U. S. Coast Guard

Chief Petty Officer Association

Grand Haven Chapter

**May 15th, 2025**

**1830 HRS**

Minutes

Linda Laswell, Dave Karpin, Garrett Veill, Greg Carlson, Kyle Thomas, Greg Stepien, Quenten Lehrschall, Jon Thomas, Doug Locklear, Samuel Ede, Matt Fox, Al Girvin, Justin Abold, Mike Beatty, Lee Schmiedeknecht, Karl Christensen, David Peterson

* Call to Order & Pledge of allegiance BMCM Thomas
  + 1834
* Welcome new members & guests BMCM Thomas
  + New member Greg Carlson (Navy Retired). On the county assistance board as well.
  + New member Sam Ede
* Review and acceptance of MARCH minutes BMCM Thomas
  + Motion: Dave Karpin, Second: Justin Abold. Approved
* Review and acceptance of Treasurer Report HSC Girvin
  + Checking: 4/1/25 $25873.73
  + Checking: 5/1/25 $31463.45
    - Withdrawals:
      * SOQ MK1 Chris Danel Sta GH $50.00
      * SOQ SN Brarrock Mcvey Sta St. Joe 2x $100.00
      * Brick Memorial Coins $1518.00
      * GoDaddy Renewal $551.76
      * Beldon Brick & Supply Bricks $78.99
      * Marlow White Uniforms $415.00
      * Awards Plus Final Payment Brick Engraving $9370.00
    - Deposits:
      * PayPal Deposit Brick Memorial $18.93
      * PayPal Deposit Krumf Donation 2x $37.86
      * PayPal Deposit Golf Outing Foursome $329.68
      * Brick Memorial Donation Krumf $100.00
      * 50/50 $40.00
      * Tips Burger Night $67.00
      * 50/50 Burger Night $130.00
      * Brick Memorial Donation CGF $16950.00
  + Balance for CCTI Fund: $9751.09
  + Motion: Greg Stepen, Second: Mike Beaty, Approved.
* Communications BMCM Thomas
  + Master Chief Carlson is a new member
  + Have an easel for displaying the new print for the brick memorial
* Committee Reports
  + Community Service BMC Abold
    - Burger Night HSCPO Niemiec
      * May 30th is the next burger night.
    - Adopt a Highway BMC Abold
      * Fall dates will be in September
    - CG41448 - early May MKC Lamb
      * Field day completed.
      * More in-depth cleanup is needed in the fall.
    - Escanaba Park CWO Fox
      * Field day supplies are ready.
      * Starting 0900 tomorrow.
      * Lehrschall made a motion to reimburse Bob Niemiec for $150 for locking sand. Seconded by Beatty. No discussion, voted with all in favor, no opposed. Motion approved.
      * Niemiec made motion to give Tony Fiore up to $400 for supplies to fix the brick plaque that is sticking up and causing a tripping hazard. Doug Locklear Second. No discussion. Voted with all in favor, no opposition. Approved.
    - Memorial Brick Garden Updates CWO Fox
      * Nothing further to pass.
  + Membership BMCM Beatty
    - Membership 81.
  + Finance, Budget & Investments HSC Girvin
    - Property MKC Lamb
      * Fox will be buying a new card reader which is approved in the budget.
      * Nothing further to pass
  + Publication & Public Relations BMC Lehrschall
    - Facebook page & Website HSC Olthof
      * Media notification for the brick memorial on TV and Paper made.
      * Facebook is updated.
  + Standing Rules and Regulations HSC Olthof
    - Nothing to pass.
  + Fundraising CWO Christensen/MC Laswell
    - Nothing to Pass
    - Golf Outing MKCS Heimbuch
      * Nothing to Pass
      * 11 Sept is golf outing.
    - CG Festival Water ***Vacant***
      * Still needs to be filled.
    - Merchandise CWO Fox
      * Have a coin and a small print for the brick memorial. Will sell as a pair at $10.
      * Have more GHCPOA coins available as well.
      * Working on a polo shirt order.
      * Working on 30 or 40 thank you cards to get ordered as well.
      * Have the new memorial brick print to be auctioned or raffled off.
        + Al Girvin made a motion for a second print to be created. Seconded Garrett. Discussion, will have it ready around July. All in favor, no opposed. Motion Approved.
      * Ordering skull head coins.
  + Activities BMC Karpin
    - Visiting Chiefs Picnic BMCM Beatty
      * Chef August same cost as last year.
      * Venue is set.
      * Invite is out to visiting cutters.
      * USAA is coming again.
      * Under budget, will buy alcohol and wine closer to the event.
    - Chapter Scholarship Program BMCS Stepien
      * Submissions are in, will need members to grade and send a result back to Greg.
    - Chief’s Night out BMCM Beatty
      * On hold until September.
* Old Business Membership
  + 10 coins owed to Dave Hiembach, Fox will get them to him.
* New Business Membership
  + 25-year pins available for CPOA membership.
  + Todd Read and Al Girvin are going up to Ludington to visit a retired Coast Guard member turning 100.
* Good of the Order
  + Justin Abolds' retirement at 1000 on Friday, June 13th in the big boat bay at Station Grand Haven.
  + Doug Locklear's is transferring to Atlantic City, New Jersey.
    - Presentation of award to recognize his service to the CPOA as a past president.
  + John Thomas transferring to Louisville, Kentucky.
  + The VFW is looking for assistance with set up and tear down on 23 and 25 May for Ribfest.
    - Will send email with details.
  + CG veteran turns 100 in Ludington on May 20th; those interested in attending should contact CWO Nick Gera at Station Manistee for coordination.
* Moment of Silence for those who have gone before us ,Membership
* Next Meeting **19 June 2025, 1830hrs**
* Meeting Adjourned
  + Motion: Beatty, Second Karl.
* 50/50 Drawing