

VCSC Board Meeting > Friday @6:45pm

Quick recap

The board discussed various operational matters including computer issues, meal purchases at events, and venue options for upcoming meetings. They reviewed leadership positions and election procedures, with several members expressing interest in different roles including president and treasurer. The group also covered plans for the upcoming Christmas party, including venue selection, budgeting, and entertainment arrangements, while discussing membership demographics and meeting logistics at Black Bear Diner.

Next steps

-  [Art to contact Robert Grober about joining the board as an at-large member](#)
-  [Chuck to email the ballot template to everyone for the upcoming election](#)
-  [Rick to bring a guestbook for the November meeting for attendees to sign in](#)
-  [Rick to help with the raffle at the November meeting along with Richard and Matt](#)
-  [Richard to pick up raffle items from Peter for the November meeting](#)
-  [Art to get the map for parking at the Christmas party venue from John and distribute it](#)
-  [Rick to bring smoked fish as hors d'oeuvres for the Christmas party](#)
-  [Cece to update the meeting announcement with correct information about the Black Bear Diner meeting](#)
-  [Board to check with Norm to confirm if he wants to remain on the board](#)

Summary

Nov 5th meeting > Member Meal Participation Concerns

The group discussed concerns about members' willingness to purchase meals during events, particularly at Black Bear and Ventura locations. Cece and Rick emphasized that members had previously spent significant amounts on charters and tipping, making the \$15-20 meal

purchase reasonable. The discussion revealed that most members lived in Newbury Park, Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura rather than Simi Valley as previously assumed, and the group agreed to continue monitoring member participation in meal purchases at future events.

Roster sorted by location: [LINK](#)

November Meeting Logistics Planning

The group discussed the upcoming November meeting, confirming that Richard, despite being unable to attend due to voice loss, plans to participate and will help with the raffle by picking up prizes from Peters. They also discussed venue options, with Black Bear being praised for its location and room size, though Chuck suggested considering a more central location between Thousand Oaks and Camarillo to accommodate members from Ventura and Moorpark areas. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about the cost of food and drinks, estimated at around \$15 per person, excluding tax and tip.

Venue Selection and Sign-In Planning

The group discussed venue options for an upcoming meeting, ultimately deciding against using the Sportsman restaurant due to previous negative experiences and inadequate space. They agreed to test a new venue on November 5th and planned to implement a sign-in system at future meetings to track attendance and gather demographic information. Cece and Rick volunteered to organize the sign-in process. Art suggested that someone needs to bring a lot of pens (pencils) to that meeting.

Raffle Planning and Donations Update

The group discussed the upcoming meeting and raffle logistics. Peter will be away for two months, but Richard will pick up raffle items from him. Rick, Richard, and Matt will help with the raffle. They received donations from Bob Semerau, including five "Western Outdoor News" subscriptions and various swag items. Cece mentioned that Hyun's Tackle agreed to provide a poster for the meetings. Art suggested prioritizing the donated items over their own prizes for the raffle. The group also briefly discussed a home run hit by Ohtani.

Website Donor Page Development

The group discussed creating a donor page on their website to recognize and link to individuals and organizations that have provided support, such as Eric's Tackle, Royal Star, Tucker and others who have donated or contributed to their activities. Cece agreed to create

a donor page, and the group decided to use the term "donors" instead of "sponsors" to accurately reflect the nature of the contributions.

Club Leadership and 30th Anniversary Planning (1996-2026)

The group discussed club leadership positions and reviewed last year's ballot, which Chuck shared via screen share. Brian expressed interest in running for president, though he had previously served as secretary for 26 years. The group noted that next year would mark the club's 30th anniversary, and they agreed to promote this milestone. Chuck confirmed he would send out the ballot information to everyone after the meeting.

Updated ballot for approval: [LINK](#)

Club Leadership and Voting Changes

The group discussed club leadership positions and voting procedures. They agreed to keep the president position and make the Charter Master and membership roles appointed by the board rather than elected. Rick offered to be president and Peter agreed to be treasurer, with Art handling raffles and Rick continuing as secretary. Art proposed reaching out to Robert Grover to invite him to join the board as an at-large member, and the group agreed to look for additional new members to strengthen their organization.

Board Membership and Election Planning

The board discussed the upcoming elections and board membership. They clarified that Chuck, as an outgoing president, would automatically become an honorary board member as a past president. The board decided to have 5 members at large, though they could adjust this number later if needed. They agreed to check with Norm about his desire to remain on the board, and Art offered to contact Robert about potentially joining the board.

Christmas Party Planning and Budget

The group discussed plans for an upcoming Christmas party, confirming the location, menu, and entertainment. They agreed on a \$1,800 budget for food, with Rick bringing additional hors d'oeuvres, and Michael Falcone was confirmed for entertainment at \$250. The venue, a train car restaurant, was described as a long, narrow space with easy access and parking nearby. They decided to sell raffle tickets for \$5 or \$20, with Rick noting they typically make around \$600 from the raffle. The group agreed that a break-even cost of \$35 per person for 60 attendees was acceptable, given their current financial situation.

Club Membership and Meeting Updates

The group discussed club membership demographics, noting a shift toward Camarillo and Ventura areas, with Chuck and Brian being exceptions not living in those areas. They agreed to start weekly mailings for the January meeting. The conversation also covered the Christmas party venue, with Rick expressing disappointment about the food and venue restrictions at the Flatfish, while Chuck confirmed Black Bear as a viable option for future meetings.

Black Bear Diner Meeting Plans

The group discussed meeting arrangements at the Black Bear Diner, agreeing to start gathering at 6 PM with the meeting beginning at 6:30 PM, and confirmed they would be finished by 8 or 8:30 PM. They reviewed and finalized wording for an agreement with Black Bear, deciding to remove a controversial clause about expectations regarding spending.

UPDATED CLAUSE: ** As part of our agreement with the Black Bear Diner (**and most restaurants**), all attendees are expected to order at least one food item and one beverage from their reasonably priced menu.*

VIEW UPDATED NOV 5th meeting page: <https://vcsc.info/event/meeting-november-5-2025/>