 so Jeannine will work on this with the badges. We plan to arrive at 9am for a 9:30 -11 tour, 11-12 tour on your own, 12:30-2pm Lunch at the Old Town Mexican Café (they need one week's notice) with 2-3pm on your own in Old Town. We perused the menu and Lynn will email members after she has received their checks asking for their selection from 5 choices for lunch. We will depart 3:15-3:30 for Ocean Hills. The voluntary docent fee will be ~\$200 (in cash.) The cost is **\$140pp**.

**March 19, Thursday** –Temecula wine tour and tasting at Cougar Winery. Including lunch at the winery. We need to make a \$250 deposit. A charcuterie board is included. There is a restaurant you can order lunch. Reserved the Barrel Room. It's cool in the room so bring a sweater. Amy will create a flyer by tomorrow. **\$130pp**

**April 29, Wednesday** – Padres vs Cubs at Petco Park. Adele paid the \$500 deposit. Adele gave them a hard date of Feb 15 for us to be able to plan and sell tickets for this trip. A section has been reserved Sections 110 and 112 and the cost/ticket will be \$60 to \$75. The seats are under cover in the shade or in partial shade. We want 5 rows of 10. Depending on how many people submit checks, Adele will purchase 30 or 50 tickets when they are available. **\$160pp**.

**May 7, Tuesday – Walking with the Polar Bears.** A general program with Adele presenting on her Polar Bear Trip. Rosemary can help Adele put this together. Joe Ashby and Dee Wardell could be a backup to present on their round the world cruise. Or the Alpine Raptor Center will bring out an animal ambassador.

Adele will be out of the country May 21 to June 15.

**June – we will skip.**

**July 4, Saturday – Big Bay Boom** viewing from the Hornblower which is the USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. ~\$190pp. Adele committed to 30 tickets.

**August 4, Tuesday – Tuesday, Pageant of the Masters.** Judy Harris bought 36 ticket \$3,132.00 on the side, loge section. The bus is reserved. \$1,940. The theme is Greatest of All Time artwork. Judy will purchase more later. **\$150pp.**

#### **Other possibilities**

Aquarium of the Pacific with lunch at Bubba Gumps + harbor cruise?

#### **Next TC BoD Meeting**

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 1pm** in the Sewing Club Room.

There was no further business, and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Blount, Secretary  
January 11, 2026  
Distribution: Board Members