

Final

Call to Order: Cmdr. Kevin Kamrath
Secretary: Lt/C Arlene Starkman
Quorum: Verified by secretary Arlene Starkman

Motions

- Motion: by Ken Moore and seconded by Bob Russell to accept the January minutes: Accepted.
- Motion: by Bob Russell and seconded by Lynda Watson accept Erma Hembree as a new member. Accepted.
- Motion: by Ken Moore and seconded by Tom Pinkley to adjourn at 1459. Accepted.

Bridge and board members present: Cmdr. Kevin Kamrath, P/C Ken Moore, Lt/C Scott Graves, Lt/C Bob Russell, Lt/C Michelle Hooper, 1st Lt Roger Zinn, Lt/C Arlene Starkman, Lt/C Lynda Watson, Stephen Snyder and Tom Pinkley.

Guests present: Sharon Dennis, Micki Kamrath and Earl Starkman.

Cmdr. Kamrath called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Motion to accept January minutes was made by Ken Moore and seconded by Bob Russell. Motion approved.

New member application for Erma Hembree, sponsored by Dennis Rice, was discussed. Motion to accept Erma Hembree as a new member was made by Bob Russell and seconded by Lynda Watson. Motion approved.

The District 30 Meeting will be held in Pella, Iowa, April 5 and 6 and the Kamraths, Russells, Chalupniks and Watsons plan to attend.

Membership concerns:

- Cmdr. Kamrath is scheduled for surgery February 26
- Sue Brandt is convalescing.

Business Goals:

- We need to update the display pull-up screens. A committee (not yet selected) will research and design new screens to incorporate “America’s Boating Club” brand. New signs at life jacket stations could be starting point for design.
- We will participate in “Toes in the Grand” this year
- Wal-Mart will entertain another grant after March 1
- Discussed possibility of participating in “Parade of Lights” at Twin Bridges
- We will participate in Pelican Fest
- Short discussion on co-branding and name change determined we will need press releases to inform the public that GLPS will be doing business as America’s Boating Club.

- Member survey results indicated only five individuals are interested in garage sale so we will not do it. Sharon Dennis checked several other options which included flea market booths, consignment sales and charity events to benefit GLPS (soup or chili lunch, spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast for public). If we did a charity event, we would suggest a donation.
- Current possible events planned under XO are Boat Rally and Poker Run.

Rules Committee: Sue Brandt is recuperating and will set up meeting with her committee to revise and update the bylaws.

Nominating Committee: no report

Auditing Committee: no report

Treasurer's report: Lynda Watson

- Currently \$22,707.11 in checking account, with a \$6,000 expenditure for life jackets planned in the near future.

Executive Officer - Scott Graves

- Grand Lake Boat Show will be March 7-10 and we have been assigned a location at the venue. Set up will be Wednesday from noon to 6pm and Thursday from 8am to noon. Thursday night is VIP night and we will offer assorted finger desserts. A signup sheet will be available at the dinner meeting and also distributed via email for volunteers. Bruce Watson will explore possible scheduling apps.
- Everyone who works at the booth will need a badge. Scott will contact Kim regarding badges.
- We may do "Guess the Bobber" raffle again this year.
- Scott has attended two meetings for Camp Bandage to date.

Safety Officer – no report

Life Jackets – Steve Snyder

- We have all the life jackets except for the youth sizes which will be in before the boat show. Jerry Ruzicka has provided storage space for the jackets. We have used 46 life jackets so far for life jacket stands. Scott Graves will monitor Bernice stands and Ed Dennis will monitor Twin Lakes. Signs have been made for all stands and they are really nice.

VSC – Sharon Dennis

- We have six new safety inspectors for a total of 12 or 13
- Members will be asked (first time at dinner meeting) to have their vessels inspected as each new inspector must complete ten inspections.
- The CO2 cartridges on the safety inspector life vests need to be replaced. It was determined that we will replace five at a time
- The actual inspector life vests will need to be replaced. Mustang vests have exceeded their shelf life of ten years. Bladders were tested by blowing them up by hand and are good. A suggestion was made to replace the Mustang vests with Wal-Mart products, as they are significantly cheaper.
- Ship's store will order six new burgees

Environmental Committee – no report.

PR Committee – Cmdr. Kamrath for Frank Janiga

- Arrangements have been made for a Joplin TV Station to photograph life jackets fittings on Saturday morning at the Grove Boat Show.

- Remember release forms are necessary to use any non-member photos.

Education Committee – Bob Russell

- The one-day ABC class will be held March 16, after the boat show and Roger Zinn has volunteered to teach the class
- Membership will provide lunch for attendees at the all day ABC class.
- Instructor recertification, a two-hour class, will be March 25 and five instructors will need to recertify. Bob Hunt will instruct. After the recertification class, we will have nine certified instructors.
- Piloting class will be offered in early April and David Sloan will instruct. There will be eight evening sessions and classes will be from 6 to 9 pm. Class will be limited to six students and the required sign up is three. (Kevin Kamrath and Steve Graves expressed interest).

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Administrative officer – Michelle Hooper

- February meeting will be at the Trinity Church on February 21 and 40 members have signed up.
- The March Dinner meeting will be March 21 at Eagles Landing and will be Mexican, catered by Las Palmeras. The speaker for March will be Brad Johnson, representative of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and he will talk about the Oklahoma fisheries. A laptop and projector will be necessary.

Membership Committee – Lynda Watson for Mary Alice Moore

- Committee will follow up with three households who expressed interest in the squadron
- Tom Pinkley has some individuals interested in attending the March meeting.
- Discussion regarding follow up of past due members determined that no notices were received from national.
- We will participate in the Bobber Drop and in lieu of \$100, we will include a certificate for a free life jacket
- The committee is making progress with the display board at the GLA but we need classroom and boat show pictures.
- The Second Geodetic Hunt was successful and lots of fun.
- Member survey results (30 surveys received) expressed interest in summer breakfasts, poker run and willingness to work booths; less interest in fundraisers and parades.
- Cmdr. Kamrath mentioned that a liaison for Camp Bandage from Arrowhead expressed interest in a packet for individuals purchasing new boats. A discussion followed as to what packets should contain to promote America's Boating Club and still be cost effective.

Secretary report – no report

- Pelican – no report
- IT - Website is fine

Old Business:

- The boating simulator is up and running and will be available for members to test drive at the February dinner. Scott Morris, a Tampa member, has lots of ideas for enhancements to the simulator and has agreed to beta test. We will need a report on the simulator for the district meeting, as they donated funds.
- Deadline for poster contest is July 15 for entries to the squadron. More information on the theme and age groups will be distributed.
- Sharon Dennis inquired as to interest in stickers, which are vinyl and like decals. They come in various sizes and could be used to promote the squadron and America's Boating Club. Sharon will order a variety of sticker sizes for the Ship's store.

New Business:

- We would like to host the fall district meeting in early October at Shangri La as they have ample dock space and Eagle's Landing will be closed for renovations.
- Bob Russell inquired about a back-up computer for Education and Scott Graves will bring one to the dinner meeting.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Pinkley and seconded by Bob Russell. Meeting adjourned at 1459 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Starkman
Secretary