

ABC-GL Dinner Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
5:30 PM Social Hour

CALL TO ORDER: Peggy Miller, Cmdr., 6.00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Attendees

INVOCATION: Bob Hunt

Quorum was determined by Arlene Starkman

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve May dinner meeting minutes made by Brenda Murphy and seconded by Jon Murphy. Approved.
- Motion to allow the executive board to decide whether to post the club roster to ABCGL's website under password protected squadron data or mail to members monthly made by Bob Hunt and seconded by Brenda Murphy. Approved.
- Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Murphy and seconded by Marge Blattner. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Arlene Starkman. \$6,727.40 balance as of August 31, 2023. Revenue for month \$508.00 (Sale of audio equipment \$100.00 and new members \$408). Expenses for the month were \$592.73 (\$110 member fees due to national, Cow and Xmas party venues \$200, Stout farewell \$63.90, Software update and web hosting and domain subscription \$215.00).

RECESS FOR DINNER: 6:06 pm; meeting resumed at 6:47 pm

COMMANDERS REPORT:

- The boat rally scheduled for October 7th is cancelled due to lack of participation, as only four boats signed up.
- Motion was made by Bob Hunt and seconded by Brenda Murphy to allow the board to decide whether to email the club roster to participants monthly or to post the roster to ABCGL's website under squadron data which is password protected. Motion approved.
- GRDA and Grove Rotary gave the club grants for purchasing life jackets last year. Three Rotarians were present at the dinner meeting, Bob Hunt, Jim Reynolds, and Jon Murphy. Bob Hunt volunteered to bring in the Rotary grant request this year which is due in November. In the past GRDA did not want grant applications until January and Cmdr. Miller volunteered to check the due date for this year and to prepare the grant. Tow Boat US should also be approached for a grant.
- Candidates that have accepted nominations for 2023-24 are Clayton Hale, commander, Brenda Murphy, secretary, Sandy Hendrickson, assistant secretary and Arlene Starkman, treasurer. Slate for new officers is not complete as the by-laws state we must have an educational officer. Bob Hunt volunteered to assist the new educational officer and do most of the behind the scenes works, as he is out of town for most of the year but can do much remotely. The SEO does not have to be a

certified instructor. We only must have a certified instructor when teaching to the public. The club can teach instructor certification for any member wishing to be certified. The current instructors are Bob Hunt, David Sloan, Bill Miller and Kevin Kamrath. Bob Hunt and David Sloan will continue to teach classes and we must offer only one ABC Class per year but do not have to conduct a class. In the past ABC Class was how we attracted new members.

- At the October dinner meeting, October 19, at St. Andrews, Doug Anderson will talk about “spam calls” and how to recognize them.

Brenda Murphy asked everyone to save the dates of November 9 and December 7 for the Change of Watch (COW) and Christmas party respectively. Both events will be at Saint Elizabeth’s Catholic Church. The COW is when new officers and executive board are installed and will be a lovely dinner catered by Piguets, with entrée choices of stuffed chicken or salmon. There will also be a silent auction and the funds collected will be used to supplement the general fund and to purchase life jackets. Members will be asked to donate items of value. Examples: wine baskets, handmade lake quilt, handmade woodworked items, etc.

Clayton Hale presented a most informative program on the economic impact of the fishing tournaments on the area. There are more than 50 tournaments held each year between the river and the dam. The Chamber’s rough estimate is about \$2.5 million on the local economy per year. The governing body is the GRDA, and they issued the fishing tournament permits. Grand Lake has over 500,000 fishing visitors per year. The Grove Rotary offers support for in town fishing tournaments and assists with lining up boats and trailers, launching, checking for life jackets on and buckled and kill switches for boats. Efforts are underway to introduce fishing as a sport to high schools and colleges. It is a great way to get families involved and fishermen love Grand Lake.

Clayton would like to see our club grow to be a lakewide club. If you have fishing questions, call Clayton.

A short video on boating failures (what not to do) was shown.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Brenda Murphy and second by Marge Blattner. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Starkman.