

ABYC MEMBERSHIP MINUTES - 2010

January

The January meeting, held at West Marine on Jan.15, was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1917. Reports of the officers followed the announcement that the Commodores' Ball date is March 13. A sign-up sheet for the Chili Sampler Social was circulated. There will be a "buck a beer" after the PHRF races. A "Work Day" is planned for this Saturday, weather permitting. The February program will be on cruising.

Following the Officers' reports, the program on Civil War Torpedo Boats was presented by Ed Wisner.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

February

Following an excellent pot-luck meal, Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the February Monthly Meeting to order at 1005.

Ivor Groves and Beth Hamilton reported on the lack of sailboat racing for both the PHRF and Puffin/Dinghy fleets due to unfavorable conditions. It was suggested that some of the members get involved in the Puffin/Dinghy races with the Club's Holders.

Maxie Glenn gave a brief financial report and noted that copies of the end of the year report were available for members to take with them and review.

Gene Nicoloso reported on the planned programs for March, April, and May.

Lorna Tweedie reminded everyone present of the Commodores' Ball scheduled for March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2015 and a roomful of people stayed for a most interesting program.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

March

Following the program and covered dish meal, the meeting was called to order at the Clubhouse on March 6th.

Commodore: Lorna reminded everyone of the Commodores' Ball next weekend. She announced that Jane Fletcher has donated a watercolor painting of Puffins to ABYC. The picture was displayed and everyone was most appreciative.

Vice Commodore: Ivor announced that there were 7 boats in the PHRF race today. Also, there will not be a PHRF race on March 20th. Instead, there will be a canoe/kayak event. (Details to be provided later.)

Rear Commodore: Not present, but Lorna announced that he and Ed Fries will be working on the front steps to the clubhouse on Sunday.

Treasurer: Not present.

Sr. Board Member: Gene Nicoloso reviewed the programs that are scheduled for the remainder of the year. The April program will be about the Big Bend Paddling Trail. In August, no program is planned, just a cookout.

Jr. Board Member: Not present. Lorna announced that the Spring Opening would be held 3/27 and she hoped everyone would come.

Announcements:

Marcia Bjerregaard announced that she had been contacted by Ron Piasecki regarding some issues that affect Shell Point. There will be a meeting this Sunday at 2PM at the firehouse to discuss issues relating to water pressure problems and the recent fire inspection that could affect

our insurance ratings. Everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
(My thanks to Beth Hamilton for taking the notes on this meeting.)
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

April

The April monthly meeting of ABYC was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1950 at the Clubhouse.

Following short reports by the officers present, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Al Oosterhof introduced Liz Sparks, who gave an informative and interesting program on paddling trails including the Lafayette Passage (www.talgov.com/parks/Lafayette.cfm), numerous trails on Apalachicola Bay, and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail (http://www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/WMASites_BigBend_paddling_updates.htm).

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

May

The monthly membership meeting on May 1, 2010 was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1954 in the clubhouse with about 24 members and guests present.

Our new member, Ned Campbell, was introduced.

Copies of the directory portion of the Handbook were distributed to those present.

Members were informed that all non-directory information will be available on the Web site as soon as Henry can get the information up-loaded.

Marc Lipsius noted that his phone number needed a '850' in front of it for the number to connect.

As chair of the By-Laws Committee, Henry Depew reviewed the proposed amendments to the By-Laws that were sent to all members and are available on the web.

The pool is under repair and Phil is tracking the activity.

Maxie Glenn, Purser, noted that a copy of the financial statement is in the notebook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700. And an informative and enjoyable program by Capt. Dave Lear was presented on saltwater fishing along the Florida Panhandle.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

June

With a voting quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1952. Reports were presented by the Rear Commodore on the status of the pool repair (almost done), the Senior Board member on the June 19 Sailstice (evening cruise) and some July 4th activities, Junior Board Member on the shift of the June social to the clubhouse with a tropical theme.

Following the reports, Parliamentarian Henry Depew reviewed the proposed By-Law amendments, section-by-section and requested a vote on each section. All proposed amendments

passed as written but two. One amendment was amended and passed as amended and one amendment was tabled until the Annual Business Meeting. The proposed amendment that was amended was the section on **Elections** (Section 4 – Officers and Directors).

This section now reads -

“The term of service of the Board of Directors is consistent with Section 5 of the ABYC Constitution. However, should a scheduled election by the membership be delayed for legitimate causes, a board member(s) may continue to serve pending future elections.”

The proposed amendment that was postponed until the Annual Business Meeting was the inclusion of new language concerning the **Maintenance Reserve Fund**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035. The program by Ed Wisner on clipper ships was excellent, despite projection problems.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

July

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1950 at the ABYC Clubhouse. Reports were made by the officers present –

Chair – Constitution/By-Laws – proposed changes are on the web site

Jr. Board – July CIA to be

hosted by the Hamiltons.

August 21 will be an Ice Cream Social

Sept. Social will be hosted by Sue Ross

Sr. Board – Program for tonight is by Ginny Stilbolt on Sustainable Gardening for Florida.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1955 for the program.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

August

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 2000 on Aug. 7th at the ABYC clubhouse.

Henry Depew, Parliamentarian, requested those present to come to the Annual Meeting and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Darlene Oosterhof reviewed the Ice Cream Social event on Aug. 21st and reminded those present of the Oktoberfest Social on Sept. 25th.

Beth Hamilton invited all to come to the Puffin/Dinghy Race on Aug. 28th.

There being no further announcements or business, the meeting was adjourned at 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe

September

The meeting was called to order on Sept. 11 by Henry Depew, Scribe, at 1945 at the ABYC Clubhouse. After reports by those officers present, and a very brief review of the proposed amendments, the meeting was adjourned at 1955 and a very informative and well illustrated program on cave diving was presented by Dr. Joerg Hess and Professor Gregg Stanton.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

October

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1950.

