

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 Bob Russell and seconded by Steve Snyder to approve up to \$1200 to purchase life jackets for the Boat Show if the shipment ordered from WalMart does not arrive in time. Accepted.
- Motion: by Kevin Kamrath and seconded by Bruce Watson to use \$600 to make up more ABC-GL Introduction Packets which include a \$20 coupon that can be used for a class or new membership dues. Accepted.
- Motion: by Tom Pinkley and seconded by Carl Wotowis to join the Chamber of Commerce. Accepted.
- Meeting adjourned at 1515 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, Tom Pinkley, Al Scarriot, Steve Snyder, and Carl Wotowis.

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

Cdr Moore called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

Minutes approved as printed by general consent.

Cdr Moore welcomed everyone.

- Our \$1200 Rotary Grant check was accepted by Cdr Moore and P/C Kevin Kamrath at the last Rotary meeting. The funds have been deposited in our account and are to be used for new Vessel Inspector Life Jackets and our New Boater Purchasers Introduction Program.
- The \$6000 GRDA sponsorship check to purchase life jackets for the Grove Boat Show and Camp Bandage is on the way.
- Cdr Moore received a thank you note from Home of Hope for our \$1225 contribution. Micki Kamrath will forward a copy of the note to Kim Lindahl for posting in the Pelican.
- Cdr Moore will ask for a volunteer at the dinner meeting to coordinate the GLA volunteer calendar for working at the GLA on weekends during the summer.

Rules Committee:

Sue Brandt and Bob Russell revised our General Education Policy to make reference to the Education Policy's statement on member free classes. Kevin Kamrath posted the updated version on the website.

Nominating Committee: no report

Auditing Committee: no report

Treasurer's report: Lynda Watson

- Our checking account balance is \$17058.00.
- Our current profit on the Quilt Raffle is \$1062.
- Lynda Watson, Cdr Moore, and Micki Kamrath went to First National Bank to update our account to include dba America's Boating Club-Grand Lake. We are now able to accept checks made out to either Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron or America's Boating Club-Grand Lake. Lynda Watson and Cdr Moore now have check signature authority for both accounts.

Executive Officer – Sandy Hendrickson

- We have updated our trifold and business cards. Cdr Moore will ask for volunteers at the dinner meeting to distribute them to marinas, boat dealers, realtors, Sports Center, and hotels/resorts.
- The cost of a new banner is \$50. We will start with 2 new ones and can order another one if it becomes necessary.
- The Marketing Committee is working on revising the Pull-Ups. Currently the 3 Pull-ups have "Come for the Boating Education and Stay for the Friends" across the bottom. We will start by revising the middle one, which can then also be used as a single. The other 2 will remain the same for now as the writing on the bottom is usually not visible when displayed in our booths.
- Home & Garden Show was successful. We had sign ups for Vessel Safety Checks and ABC class. We also sold Quilt Raffle tickets.
- Grove Boat Show – Mar 5-8
 - Our booth is located behind where it was last year by the stage. GRDA is next to us. We will need to determine where we can keep the boxes of life jackets. Set-up will be Thursday morning at 10 am.
 - Bob Russell will set up the Simulator. There should be an instruction sheet on how to use it at the booth. The members manning the booth will have to monitor those using the simulator and use their judgement on young children playing on it, since it is for education and not gaming.
 - Jessica from the GLA will be at the Boat Show wearing a Pelican costume, so Cdr Moore asked her if she would draw the winning ticket in the Quilt Raffle on Sunday.
 - GRDA is preparing the large \$6000 check for presentation to us at the Boat Show.
 - There is currently a video on the website on how to fit a life jacket. It was suggested to move the video to the first page, so it is easier to find. Kevin Kamrath will send a email to all those signed up to work at the Boat Show with a link to the video on how to fit a life jacket.
 - When taking pictures of children being fit for life jackets, try to not take the picture with child's face being visible. There are Photo Release forms on our website and we will have some available in the booth.

Safety Officer/VSC: Ed Dennis

- Ed is proposing that we purchase 7 new Vessel Inspector life jackets. The cost is \$85 each on Amazon, but if we want to purchase locally the cost would be higher. The Rotary Grant encourages recipients to purchase locally, so we will obtain pricing from Indian Hills, Sports Center, and Honey Creek Outdoors. We will then decide if it is feasible to purchase less jackets at a higher price.
- Cdr Moore asked Ed if it would be possible to have a fire extinguisher demonstration at one of our dinner meetings. Ed will check into it, as well as finding out about a demonstration at the Grove Fire Safety Trailer instead.

