



*Anchor Bay Yachting Association*

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## **Minutes of the August General Membership Meeting August 2, 2010**

The Meeting was called to order, at Poorman's Yacht Club, by Commodore Lois Conte at 7:40 p.m. and leading the delegates in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** By PC 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:** Belvidere Boat, Blue Whale, Great Lakes Cruising Club, Huron Pointe Yacht Club, Idle Hour Yacht Club, Jefferson Yacht Club, Lake Trotters (2<sup>nd</sup>), New Wave Boat Club (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Sailing Singles.

**Commodores Comments to Delegates:** The Commodore opened the meeting by thanking everyone present for attending the ABYA August General Membership Meeting. Lois thanked WPYC for a donation to the Clinton River Watershed Council Walk-a-thon at the Detroit Zoo; Lois and a few board members and PCs participated in the walk. Lois said that "Celebrate the Lake" was a success and will be continued next year. ABYA will hold 50/50 donations at the remainder of the General Membership Meetings held this year to cover the cost of replacing the timing equipment for the Rubber Band Boat Races.

**Secretary's Report:** Commodore Lois Conte requested a motion to accept the July 2010 GMM minutes as e-mailed, and it was made by PC Harvey Karpinski and seconded by PC Tom Hepp to approve the minutes as written. Motion approved. Terry reminded the Delegates that we still need clubs to host next years General Membership Meetings; we only have three letters submitted so far plus two for the June Spring Dinner Dance, January, March and May are spoken for. Clubs should submit a written request on Club letterhead, signed by the incoming Commodore and stating the month you would like to host a meeting. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, if you did not send a letter, we will assume you are not interested in hosting a meeting next year. Also Roster Information Forms for the Year 2011 have sent to the Delegates, please fill out and send in as soon as possible.

**Treasurers Report:** as of June 21, 2010

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Commodore Lois Conte entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was made by PC Bob Zook and seconded by Y-Knot Boat Club. Motion approved.

**Fleet Captains Report:** Rick Watros thanked everyone again, who attended the Spring Charity Dinner Dance. Is tentatively rescheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> pending license approval.

Rick is asking for suggestions for next years Spring Rendezvous and has placed suggestion cards on the tables for the Clubs to express their interest. The Board is considering dropping the Spring Rendezvous and placing the emphasis on "Celebrate the Lake". The Charity Texas Hold'em has been cancelled for this year.

**Rear Commodores Report:** Lynda Marek-Bruley said the last Spring Rendezvous was poorly attended and we ended up \$99 in the hole. It was a lot of work and we need your ideas before we plan another spring event. The annual Christmas Ball will be on December 4th at Zucarro's; ticket prices have been reduced by \$5.00 a person, and will offer a premium bar, a live band and a great program. Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

**Vice Commodores Report:** Nat Pulizzi said if anyone needs anything from the Ships Store to notify him. Next month's guest speaker will be Luanne Laemmerman from the Macomb County Prosecutors office for environmental affairs. Nat said to keep these dates open, June 10 through June 12 for "Celebrate the Lake", Rubber Band Boat Race, and Charity Spaghetti Dinner. Displays and booths will be in MacRay banquet center on the main floor. More events will be focused for family and kid activities.

The first guest speaker was Captain Luke Clayborn from "The Pride of Michigan"; he gave a report on some of their research projects and thanked ABYA for support. Commodore Lois Conte presented him a donation on behalf of ABYA. The Commodore also presented donations to St. Clair County Marine Sheriff and Macomb County Marine Sheriff. They explained their equipment needs and both thanked ABYA for its support.

**Past Commodore:** Gary Nowicki commented about "Celebrate the Lake". It was the first year and a learning experience for ABYA. Profit to ABYA was \$479.00 and another donation is expected. Next year's event, with a lot more planning, will be a lot bigger with more events. A new race timing light system is planned; it will eliminate using a lap-top and some other obsolete equipment and will be user- friendly.

