

ABC-GL Dinner Meeting  
Events on Third

April 21, 2022  
Social hour 5:30-6:00

Call to order: Larry Stout at 6:00 pm

Invocation: Brenda Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance: Harvey Blattner

Cmdr. Stout introduced guests Cindy and Kenny Stafford, and new members to be installed today, Becky and Monte Province and our speaker, Jared Skaggs.

Recess for dinner at 6:10 pm

Meeting reconvened at 6:50 pm

Our speaker, Jared Skaggs, Director, Outdoor Experience for the GRDA, spoke on paddle sports. Jared mentioned the scenic rivers, white water projects, kayak fishing and river and lake management. There is no deadline for the Honey Creek Project and GRDA is still working on a master plan. WOKA is currently the biggest project (funded by the Walton family) and will include a 30-acre park with waves on the river. It can be used for police and fire training and education. Currently there are 15 access points of the Illinois River (in Oklahoma) and 2 (in Arkansas) for paddling.

Determination of a Quorum: Secretary/Treasurer: Arlene Starkman

Approval of March Dinner meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by Tom Rice, second by Harvey Blattner. Minutes approved.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

**Cmdr. Larry Stout:**

Bob Hunt led the installation of new members, Becky and Monte Province.

Several members gathered at Bill and Peggy Miller's home to attend the virtual national town hall meeting. The next town hall meeting will be May 4 at 7pm our time. This is an opportunity to have input to the reorganization and simplification of the club.

At our District Council virtual meeting recently, we voted to approve \$300 of district funds, which each club helps to fund with our dues, to the Boulder, Colorado club to help with education supplies. The club lost instructor manuals, computer and a projector in the Boulder fire that destroyed a member's home. They have also applied for emergency funds from the national education fund.

Larry attended a meeting last week for Camp Bandage which will be June 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm at the Grand Lake RV Resort on Duck Creek. More discussion to follow in new business.

**Treasurer: Arlene Starkman**

The bank balance as of March 31, 2022 was \$12,552.31. Since there were several uncleared checks in March, the actual balance is closer to \$12,000.

**Unfinished business:**

GLA visitor center volunteers will be chaired by Peggy and Bill Miller. Peggy spoke about our partnership with the GLA and the triangle of the boating club; education, social and community service. We need more volunteers to man the visitor center as we still have open dates on weekends this summer. A sign up chart was passed around and members were urged to take a few slots. Peggy mentioned she will be at the visitor on May 9 and May 12 to go through the center with anyone who would like to have more information.

Thank you to Michelle Hooper and Julie Jones for co-chairing membership events for the summer. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer your dock or property, give them a call.

**New Business:**

The club would like to purchase additional PFDs for Camp Bandage and for our loaner stations around the lake. Last year the club fitted and distributed 345 PFD's. We had a good supply last year with extra funds available to purchase PFDs due to COVID.

ABCGL received a \$5000 grant for life jackets from the GRDA. We have 200 life jackets left after the Grove Boat and we would like to purchase an additional 200 at \$16 (total \$3200) to meet our needs. Due to time constraints, we would like to use club funds so we will have the jackets by June. We can apply for grants from Wal-Mart and other sources to replenish our treasury. A motion to purchase the PFDs for \$3200 from ABCGL funds and apply for grants to replenish the funds was made by Michelle Hooper and seconded by Arlene Starkman. Motion approved.

We need more workers for Camp Bandage, as we need at least 6 people for two 2-hour shifts plus set up and take down. We also need a volunteer to chair this event, as we currently have no one to coordinate.

We also need members to organize our summer activities, such as dock happy hours, raft ups, kayak fun and educational boating activities to improve our skills. Please contact any of the steering committee if you are willing to volunteer.

The next dinner meeting will be at Events on Third on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Jeri Fleming, from the GRDA, will speak on several program available through the GRDA. If you live on the lake and have a septic system, you will want to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Jon Murphy and seconded by Julie Jones. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm