

ABC-GL Dinner Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
5:30 PM Social Hour

CALL TO ORDER: Peggy Miller, Cmdr. 6:21 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Attendees

PRAYER: Marge Blattner

RECESS FOR DINNER: 6:23 pm - 33 in attendance

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve February 2023 minutes made by Jon Murphy; second by Earl Starkman. Minutes approved.
- Motion to rejoin Chamber of Commerce made by Earl Starkman; second by Jon Murphy. Motion approved.
- Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Ruzicka; second by Cindy Reynolds. Approved.

GUESTS: Justin Alberty, Kay Gray and Greg Johnston and Trudy Richardson.

SWORN IN: Marian and Joe McNeill.

TREASURERS REPORT: given by Brenda Murphy. \$7,655.56 balance as of March 31, 2023. Revenue for month \$530.00 (Boat US service award \$500 and member renewals \$30). Expenses for the month were \$5007.50 (life jacket purchase, bank maintenance fee \$8).

EDUCATION: No report
ABC class held on April 1 & 8.

GUEST SPEAKER: Justin Alberty, Grand River Dam Authority. Provided the following updates:

- Ed Ferguson retired
- GRDA was created in 1935 and serves 4 states and 24 counties
- GRDA offers free boating classes
- Docks are checked by GRDA
- At this time there isn't a free walk-up tour of the dam since the elevator is not working, however they will do special group tours (but people would need to be able to walk up/down stairs)
- GRDA "Guards the Grand" water shed and they provide free rain barrels
- Honey Creek project is paused since final plans are not in place yet. Plan is to have public access at this location.
- WOKA – is a world class water park and should be open later in 2023. GRDA will manage this park.

- Emergency on the water – CALL 911. Calling 911 will allow them to ping your cell phone to find your location. They may tell you to pilot to a local marina for pick up. If GRDA meets you on the lake their boats all are equipped with basic 1st aide supplies and an AED. For non-emergent questions call 918-256-0911 (call this number for lake permits, dock info or shoreline questions).
- GRDA has a barge that will pull large logs

COMMANDERS REPORT:

- **Boat USA Civic Service Award** given to ABC-GL for life jacket giveaways, loaner station and working at the Visitor's Center. \$500 was also received as part of this award. The award will be displayed at the Visitor's Center.
- **Awards** – Marge Blattner and Kevin Kamrath received Distinctive Communicator Awards for the Pelican and ABC-GL website.
- **Name Tags** – 17 people ordered new name tags. They should be available in 2 – 3 weeks.
- **Visitor's Center** – Carol Rice is organizing volunteers to staff the Visitor's Center on certain weekends. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact Carol!
- **ABC Class** - Thanks to Bob Hunt and Larry Stout for teaching ABC on April 1 and 8th.
- **Paddlefish Tour** – 2 sessions were held. Excellent information provided. All you need is a valid fishing license and paddlefish sticker. Sandy Henderson coordinated this event!
- **City Council Meeting** – May 16 at 4:30 to hear Mayor Trumbull. Safe Boating Week Proclamation will be read. Please join us and wear your life jackets! Also we can all meet at Rancho Viejo afterwards for dinner (dinner is on your own)!
- **Toes on Grand** – Per Marge Blattner ABC-GL will not have to pay for our booth entry fee since we have rejoined the Chamber of Commerce. Toes on Grand is June 15-18.
- **Camp Bandage** – Julie Jones is coordinating our life jacket distribution at Camp Bandage on June 3. Please contact Julie to help with this project.
- **Next Dinner Meeting** – May 18, 2023 at **5:00 pm** at Tera Miranda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cherokee Street Cleanup: Marge Blattner gave an update for Cherokee Road 2 mile cleanup on Earth Day, April 22. County provided bags, grabbers and orange vests and the Blattner's provided some stabbers, grabbers and green vests for the workers to use on Saturday.

Chamber of Commerce - Marge Blattner updated the club on benefits of being a Chamber of Commerce Member. Motion to rejoin Chamber of Commerce for 1 year was made by Earl Starkman and second by Jon Murphy. Motion approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Jerry Ruzicka and second by Cindy Reynolds, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.