



Anchor Bay Yachting Association

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting April 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at **North Star Sail Club** by Commodore Lois Conte at 8:00 p.m. and leading the delegates in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: By Past Commodore Art Brooks

Officers Present: Commodore Lois Conte, Vice Commodore Nat Pulizzi, Rear Commodore Lynda Marek–Bruley, Fleet Captain Rick Watros, Treasurer Matt Barrells, Secretary Terry Dunn and Past Commodore Gary Nowicki.

Club Delegates Absent: Blue Whale Yacht Club, Clinton River Boat Club and Sailing Singles.

Commodores Comments to Delegates: The Commodore opened the Meeting by welcoming all to the April 2010 ABYA General Membership and thanked everyone who attended the Frankenmuth Get-a-Way. Lois said that while making presentations on the purpose of ABYA at member clubs, comments were made that ABYA Board officers were not attending a lot of club functions. Lois explained that there are seven board members and thirty-two clubs with many events and we can not cover them all. If you are having something special and wish to have ABYA representation, please drop us a line and we will make every effort to attend.

Secretary's Report: Commodore Lois Conte requested a motion to accept the March 2010 GMM minutes as e-mailed, and it was made by PC Tom Hepp and seconded by PC Harvey Karpinski, to approve the minutes as written. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: as of February 22, 2010

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A motion was requested by Commodore Lois Conte and was made by Bay Harbor and seconded by Y-Knot to accept the Treasurer's report as delivered. Motion approved.

Fleet Captains Report: Rick Watros said that the tickets for the Spring Charity Dinner Dance are due May 14; the tickets are all out to the clubs and there is a waiting list of 20 people. If your club needs more tickets contact Rick to get on waiting list. It looks like it will be a sell-out.

The Charity Texas Hold'em planned for April 10th was cancelled due the license not being approved. ABYA will re submit for license approval for sometime in October.

Rear Commodores Report: Lynda Marek-Bruley appreciated those who attended the Spring Get-a-Way, it was a great time but with only 34 people attending, it showed a loss of about \$100.00 and that must be considered before planning another Spring Rendezvous. The Clinton River Clean-Up will be held May 8th (see flyer), volunteers and boats needed. Lynda called on PC Tom Hepp, who explained the program. Those who can volunteer boats, contact Tom Hepp. The Rubber boat races will be run on the 12th & 13th of June at Mac Ray Harbor; a limited number of boat wells are available. ABYA can purchase rubber bands in quantity and racers interested should contact Marty Paulus.

Vice Commodores Report: Nat Pulizzi has the Ships Store with him if anyone needs anything. The "Pride of Michigan Open House" is May 8th. Bob & Patti Watson have donated hot dogs and chili for the lunch for the Clinton River Clean-up crews and the Open House. Nat introduced Jim Pershing, Superintendent of Metro Beach who reported on the improvements at Metro Beach and the new dock reservation program and fees. Next month's speaker will be Dennis Biel, a marine surveyor.

Past Commodore: Gary Nowicki is looking for candidates for next year's board. Gary gave an update on Celebrate the Lake, June 10 through June 13, 4:00 to 8:00 pm Friday, 2:00 to 6:00 Saturday and ABYA Charity Spaghetti will be Saturday 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The Rubber band Boat Race Practice will be Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 pm and the Race will be Sunday, 9:00 to 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed to for the Media boat ride Thursday Night and no charge for boat well Thursday.

Committee Reports: Matt will have Spaghetti Dinner tickets available at next meeting. PC Art Brooks announced that the Membership Discount Program will have the same Participants as last year.

Old Business: Lois said that she still needs past or present delegates to help on Committees, see any Board Member and get signed up. Lois encouraged Delegates to take flyers and information and share with their club members. Boating Safety Refresher Class will be held at the marine Sherriff's Boat House on May 12th. Space is limited; if you are interested please contact Commodore Lois Conte. At "Celebrate the Lake" (see flyer), a Power Point presentation will be shown of various club activities and events. Each club is asked to submit (4) pictures or informational slides by the May General Membership Meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Bay Harbor Boat Club (John Zerilli) No Report

Bayside Yacht Club (Jay Wischow) Commodore's Ball

Belvidere Boat Club (Ken Warren) Euchre tournament-see flyer

Blue Whale Yacht Club absent/ No Report

Boat Town (Dan Nowakowski) No Report

Bombay Yacht Club (Don Witkowski) Poker March-see Flyer

Bouvier Bay Yacht Club (Mike Gleason) Blessing of the Fleet- see flyer

Clinton River Boat Club absent/ No Report

Conger Bay Boat Club (Eric Wolf) Fund raiser-see flyer

Emerald City Boat Club (*Gary Rocheleau*) *No Report*
Great Lakes Cruising Club (*Ted Smith*) *Regional Dinner Meeting-See flyer*
Grosse Point Woods Boat Club (*Nancy Chrzanowski*) *No Report*
Harbor Club N/S Yacht Club (*Wayne Johnson*) *Boating Safety Class*
Huron Pointe Yacht Club (*Don McCardy*) *No report*
Idle Hour Yacht Club (*J.R.Nelson*) *Blessing of the Fleet-see flyer*
Jacks Commodore Club (*Larry Stanko*) *Schedule of Events*
Jefferson Yacht Club (*Ken Kmieski*) *Commodores Ball*
Lake Trotters Boat Club (*Bill Beck*)/*No Report*
Mac Ray Yacht Club (*Cliff Chiera*)/*No Report*
Mariners Boat Club (*Jack Lobaido*) *AirMargaritaville-See Flyer*
Moslem Shrine Yacht Club (*PC Harvey Karpinski*) *Fun in the Sun-see flyer*
New Wave Boat Club (*Al Feiger*) *No Report*
North Channel Yacht Club (*Henry Siwek*) *No Report*
North Star Sail Club (*Murphy Palmer*) *Yard Sail, Blessing of the Fleet-see flyer*
Past Commodores Club (*Karl Bobcean*) *No Report*
Poorman's Yacht Club (*George Weatherly*) *No Report*
Sailing Singles *No report/absent*
Sand Pointe Yacht Club (*Gary Szczesniak*) *No Report*
Shores Boat Club (*Dennis Lefever*) *No Report*
Shores Harbor Club (*Don Vendittelli*) *No Report*
Windmill Pointe Yacht Club (*PC Tom Hepp*) *Dinners on Friday Nights*
Y-Knot Boat Club (*Cindy Halpin*) *No Report*

If possible, will the Delegates who give a report at "For the Good of the Order" bring flyers of the events to place on the front table and e-mail a copy to the Secretary.

Past Commodores Present: 1994-Harvey Karpinski, 2000- Bill Calihan, 2004-Chuck Baurhenn, 2005-Tom Hepp, 2006-Art Brooks, 2008-Scott Bell and 2009-Gary Nowicki.

Commodores Closing Comments: Commodore Lois Conte thanked North Star Sail Club, their Commodore-Jim Rodgers, their Delegate-Murphy Palmer and Sand Pointe Yacht Club, their Commodore-Brian Fox and their Delegate-Gary Szczesniak for co-hosting the Meeting.

Next Meeting: Bouvier Bay - Monday, May 3rd, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 8:00 p.m. (See Flyer). Dress is Summer Whites (Delegates are required to attend meetings in uniform).

Upcoming Events: Clinton River Clean-Up and Pride Michigan Open House – May 8th
Boating Safety Refresher – May 12th

Motion to Adjourn: The Commodore entertained a motion to adjourn, and it was made by PC Bill Calihan and seconded by Conger Bay. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Terry Dunn, Secretary 2010