

ABC-GL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024
Grand Lake Visitors Center

CALL TO ORDER: Clayton Hale, Cmdr. at 10:00 am

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes made by Bill Miller; second by Jeff Landburg. Minutes approved.
- Motion to adjourn made by Earl Starkman; second by Harvey Blattner. Approved.

PRESENT: Clayton Hale, Harvey Blattner, Jon Murphy, Brenda Murphy, Arlene Starkman (by phone), Earl Starkman, Jeff Landburg, David Harder, Peggy Miller, Bill Miller, Joe McNeill and Marian McNeill.

QUORUM: Achieved.

COMMANDERS REPORT:

- Discussion under new business.

TREASURERS REPORT: Earl Starkman read treasurers report

- December 2023 bank balance is \$7,479.53. Revenue for the month was \$1,271 and expenses were \$924.75. Still outstanding is a check for \$1,800 for the back pack program.
- Budget information discussed. Decision to continue to review the budget and make recommendations at our next eboard meeting.

EDUCATION: Bill Miller

- ABC Class will be offered for members who have not taken an ABC course. David Sloan and Bob Hunt are willing to teach this class. Bill and Bob will come up with dates for an ABC class in March/April. (Bring up at dinner meeting).
- Members can take on line classes (3/\$49). Bring up at dinner meeting.
- Club can provide USPS educational video clips at our dinner meetings.
- Each member is allowed to take 1 class per year for free.
- Still working on acquiring VSC course from National. 4 members are willing to take this course. Jon Murphy, Brenda Murphy, Earl Starkman and Arlene Starkman.
- Some members are interested in being class facilitators and Clayton will give names to Bill after the meeting.

ADMIN OFFICER: David Harder

- Discussed using National website(USPS) versus ABC-GL's site. National's site is free and ABC-GL is approximately \$200 per year.
- Kevin Kamrath will no longer be a member of ABC-GL at end of month, but our site is already paid for 2024. Kevin has been instrumental in developing and maintaining our website. Kevin has several trips planned and they may rejoin club after they travel!
- Discussion that all of the ABC-GL site information cannot be moved to USPS' site.
- Recommendation for David to meet with Bill Miller and Kevin Kamrath to discuss pros and cons of using the programs so club can determine which program is best. David to discuss findings at our next eboard meeting.
- David discussed using icloud storage for all our documents.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Jeff Landburg

- Discussion to make sure our club offers educational programs in future.
- Boat Show in Vinita 3/8, 3/9, and 3/10. Jeff will take lead on boat show.
Have a sign-up sheet and ask for volunteers at dinner meeting.
Will have life jacket distribution at boat show to children 18 and under who are present.
Determine quantity of life jackets to take to boat show. Contact Julie Jones.
Determine times booth is staffed and times we will distribute life jackets.
We are in main area with boats and our booth is free.
Need tables, chairs, weight scale and life jackets and signage.
- Miller's have 2 folding tables that need to go to storage.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Loaner stations:
GLA has used and new life jackets.
People need to use old (still in good condition) jackets first on the loaner stations.
Continue with the 5 locations
- Bylaws – sent to district for approval
- Grants – Rotary will support life jacket program for this year and check will be presented at 1/17/2024 rotary meeting. Grant awarded for \$2,000.
Clayton will follow up with Mr. J. Albertey re: GRDA grant.
- Budget tabled until next eboard meeting.
- Key's – Earl distributed keys to Jeff and David for the storage unit.
- Eboard meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at GLA.
- Dinner meetings 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Andrews.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Clayton – through Honey Creek outdoor with Onyx outdoor has acquired a sale price of \$13 per life jacket. With the Rotary grant we would be able to purchase 154 life jackets.
- Suggested putting “LOANER” on back of life jackets. No decision made.
- Sign at loaner station states “Life Jackets Provided and Maintained by American Boating Club Grand Lake”
- Check with USPS legal to make sure if you place “LOANER” on jackets that our club does not have any liability.
- Shirts for events – Marian volunteered to check on acquiring shirts with “American’s Boating Club Grand Lake” logo – shirts could be worn at events. Costs of shirts would be the members responsibility. This is totally voluntary.
- Non-Profits for Grants – David is researching non-profits for grants – discussed Google and One Drive.
- Fundraisers:
 - 1) Discussed hosting 2 BINGOs per year. First BINGO maybe sometime after the dinner meeting in February.
 - 2) Fishing Derby: trying to do 2/year. Must have a member in the boat and may have a fish fry at end of derby.
 - 3) Host 1 poker run.
 - 4) Possible scavenger hunt.
 - 5) COW silent auction.
- GLA – we use the facility and Carol Rice has been instrumental in acquiring volunteers to staff the Visitors Center on certain days in the summer.
- Commanders Corner or Commanders Cup -host a member spot lite; showcasing what members do in the community.
- Swearing in – new members Neptune’s and Schaefer’s at our next dinner meeting on 1/18.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Earl Starkman and second by Harvey Blattner, approved at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.