

ABC-GL Change of Watch Minutes
November 9, 2023
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church 5:30
PM Social Hour

CALL TO ORDER: Peggy Miller, Cmdr. 6:20 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Clayton Hale

INVOCATION: Marge Blattner

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve October 2023 minutes made by Bill Miller; second by Jon Murphy. Minutes approved.
- Motion to close nominations for the bridge for the 2023-24 year was made by Earl Starkman and seconded by Jon Murphy. Approved.
- District commander Kent Simpson called for a unanimous vote to approve the 2023-24 slate of officers and executive board members. Vote to approve passed.
- Motion to adjourn made by Earl Starkman; second by Cindy Reynolds. Adjourned at 7:55 pm

QUORUM: Determined by Arlene Starkman

Cmdr. Peggy Introduce guests, District Commander Kent Simpson and his wife Tracy.

The meal was served at 6:30 pm. Bidding for Silent Auction closed at 7:15 pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm.

EDUCATION REPORT: Bob Hunt ran one ABC class this year which was attended by two individuals. The club is required to offer one ABC class per year. Bob thanked everyone who helped support the education effort.

TEASURERS REPORT: Arlene Starkman

Bank balance on November 1, 2022, was \$8,636.98 and \$6,637.60 on October 31, 2023. The \$2,000 increased expense was mainly due to \$986.00 of club funds to purchase additional life jackets (over the \$8,200 purchased with grant money) and \$975.00 in charitable contribution to the Grove Backpack program which matched donations by our members.

Total income for the year (excluding grant money) was \$1,500 and expenses (excluding life jacket purchases with grant money) was \$3,500.00.

MINUTES: Motion made to accept October minutes by Bill Miller and 2nd by Jon Murphy. Motion approved. Bill Miller will receive an award this year for 25 years of membership and service. Larry Stout will receive an award in

2025 for 25 years. Both these gentlemen held numerous offices and have done much to support America's Boating Club. Thank you.

Cmdr. Peggy welcomed all the members and thanked everyone for supporting the club and education and safe boating on Grand Lake. We have maintained many active programs this past year including but not limited to GLA Visitor Center Staffing, life jacket fitting and distribution at the Vinita Boat Show, Camp Bandage, and Toes in the Grand, maintaining life jackets stands at boat ramps, Cherokee road clean up headed by Marge Blattner and a Bon Voyage party for Larry Stout. We have almost a complete slate of officers for next year, which is listed in your program, and it would be great to resume past activities such as vessel safety inspections, boat rally's, raft ups, and more. Cmdr. Peggy then read the slate for year 2023-24 and listed the open positions and called for nominations from the floor. Sheila Harder nominated her husband David for Administrative Officer and the nomination was accepted.

Tracy Simpson thanked Peggy and Bill Miller for all their efforts to support our squadron and the United States Power Squadron and present them with a certificate.

District Commander Kent Simpson called for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Earl Starkman made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Jon Murphy. Motion approved. Cmdr. Simpson called for a unanimous vote to approve the following nominated board:

2023-2024 Bridge:

Commander – Clayton Hale

Executive Officer – Jeff Landburg

Administrative Officer – David Harder

Education Officer – P/D/C Bill Miller, P

Assistant – Jon Murphy

Secretary – Brenda Murphy, S

Assistant – Sandy Hendrickson, S

Treasurer – Arlene Starkman, S

Assistant – Marian McNeill

Executive board members – Harvey Blattner, Joe McNeill, P/C Peggy Miller,S, Earl Starkman,P

Unanimous vote approved. Cmdr. Simpson then swore in Clayton Hale as the commander of America's Boating Club Grand Lake and then proceeded to swear in the remainder of the bridge.

Cmdr. Simpson took a few minutes to present the history of USPS and explain some of the trials and issues that exist. The purpose of the district is to help squadrons grow. There will be a meeting of districts next fall at Lake of the Ozarks, and he urged all to attend. Meetings may soon be held via conference call.

Cmdr. Peggy Miller dismissed the old bridge.

Cmdr. Clayton Hale thanked everyone for keeping the club afloat as it has been hurricane season for the club. He then presented PC Peggy with a plaque and thanked her for her contributions. The club started in 2000 and passed on a wealth of knowledge. A list of past commanders can be found in the COW program. Everyone needs to now stand behind the helm to move the club forward. Cmdr. Clayton would like to see education brought back and commented on the great community service the club performs. He mentioned that some competitive fishermen forget life jackets and our loaners stations save the day for many. He would like to reach out to the south end of the lake and involve youth education in our programs.

Cmdr. Hale and PC Peggy Miller then exchanged flags followed by a toast to the squadron by District Commander Kent Simpson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Earl Starkman and seconded by Cindy Reynolds. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Starkman, Secretary/Treasurer