VC Ivor Groves reported on the PHRF race held that day and requested those present who are interested in participating in the VC Regatta to sign up after the meeting. Ivor noted that a Kayak/Canoe trip was scheduled for next Saturday. A number of those present expressed interest in the event.

Parliamentarian Henry Depew reviewed the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and requested all voting members present to come to the November meeting, so that the quorum count requirement can be attained. Henry noted that an absentee ballot will be sent out to the voting membership, so those who cannot attend the meeting can still vote on the proposed amendments.

Carl Bjerregaard, Nominations Committee, reported on the slate being presented by the Committee:

Commodore – Lorna Tweedie

Vice-Commodore – Ivor Groves

Purser – Maxie Glenn

Scribe – Martha Robinson

Rear-Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Sr. Board Member – Gene

Nicoloso

Jr. Board Member – Darlene

Oosterhof

Past Commodore – Carl

Bjerregaard

Nominations from the floor were requested. There being no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the nominations be closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1805. Gene Nicoloso then introduced Barney Parker who gave a program on Monarch Butterflies, Whooping Cranes, and the work of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

November

A quorum being present, Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the Annual Meeting of ABYC to order at the clubhouse at 1810 on Nov. 6th. After checking that no guests were present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive the reading of the minutes the previous Annual Meeting and accept them as printed.

Reports:

Reports by those officers present were given.

Vice Commodore Ivor Groves reported on the racing series. The Harmonys, J/24s, Puffins, and a few Holders are being raced. All members were invited to participate.

Purser Maxie Glenn reported on the financial status and noted that the Board will be

requesting members to submit suggestions for capital improvements to the facilities. The dock repairs should start soon. At present we have 2 Associate Members, 3 Honorary Members, 5 Non-Resident Members, and 53 Regular Members. Two (2) Regular Members are resigning and 6 Associate Members did not become Regular Members.

Jr. Board Member Darlene Oosterhof reported on the social activities and reminded those present of the Awards Banquet and Christmas Party.

Scribe Henry Depew reported that he and Judy had been asked to be the Newsletter Editor for 2011 and that he is looking for backup for the newsletter and the website.

Following the reports, a motion was requested to accept the reports as given. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business:

The slate of officers for 2011 was read by Past Commodore Carl Bjerregaard of the Nominating Committee. There being no additional names for consideration the slate was passed and the officers for 2011 are:

Commodore	Lorna Tweedie
Vice-Com.	Ivor Groves
Purser	Maxie Glenn
Scribe	Martha Robinson
Rear Com.	Marc Lipsius
Sr. Board.	Gene Nicoloso
Jr. Board.	Darlene Oosterhof
Past Com.	Carl Bjerregaard

Following the reports of the officers and the election of officers a motion was made, seconded, and passed to certify the actions of the Board, and its committees, for 2010.

With a total of 18 voting members present and 10 absentee ballots submitted the required 2/3rds of the voting membership for amending the Constitution was not met. After a review by Maxie and Henry of the reasons for the proposed changes and a good deal of discussion as to what could be done to enact these changes, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to recess the Annual Meeting until the Awards Banquet and for all present to submit an absentee ballot to indicate their votes on the various proposed constitutional amendments. The motion was seconded and then withdrawn for more discussion. Following additional discussion of options available to the membership, the motion was renewed, re-seconded, and approved. The Annual Meeting will be re-convened at the Awards Banquet.

The meeting was recessed at 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew

Scribe – ABYC

Re-Convened Annual Meeting

A quorum being present, the re-convened Annual Meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 2010 on Nov. 20th at the clubhouse.

After introduction of guests, the Parliamentarian reported on the absentee ballot effort. Votes were received from 37 members, 12 did not respond, and two memberships that had not voted were present.

There was a direct question from the audience as to the quorum necessary for the amendment votes to be enacted. With 20 voting memberships present, the quorum was met.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the two memberships present vote per absentee ballots rather than do a item by item review. The two voting memberships submitted

their ballots.

It was reported that all proposed amendments passed except the ones referring to the reserve fund and quorum requirement for meetings and amendment votes.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe – ABYC

My thanks to Martha Robinson for taking the notes at the two membership meetings.

Proposed Constitution/By-Laws Amendments Report

C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian

Amendments to the Constitution require a 2/3rds affirmative vote. With 51 voting memberships, a change requires 34 affirmative votes. Thus, those proposed amendment votes with an asterisk “*” did not receive sufficient Yes votes to pass.

The results are, in short form:

- 1 Move memberships types to the By-Laws - **Yes 38** No 1
- 2 Equity Unit purchase/redemption more clearly stated -
Yes 38 No 1
- 3 Move Reserve Funds to By-Laws - Yes 33 No 5 *
- 4 Move terms of office to By-Laws - **Yes 37** No 1
- 5 Change quorum for meetings -
Yes 26 No 12 *
- 6 Authorize electronic voting -
Yes 37 No 1
- 7 Quorum for By-Laws
Yes 24 No 14 *
- 8 Oversubscription Fund clarification - **Yes 35** No 1
- 9 Term clarification -
Yes 36 No 0
- 10 Typo correction -
Yes 37 No 1

The reason the count does not match the number of ballots received is that some members abstained from voting on a given amendment. The hard copy of each ballot submitted is on file with the Scribe.

December

The December membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Tweedie on Dec. 4 at 1938 at the clubhouse.

Members attending the New Years’ Eve party were asked to bring an hors d’oeuvres. The Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta will be held on Jan. 1 off the Bjerregaard’s dock. Casino Night is planned for Jan. 22.

Following reports by the officers present, the meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew - Scribe