# ABC-GL Dinner Meeting September 16, 2021

# Minutes

# Har-Ber Village Tent

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# Social Hour 1730 - 1805 hours

# Call to order: Cdr Mary Alice Moore 1805 hours

# Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: P/D/C Larry Stout gave the invocation and Cdr Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting recessed for dinner at 1810.

The business meeting resumed at 1850.

**Quorum:** Verified by Secretary Micki Kamrath

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May 20, 2021 were approved by general consent.

**Motions:**

* May 20, 2021 Minutes approved as printed by general consent.
* Motion: by Bob Hunt and seconded by Larry Stout that the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron membership tonight agrees to petition the USPS for a waiver under Section 7.3.3 and that a Squadron Steering Committee be appointed tonight for the purpose of developing a plan to address the future viability of our squadron. Accepted.
* Motion: by Kevin Kamrath and seconded by Brenda Stewart that the membership appoint Bob Hunt and Larry Stout as co-chairs to form a steering committee for developing a plan and applying for the waiver to USPS District and National. Accepted.
* Meeting adjourned at 1950 by general consent.

**Commander’s Remarks**

* Thanks to Frank Janiga, Pat Janiga, Chuck Brandt, and Sue Brandt for planning and set up for dinner meeting.
* Cdr Moore gave a brief overview from the Fall Governing Board Meeting.
  + Downward trends for membership, revenues, and health.
  + There is no financial or organizational planning.
  + The budget is unsustainable.
  + A collaborative plan is needed to save the organization.
  + USPS Data
    - 11 clubs dissolved.
    - 5 clubs on watch.
    - 10 clubs are operating on waiver.
    - 25 clubs have less than 10 members; 2 have 0 members.
    - 86 current clubs do not have 25 members minimum to charter.
    - Most do not teach at least one ABC class, which is required.
* P/D/C Larry Stout reported that he has been in contact with national in regard to our inability to fill a bridge and was encouraged to submit a waiver plan. The organization is struggling to rebuild.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer Report** – Lynda Watson

* We have $15714 minus $750 for this dinner in checking account.
  + Expenses -$207 for Web licensing, rental of Har-Ber Village Pavilion for EBoard meeting, and bank fees.
  + Income - $47.15 from Amazon Smile.

**Executive Officer (Club Events) –** Cdr Moore

* Highlights of Club Activities Since May Dinner Meeting
  + Food Drive organized by Carl Wotowis and Sharon Dennis resulted in collection of 2680 pounds of goods for the Food Pantry.
  + 3 Instructors were recertified.
  + Distributed 345 life jackets at Camp Bandage.
  + Distributed 91 life jackets at Toes in the Grand.
  + ABC class on June 19 & 26 followed by on the water training in July.
  + Manned dumpsters for Lend a Hand to Lady Grand.
  + Volunteered for 14 shifts at the GLA visitor center on weekends.
  + 5 volunteers kept life jacket loaner stations stocked.
  + Kudos to the 48 members who participated in 140 volunteer opportunities.

**Education Officer** – Cdr Moore

* SEO Chuck Fellhauer had to cancel a scheduled ABC class for 14 people due to the high number of COVID cases in Grove. After consulting with the Delaware County Department of Health, it was determined that there was insufficient room to social distance in the classroom we use at the GLA.
* After multiple attempts with the State of Oklahoma and consultation with National, we were unable to get approval to give online classes.

**Administrative Officer** – Chuck Brandt

* We are planning an October meeting at the Royal Horse Ranch and Winery on Monkey Island with catering from Littlefield’s.
* Chuck asked the members if there was interest in having a November and December meeting at indoor venues. Cdr Moore cancelled our reservation for November at Cherokee Yacht Club due to questionable need for Change of Watch, but she may be able to rebook. Vista Towers is reserved for the Christmas Party. It has a large room which will facilitate social distancing.
* Lynda Watson said that we have 98 members, but 7 renewals are past due. There are 14 more renewals due in October.

**Secretary** – Micki Kamrath

* Member Concerns - none
* Cdr Moore thanks Kim Lindahl for her work on The Pelican.
* Website and Facebook page are on track.

**Nominating Committee** – P/C Kevin Kamrath

* Despite multiple calls, notices and emails, no one has stepped up to volunteer to be Commander. Kevin asked for volunteer or a nomination from the floor for Commander but none came forth.
* Cdr Moore explained the options for the club going forward since we cannot fill a Bridge.
  + We also cannot fill a partial Board consisting of Commander, Secretary/ Treasurer, and Educational Officer.
  + We can petition to USPS for a Waiver under Section 7.3.3 for the purpose of developing a plan to address the future viability of our squadron. That plan would then be submitted to D/C Tracy Simpson for approval and then submitted the USPS for final approval. This would be a temporary plan with the goal of returning to a full functioning squadron.
    - Bob Hunt moved and Larry Stout seconded that the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron membership tonight agrees to petition the USPS for a waiver under Section 7.3.3 and that a Squadron Steering Committee be appointed tonight for the purpose of developing a plan to address the future viability of our squadron. Motion passed.
    - Kevin Kamrath moved and Brenda Stewart seconded that the membership appoint Bob Hunt and Larry Stout as co-chairs to form a steering committee for developing a plan and applying for the waiver to USPS District and National. Motion passed.

**New Member** – Cdr Moore

Ann Howland was sworn in as a new member of ABC-GL.

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 1950 by general consent.