

ABC-GL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024
Grand Lake Visitors Center

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

- Motion to approve January minutes made by Bill Miller; second by Harvey Blattner . Minutes approved.
- Motion to have “Loaner” placed on life jackets (used for loaner stations only), made by Harvey Blattner; second by Jeff Landburg. Motion tabled.
- Motion to adjourn made by Clayton Hale; second by Joe McNeill. Approved.

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

QUORUM: Achieved.

COMMANDERS REPORT:

- Check for back pack program was delivered to Randy Matthews. They were very grateful for our donation. Clayton, Marge, Harvey and Jeff were present to deliver the check.
- First order of life jackets (150) placed using the funds from the Rotary grant.
- Loaner jackets; discussed pros and cons of placing “Loaner” on the back of the life jackets at the loaner stations. ABC-GL wants to see if more life jackets are returned if “Loaner” is placed on the back of the jacket.
- Motion made by Harvey Blattner and 2nd by Peggy Miller to place “Loaner” on the back of the jackets. Motion tabled until the below occurs:
 - * Before proceeding – Clayton will check with USPS’s legal dept to see if we are approved to move forward.
 - * Since GRDA owns the property the loaner stations and signs are on, it was decided to also check with GRDA to make sure they approve placing “Loaner” on the life jackets as well.
 - * Once both legal approval is granted (by GRDA and USPS) then the eboard will continue with the motion to place “Loaner” on the jackets.
- Use the Wal-Mart life jackets at the loaner stations. They are bright blue (versus our normal red/white/blue) jackets. Easier to recognize for our loaner stations.

- GRDA has not responded to our grant request. James Mathews is our contact. Jeff and Clayton will meet with James to see if they need additional information. GRDA's grant is usually distributed in February.
- BINGO – fundraiser March 23 at the American Legion Hall. More details to follow.

TREASURERS REPORT: Arlene Starkman

- January 2024 bank balance is \$9,366.33. Revenue for the month was \$2,610 and expenses were \$723.20. Still outstanding is a check for \$1,800 for the back pack program which has not cleared the bank.
- 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).
- 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.

ADMIN OFFICER: Update by Clayton Hale

- David Hardner resigned as admin officer.
- Duties will be performed by eboard members until other options may be available.
- Website – Brenda Murphy will upload minutes and rosters. Arlene Starkman will upload the financials.
- The February 15, 2024 dinner meeting will be coordinated by Clayton Hale. Guest speaker will be Jim Wilson from the American Legion.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Jeff Landburg

- 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.
- Last year only 35 life jackets were distributed at the boat show.
- Jeff will set up the booth on Thursday 3/7.
- Miller's have 2 folding tables that need to go to storage as well as boat simulator.

SECRETARY REPORT:

- America's Boating Club – Grand Lake draft bylaws was approved by National.
- Next step for bylaws is to acquire member approval (either at a meeting) or via email by 2 consecutive votes at least 20 days apart. Need 2/3 active member votes to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shirts for events – Marian McNeill reported DarLynn can embroider "American's Boating Club Grand Lake" on shirts which could be worn at events. Costs of shirts and embroidery would be the members responsibility. Cost is \$12 for logo and if you want another line (such as your name added) it is \$7 per line per shirt. This is totally voluntary.
- Visitors Center – Carol Rice is willing to coordinate members to volunteer to be available on certain weekend days to act as a host and resource at the visitors' center (GLA). GLA allows us to host our eboard meetings and store our life jackets at the GLA therefore, we donate time to distribute information about our lake area to visitors to the center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Are we able to use another storage room at GLA for life jackets? Peggy Miller will follow up with GLA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Clayton Hale and second by Joe McNeill, approved at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.