

Call to Order: Cdr Mary Alice Moore
Secretary: Lt/C Micki Kamrath
Quorum: Verified by Secretary Micki Kamrath

Motions

- Minutes approved as printed by general consent.
- Motion: by Bruce Watson and seconded by Steve Snyder to use \$100 to purchase ten \$10 gift cards for door prizes at Bingo. Accepted.
- Meeting adjourned at 1443 by general consent.

Bridge and board members present: Cdr Mary Alice Moore, Sandy Hendrickson, Bob Russell, Micki Kamrath, Lynda Watson, P/C Kevin Kamrath, P/C Bruce Watson, Al Scarriot, and Steve Snyder.

Guests present: Chuck Fellhauer, Vicki Fellhauer, P/C Ken Moore, Ed Dennis, Sharon Dennis, Sue Brandt, and Scott Graves.

Cdr Moore called the meeting to order at 1259 hours.

Minutes approved as printed by general consent.

Cdr Moore welcomed everyone.

- She thanked Sandy Hendrickson, Kaye Snyder, and Vicki Fellhauer for setting up America's Boating Club – Grand Lake's display at the Grove Library.
- She thanked Frank Janiga for getting our press release regarding our transition from Grand Lake Power Squadron to America's Boating Club – Grand Lake on the second page of the Grove Sun and Grand Laker.
- Cdr Moore checked on cancellation policy at Margaritaville for the Fall District Meeting. If you make a reservation you may cancel within 3 days of arrival. She will send the information on the Fall D30 Meeting to Kim Lindahl for posting in the Pelican.
- There was a discussion about presenting member concerns without getting permission from the member. We are going to send cards when notified. Scott Graves was asked to add a general statement offering our concerns to the invocation.

Rules Committee:

- The Education Policy and General Policy have slightly different verbiage related to offering free classes to our members.
 - It was recommended that the Education Policy be the official policy and that the General Policy make reference to the Education Policy.
 - Bob Russell will finalize the verbiage.
 - Sue Brandt will update the General Policy to reference the Education Policy.
 - Kevin Kamrath will remove the 2017 draft education policy and post final policy on the website.

Nominating Committee: no report

Auditing Committee: no report

Treasurer's report: Lynda Watson

- Current checking account balance is \$18770.
- Lynda renewed our storage unit for another year.
- Our members donated \$750 to the Home of Hope and the squadron will add another \$500. Check will be presented to Home of Hope at our January Dinner Meeting.
- Lynda will present the 2020 budget at the January Dinner Meeting.

Executive Officer – Sandy Hendrickson

- We are in the process of updating our trifold, cards, banners, and pullups with America's Boating Club-Grand Lake.
- Home & Garden Show – Feb 7-9
 - A volunteer signup sheet was distributed by email and many of the slots have been filled. The sheet will be distributed at the January Dinner meeting to fill the remaining slots.
- Grove Boat Show – Mar 5-8
 - We discussed what we would offer to attendees on Thursday VIP night. It was decided to provide water and soda, but no beer.
 - Sandy will check with GRDA if there are passes available for our members to attend on the VIP night. Staff who are working the booth will be able to attend without a pass.

Safety Officer: Ed Dennis

- Safe Boating Week will be May 16-22. Ed will schedule us to attend the first City Council meeting in May. Ed will make arrangements at one of the marinas for the Saturday opening event, i.e., Honey Creek or Harbors View Marinas.

VSC: Ed Dennis

- Ed will line up marinas for Vessel Safety Inspections; probable Elk River more than once as well as HOA and resort marinas.
- Ed will inquire at the January Dinner meeting whether there are members interested in becoming VSEs.

Life Jackets – Steve Snyder

- GRDA approval is anticipated for the \$6000 grant to purchase life jackets.
- We will receive notice if WalMart will give us another grant on Feb 1.
- We are waiting for a life jacket delivery date.
- Once we have delivery of the life jackets, we will rent an additional storage unit for 6 months to store them. Location will be based on availability, but Ridgerunner has multiple locations and indicated that there will most likely be availability at one of them.

Ship's Store: Sharon Dennis

- Sharon will set up Ship's Store at the January Dinner Meeting at Lee's Resort.

