

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - 2009

January '09

The January Membership Meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 2000 on Saturday, Jan. 10th at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Our latest applicants for membership (Bill & Carol Kesciclnick) were introduced. Carl noted that the 17th was a work day and those coming were asked to bring their own tools for the work they expected to do. B donated a projector screen and it will be used tonight.

VC Frank Hankins reviewed the trailer purchase (from Craig's List) and its planned use. He requested ideas as to how to store the boating gear in the trailer to make the best use of the trailer while still letting people get to the material easily.

Purser Maxie Glenn reminded everyone of the need to get any changes in the Directory to the Scribe as soon as possible.

Announcements included a reminder from Lorna Tweedie of the Soup Sampling Social on the 24. An e-mail with more details will be sent to the membership. Lynn Groves requested ABYC members start gathering items for the Smith auction and/or consider possible sponsors. Moses Turner is the ABYC contact for fund raising. Chris McLendon is looking for a Puffin. Also, the Taoist Tai Chi Society is having a dinner on the 24th and anyone interested can see Steve Augustine after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and some 40 people enjoyed the program on "Sailing in Croatia" presented by Ivor Groves (with Lynn, Pat, and Frank adding details).

February '09

Twenty-five (25) members and guests gathered for the covered dish dinner. Following dessert, the meeting was called to order by Commodore Bjerregaard at 7:58 PM. The first item of business was a request by the Editor for the membership to consider going electronic for *The MARK*. It was suggested that notice be sent to the membership that the issue was available for downloading as some e-mail providers stop attachments. The question will be further discussed at the March meeting.

Frank reported on the status of the ABYC boats and noted that there will be a "work day" on the Holders.

David O'Hara will be the contact for the planned canoe/kayak trip on the 21st.

Carl reported on the possibility of refinancing ABYC's mortgage with Wakulla Bank.

Lorna reminded those present of the Valentine's day race and social. She had a sign up sheet for the social.

There was a discussion of activities for the Smith Regatta. We plan to hold a "fun race" Friday afternoon/evening. Moses Turner requested help in the fund raising activities for the Regatta.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 for the excellent program by David O'Hara on cave exploration and the equipment used therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew - Scribe

March '09

The membership meeting was called to order by the Commodore.

The Scribe presented the case for going electronic with *The Mark* to those present. After a brief discussion of alternatives, a motion was made seconded, and passed to approve the change in the distribution of the newsletter. Those without e-mail will receive a "hard copy" each month. The rest of the membership will receive a PDF file as an attachment in an e-mail each month. A copy can also be read on the Web site (ABYOnline.org).

It was reported that the Holders have new sails and are ready to be used. Also noted was that the ice machine needs repaired.

Members present were invited to attend the Spring Opening ceremony on March 21st.

Following a few other announcements, the meeting was adjourned and an excellent program on wild mammals, birds and reptiles was presented by Robert Barrett with the Florida Wild Mammal Association.

April '09

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the meeting to order at 1954.

The Scribe requested those present to make sure he had their current e-mail address so the May issue of *THE MARK* would get to them in a timely manner.

Joeann reminded those present of the need for volunteers for the Smith Regatta. Jackie noted that she was on the auction committee and is looking for donations. You can contact Jackie or leave them with Joeann

The Adult Sailing Class will be held April 18-19 with Frank Hankins as the instructor. Carl is the backup instructor and is supplying the backup boat, if needed.

Copies of the handbook are available. Please check your name when you take one out of the box.

April 11th is the next Dinghy Race which will be held in the Bay off the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station.

There being no further business, the meet was adjourned at 2004.

The program was presented by Terry Peacock, Manager of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.
Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

May '09

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by VC Frank Hankins at 2004 at the Clubhouse with 18 members or guests present.

Reports were made on the Adult Sailing class held in April and the planned class in June was announced, the over-all activities at the Smith Regatta, and the planned Mullet Cup was reviewed (0830 start off the Tripod). The work day efforts were reviewed.

It was reported that something is eating at the cardboard box, paper towels, and a couple of shirts in the store room. Thus far, the liquor supplies have not been gnawed.

The Purser reported that ABYC is switching accounting services and she is looking for an Assistant Purser. She also noted that the Woodmen of the World will properly dispose of worn-out US Flags and she has a container for same next to the TV set in the Clubhouse.

Lorna noted that the Friday night Mullet Cup dinner/social is the Social for ABYC for May. Reservations for the meal are due to Ed Fries by noon on Wednesday, 13 May.

Joeann reported that the accounting for the Smith Regatta is not complete but they sold 234 dinners, only 9 t-shirts are left, and the auction raised over \$7,000.

The meeting adjourned at 2020.
Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

June '09

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the meeting to order at 2003. Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert were introduced as our newest members. Henry Depew reported on the Board Meeting and the work of the Constitution/By-Laws Revision Committee. Lorna Tweedie reported on the planned June 20th social

and circulated a sign-up sheet. Phil reported on the sailing classes and that the power boat was operational. David O'Hara reported on plans for a canoe/kayak trip to the "Cold Hold" on June 21st. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. An application for membership was handed to the Commodore following the meeting by Chris McLendon. The application was posted with the previous application by Ann Gilhooly and Michael Bishop

An excellent program by Dr. Dan Marelli on the life cycle of scallops, where to look for them, and what affects them was presented following the membership meeting. Those who attended now know where to look for scallops in the coastal waters.

