

**ABC-GL Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2024**  
**Grand Lake Visitors Center**

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

- Motion to approve February minutes made by Arlene Starkman; second by Peggy Miller. Minutes approved.
- Motion to approve budget made by Brenda Murphy; second by Joe McNeill. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn made by Arlene Starkman; second by Joe McNeill. Approved.

**PRESENT:** Clayton Hale, Bill Miller, Arlene Starkman, Brenda Murphy, Peggy Miller, Joe McNeill, and Jon Murphy (joined by phone).

**QUORUM:** Achieved.

**COMMANDERS REPORT:**

- First order of life jackets (150) placed using the funds from the Rotary grant. Life Jackets were received and delivered to the GLA.
- 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.
  - \* 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. Clayton stated GRDA does not have an issue with our club putting “Loaner” on the back of the life jackets.
  - \* Once legal approval is granted by USPS then the e-board will continue with the motion to place “Loaner” on the jackets.
- Clayton moved the Wal-Mart life jackets to be used at the loaner stations from the storage unit to GLA.
- GRDA has the grant request and is sending the club a check, which will be mailed to the treasurer.
- BINGO – fundraiser March 23 at the American Legion Hall. 6:00 pm.
- Camp Bandage – Julie Jones and Michelle Hopper will coordinate ABCGLs life jacket giveaway. Camp Bandage is June 1, 2024 from Noon until 4:00 pm.

- Toes in Grand:  
Friday, June 7 Noon – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, June 8 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Sunday, June 9 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Still need tables and simulator picked up from the Millers’.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Arlene Starkman

- February 2024 bank balance is \$7,300.33. Revenue for the month was \$30.00 and expenses were \$2,096.00. Still outstanding is a check for \$1,987.50 which has not cleared the bank. Also, February dinner meeting receipts have not yet been deposited.

**EDUCATION:** Bill Miller

- ABC Class will be offered for members who have not taken an ABC course. David Sloan and Bob Hunt are going to teach this class. Dates for this 2-part class are April 6 and April 13 and will be held at the GLA.
- 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.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** given by Clayton Hale

- Boat show in Vinita went well. 50 life jackets were distributed during this event.
- Kept a log of the sizes and quantities of life jackets given away.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

- America’s Boating Club – Grand Lake draft bylaws was approved by National and our club at the last dinner meeting on February 15.
- Next step for bylaws is to acquire member approval at one more dinner meeting and then it will be presented to USPS for their final approval.
- Website – Uploaded the minutes for e-board, dinner meeting, previous editions of Pelican Newsletter, roster and the bridge.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Budget was presented by Arlene Starkman at our last e-board meeting. Everyone on the e-board has had an opportunity to review and no one had any questions. Motion to approve budget made by Brenda Murphy; second by Joe McNeill. Motion carried.
- 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 e-board meetings, hold classes and store our life jackets at the GLA

therefore, we donate time to distribute information about our lake area to visitors to the center. Requested a sign-up sheet be available at our next dinner meeting for volunteers.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Made by Arlene Starkman; second by Joe McNeill, approved at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.