Gary is still looking for candidates for next year's ABYA Secretary. As an added bonus, ABYA now has 501C3 status; any expenses you have for ABYA may be tax deductible. Please send in your letter or contact him or PC Scott Bell or PC Art Brooks.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Al Lux of PMYC has complaints with DNR Harbor reservation system, which has been outsourced, out of state, calling it "mass confusion". He is asking ABYA

to write a letter to the State demanding that they revise their very inefficient system and go back to the old system of calling the individual harbors and making arrangements. PC Ken Pierce echoed these complaints and said that he has been told a harbor was filled, while many boat wells were empty. Also, he protested the new fee structure at Metro Beach. The Commodore replied that ABYA will look into it at get back to the members.

**For the Good of the Order:**

**Bay Harbor Boat Club** (*John Zerilli*) *No Report*  
**Bayside Yacht Club** (*Jay Wischow*) *Fleet Review-8/15*  
**Belvidere Boat Club** *absent/ No Report*  
**Blue Whale Yacht Club** *absent/No Report*  
**Boat Town** (*Dave Klicki*) *Parade of Lights-8/7*  
**Bombay Yacht Club** (*Don Witkowski*) *No Report*  
**Bouvier Bay Yacht Club** (*Gary Brooks*) *Commodore's ball-9/18*  
**Clinton River Boat Club** (*Jerry Reblin*) *No Report*  
**Conger Bay Boat Club** (*Eric Wolf*) *Raft-off-8/7, pig Roast-9/5-see flyers*  
**Emerald City Boat Club** *No Report*  
**Great Lakes Cruising Club** *absent/No Report*  
**Grosse Point Woods Boat Club** (*Nancy Chrzanowski*) *No Report*  
**Harbor Club N/S Yacht Club** (*Dan Zowada*) *Steak Roast-8/28*  
**Huron Pointe Yacht Club** *absent/No Report*  
**Idle Hour Yacht Club** (*J.R.Nelson*) *Jimmy BuffetParty-8/7, Steak Out-8/13*  
**Jacks Commodore Club** (*Larry Stanko*) *No Report*  
**Jefferson Yacht Club** *absent/No Report*  
**Lake Trotters Boat Club** *absent/No Report*  
**Mac Ray Yacht Club** (*Cliff Chiera*) *No Report*  
**Mariners Boat Club** (*Jack Lobaido*) *Tiki party every Thursday & Saturday in August*  
**Moslem Shrine Yacht Club** (*PC Harvey Karpinski*) *No Report*  
**New Wave Boat Club** *absent/No Report*  
**North Channel Yacht Club** (*Henry Siwek*) *No Report*  
**North Star Sail Club** (*Murphy Palmer*) *No Report*  
**Past Commodores Club** (*Karl Bobcean*) *Summer BBQ at WPYC open to all*  
**Poorman's Yacht Club** (*Jim McNally*) *Thanks for attending August GMM, Clambake-see flyer*  
**Sailing Singles** *absent/ No Report*  
**Sand Pointe Yacht Club** *No Report*  
**Shores Boat Club** (*Dennis Lefever*)  
**Shores Harbor Club** (*Don Vendittelli*) *No Report*  
**Windmill Pointe Yacht Club** (*PC Tom Hepp*) *Steak out-8/7 & cheap cold beer*  
**Y-Knot Boat Club** (*Kevin Culberson*) *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 **PLEASE e-mail a copy to the Secretary.**

**Past Commodores Present:** 19721- Ken Pierce, 1994-Harvey Karpinski, 2003-Bob Zook, 2004-Chuck Baurhenn, 2005-Tom Hepp, 2006-Art Brooks, 2008-Scott Bell and 2009-Gary Nowicki.

**Commodores Closing Comments:** Commodore Lois Conte thanked all for their continued support and for attending tonight's meeting. Lois extended a big thank you to Poorman's Yacht

Club for hosting the meeting tonight, in particular, Commodore Jim McNally and Delegate and George Weatherly and all the crew who helped put on the dinner tonight.

**Upcoming Events:** Commodore's Christmas Charity on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Next General Membership Meeting:** North Channel Yacht Club - Monday, August 30th, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. (See Flyer). Dress is Summer Whites (Delegates are required to attend meetings in uniform).

**Motion to Adjourn:** The Commodore entertained a motion to adjourn, and it was made by Belvidere Boat Club and seconded by Idle Yacht Club. Motion was passed and Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

*Terry Dunn*  
**ABYA Secretary**