Fund Raiser: Sharon Dennis

- Bingo Night – Friday, February 28 at the American Legion from 1800-2130
 - Cdr Mary Alice Moore and Sharon Dennis met with Lee at the American Legion. There is a \$100 fee that goes back to the American Legion with the rest of the proceeds going to ABC-GL. Proceeds from the concessions and dauber purchases go to American Legion. Proceeds from

pull tabs also go to us. There are 10 games played. It costs \$15 for cards to play 9 games with extra charge to play the 10th game. It has been traditional to also offer door prizes.

- Motion to use \$100 to purchase ten \$10 gift cards for door prizes at Bingo was made by Bruce Watson and seconded by Steve Snyder. Motion passed.
- Sharon Dennis is preparing an information packet to notify members of the event. We will also consider advertising on Tradio, newspapers, GLA, and ABC-GL Facebook page.
- American Legion advertises to civic and community as well as American Legion Facebook page.

Environmental Committee: no report

Public Relations:

- Cdr Moore reported that Arizona from the American will hopefully be able to attend our January Dinner meeting at Lee's Resort to take pictures of the check presentation to Home of Hope.

Education Officer – Bob Russell

- January 7 – 12 people attended Operation's Training by Larry Stout.
- January 22 – 6 and tentatively one other person has signed up for the CPR class at the MI Fire Department. Thanks to Chuck Fellhauer for setting up this class.
- Due to limited interest at the present time it was decided to cancel the Advanced Piloting class.
- It was suggested that we have our class schedule on display at the Grove Boat show as an example of all the training we offer at ABC-GL.

Administrative Officer –

- Cdr Moore reported that the 2020 Christmas Party reservation has been made at the River Bend Casino for Thursday, December 3rd.
- The January Dinner Meeting will be held at Lee's Resort (room fee \$60). The program will include presentation of the \$1250 check to Home of Hope and Kevin Kamrath giving a presentation on the ABC-GL website.

Membership Committee – Vicki Fellhauer

- 2 members renewed in December. There are 2 renewals due in February and 6 renewals due in March.
- Work is in process for a membership recruitment event...more details to follow.

Secretary Report – Micki Kamrath

- Kim Lindahl published the January Pelican. She did an excellent job. Please remember to take pictures of all the squadron events to post in Dropbox or send directly to Kim. She will be publishing the February and March newsletters from Arizona. Bruce Watson has set up the group email for ABC-GL and successfully transmitted the January Pelican to the group. He will be the back-up for sending out group emails when Kevin is not available.
- IT - Website, Social Media, Archival Storage – Kevin Kamrath
 - Archival storage is ongoing from Dropbox to Google Photos and Google Drive.
 - Bruce Watson recommended that Cdr Moore be added to the web email.
 - A question was raised about an updated virus check for the education laptop. Updates on Windows 10 includes updated virus checks. Caution should be used with free virus check software such as Avast.

Old Business:

- Rotary Grant – We received a Rotary Grant of \$1200. Cdr Moore and P/C Kamrath will attend the January 29th Rotary Meeting to receive the grant. We need to determine if the grant specifies whether the money must be used totally for the purchase of inflatable vests for our VSEs or if the money can be split between life jackets and new boater packets.

- Ed Dennis reported that it costs between \$100 - \$200 for inflatable jackets. We need 10-12 jackets for the VSEs. There was discussion about the integrity of the bladders and whether some of the jackets can just have the cartridges replaced at a cost of \$30 each.

New Business:

- Cdr Moore will determine if there is interest by the members to participate in a field trip to the Paddlefish Research Center or a Pensacola Dam tour.
- Cdr Moore asked whether fence posts and old banners that are currently in the storage unit can be discarded.
 - The old fence posts were previously used to hang our signs at lake clean up events but are no longer needed. We can try to sell them or they can be discarded.
 - The old signs can no longer be used since we are completely transitioning to ABC-GL.
- GLA is selling a \$100 sticker for advertising at the Tulsa Boat Show and on the floor mat at the GLA. There was no interest for this.

Adjournment:

- Adjournment was approved by general consent at 1443.

Respectfully submitted,

Micki Kamrath
Secretary