Life Jackets – Steve Snyder

- Cdr Moore and Steve will meet with Stoney about the life jacket shipment. The jackets are coming from China and WalMart does not know when they will be received. If we do not receive them before the Boat Show, we will be short 62.
- Motion that we approve up to \$1200 to purchase life jackets for the Boat Show if the shipment ordered from WalMart does not arrive in time was made by Bob Russell and seconded by Steve Snyder. There were 6 yes, 3 no, and 1 abstain votes so the motion passed.
- We have enough life jackets to stock the stands around the lake. We usually stock them the week before Memorial Day. GRDA requested that we stock the Twin Bridges stand by March 15th. There was an article in the Ensign about Sea Tow having a life jacket program. However, we are in partnership with GRDA on our life jacket program and their name is on the life jacket stand signs.

Ship's Store: Sharon Dennis

- No report.

Fund Raiser: Sharon Dennis

- Bingo Night – Friday, February 28 at the American Legion from 1800-2130 sponsored by ABC-GL.
- Our advertising includes signs at the American Legion, notices on ABC-GL Facebook page, as well as newspaper and radio broadcasts. The American Legion advertises to civic and community, as well as on the American Legion Facebook page. Sharon Dennis has prepared an information packet to notify members of the event and will address the event at the Dinner Meeting to encourage our members to attend. The American Legion says that they can accommodate up to 120 players.

Environmental Committee: no report

Public Relations: Frank Janiga

- The notice regarding the upcoming ABC class has already gone out the newspaper and radio and been posted on ABC-GL Facebook page.
- We will need to take our own pictures at the Boat Show of the GRDA check presentation.
- Rotary has not yet sent any pictures of the grant presentation.
- There is no commitment yet from Joplin TV station for Grove Boat Show.

Education Officer – Bob Russell

- ABC is scheduled on March 14th but depends of number who sign up.
- 7 people attended the CPR class at the MI Fire Department and received their cards. Thanks to Chuck Fellhauer for setting up this class.
- Bob Hunt will give Instructor's Training in April. Currently Bob Russell and Chuck Fellhauer are signed up for the class. Our other 8 instructors are current.

Administrative Officer –

- Cdr Moore announced that the February Dinner Meeting will be held at Lee's Resort and be catered by Mazzio's. The program speaker is Amy Turner, who will talk about the plan for Grove hiking/biking trails.
- Sharon Dennis reported that the Paddlefish Research Center is available for tours March 17-29. It was decided to distribute a sign-up sheet at the Dinner Meeting for a group to attend on Wednesday, 3/25 at 1000.
- Cdr Moore announced that the March Dinner Meeting will be held at Eagles Landing and be catered by Timbered-In to include their delicious corned beef.

Membership Committee – Chuck Fellhauer reported on behalf of Vicki Fellhauer

- There have been no new applications received. There were 4 people who expressed interest in the club at the Home Show. We have contacted 2 of those people and the other 2 could not be reached because the number they gave did not connect.
- There is one past due renewal. There are 3 renewals due in March.
- Results from the Activities/Services Survey that was distributed at the January Dinner Meeting will be discussed at this month's Dinner Meeting.

Secretary Report – Micki Kamrath

- A sympathy card was sent to Roger Jones for the death of his father. A get well card was sent to Sue Brandt and get well cards will be sent to Gregg Hooper and Don Chalupnik.
- IT - Website, Social Media, Archival Storage – Kevin Kamrath
 - Kevin reported that member log-in access to the USPS website has been down. He sent an email regarding this issue and tried to call but he has been unable to connect with someone regarding this issue.

Old Business:

- WalMart Grant – we received an email confirming that WalMart 90 has been approved for a \$1000 grant for ABC-GL.
- New Boat Purchaser's Introduction Program – Kevin Kamrath submitted a proposal for preparing additional ABC-GL Introduction packets to distribute to first time and new boat purchasers at the time of contract signing that are not already members of our club.
 - The estimated cost for preparing 40 additional packets for Grove Marine Boat Sales, Indian Hills Marina, Arrowhead Boat Sales, and Southwinds Marina would be \$678 (not including Trifolds and Business Cards).
 - There was discussion on how to determine if the program is benefiting the club.
 - We could give each dealer a log sheet to keep track of who they gave them to, but we do not want to provide additional work that would prohibit giving the packets out.
 - It was suggested to include a coupon for \$20 that could be used for a boating class or for a new ABC-GL membership fee.
 - It was also suggested that we par down the number of new packets we prepare.
 - Motion that we use \$600 to make up more ABC-GL Introduction Packets which include a \$20 coupon that can be used for a class or new membership dues was made by Kevin Kamrath and seconded by Bruce Watson. Accepted.
- Cdr Moore tabled discussion on Store Unit Items.

New Business:

- Cdr Moore reported that it is time to renew our ad for the GLA Lake Map. The cost is \$349 to renew for our current size ad and \$199 for a card size ad. After discussion, it was decided not to renew. It was thought that it would be of more benefit to join the local Chamber of Commerce instead for a cost of \$171 for a not-for-profit membership.
- Motion that we join the Chamber of Commerce was made by Tom Pinkley and seconded by Carl Wotowis. Accepted.

Adjournment:

- Adjournment was approved by general consent at 1515.

Respectfully submitted,

Micki Kamrath, Secretary