July '09

Twenty-three (23) members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal hosted by Pat and Gordon Renovitch. Following dessert, Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the monthly membership meeting to order at 8:17 PM at the Clubhouse.

The names of the proposed new members were read to those present. Don Hanson, who is one of the proposed new members was present as a guest. Lorna thanked Al Oosterhof for bringing his equipment to display the slides of the July 4th Golf Cart Parade. It was reported that both the Youth and Adult sailing classes were successful and Frank has some people ready to sign up for the next Adult sailing class. Bill & Claire Harris were thanked for the loan of their golf cart for ABYC's entry in the July 4th parade.

There was a short discussion about the vandalism at the Clubhouse and actions being taken by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

August '09

Starting with a joke about a grasshopper named "Bob", VC Frank Hankins called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM with 15 members and guests present. After reviewing the Board's activities and asking for any questions/comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

A very informative program by Gary Blankenship and Olivier Chamel on simplified boat building was enjoyed by those present. In addition, one of their boats was in the parking lot for all to look at.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

September '09

After introducing Steve LaRosa as our newest member and a lengthy joke, VC Frank Hankins called the September 12th meeting to order at 1956 with 28 members and guests present.

Frank gave short reports on the PHRF Fall Series, the VC Regatta, and related matters. He noted that the work day on Oct. 10th needs people to hang the curtains and work on the dock.

Mary VanSciver made a short announcement on the Annual Meeting of the Talquin Electric Cooperative and candidacy of Dr. Elinor Elfner for a position on the TEC's Board.

Henry reported on the work of the Constitution/By-Law Committee, briefly reviewed the proposed changes, and noted that the proposed amendments to the Constitution have been sent to everyone and a copy of the proposed changes and the "final" document (if amended) is on the ABYConline.org web site. There was a discussion about the proposed reduction in the quorum number for the meetings.

Sue Ross reported on the planned Tailgate Party.

The meeting adjourned at 2028. Following the meeting was an excellent program by Phil Werndli on

the Spanish exploration of the Gulf Coast and one of the wrecks found in Pensacola Bay.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

October '09

The meeting was called to order by VC Frank Hankins at 2000 with twenty-six (26) members and guests present. After a short joke, Frank turned the floor over to Phil for the report of the Nominations Committee. Phil reported that the committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2010:

Lorna Tweedie	Commodore
Ivor Groves	Vice Commodore.
Bob Sherrod	Rear Commodore
Henry Depew	Scribe
Maxie Glenn	Purser
Gene Nicoloso	Sr. Board
Darlene Oosterhof	Jr. Board

The floor was opened to further nominations. There being none a motion was made, seconded, and passed to close the nominations. The formal vote on the slate will be at the November Annual Business Meeting.

The Parliamentarian read a summary of the proposed amendments to the Constitution as printed in the past two newsletters and then read a summary of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws (copies were available for distribution to those interested). As with the proposed constitutional amendments, the proposed by-laws amendments will be posted on the web site and a copy will be sent to all members with the November newsletter.

Plans for the VC regatta were reviewed.

There will be Puffin/Dinghy races on Oct. 24th.

It was noted that the Awards Banquet has been changed to Nov. 14th.

Al Oosterhof reported on the status of the On-Line Weather Station at Shell Point. The station is on-line and can be viewed from the ABYC website. Al thanked those who had contributed to the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 with a program on basic navigation following.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

Minutes of the December Annual Business Meeting

After the announcement that the quorum minimum had been met, the meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 2014 on Saturday, November 7, at the clubhouse. Since the 2/3rds requirement (36 voting memberships) was not met, the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws was postponed.

The reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were waived and the minutes were approved as printed.

Moses Turner and Kingsley Ross were granted time to present their concerns with some of the proposed changes to the Constitution and the By-Laws. After their comments, and some discussion, the meeting moved on to the reports of the officers.

Jr. Board Member –

Lorna Tweedie reported on the socials and reminded those present of the Awards Banquet next Saturday, the Thanksgiving left-over event, and the Christmas Party.

Purser –

Maxie Glenn reported that ABYC was breaking even at the moment and should end the year in the black. She can now send bills and statements by e-mail and requested those present who wished to use this method to contact her. She noted that the Wakulla County tax bill for 2009 was 25% above 2008 and requested anyone interested to contact her about following the tax situation in the county (especially the Shell Point area).

Scribe –

Henry Depew noted that *THE MARK* was being sent each month as well as being posted on the web site. The electronic distribution is saving the club money in terms of printing and postage (the 2008 cost was about \$1,200). He requested more input (articles, comments, etc.) from the membership and any committee chair persons.

Rear Commodore –

Ed Fries reported on the dock repairs and what still needs to be done. It was also noted that the ice machine had been repaired twice and was now working.

Vice Commodore –

Frank Hankins reported that the Adult Sailing classes had been successful and that another one could be held if a member would take responsibility for that endeavor. The Puffin/Dinghy and PHRF series were almost complete (one more PHRF race). The Drascombe will be launched and be available for use. If it is not used much this winter, he recommended that it be sold.

Commodore –

Carl Bjerregarrd gave a short report, read the requirements for the Winterle Award, and asked those present who had not voted for the Winterle Award to please do so on pieces of paper that were distributed as requested.

New Business:

Lynn Goves reported for the Nominations Committee and there being no additional names proposed for any of the offices introduced the new officers. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the slate as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 with a discussion of various aspects of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws following.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew, Scribe
