U. S. Coast Guard

Chief Petty Officer Association

Grand Haven Chapter

**April 17th, 2025**

**1830 HRS**

Minutes

Dave Hiembach, Kyle Thomas, David Peterson, Bob Niemiec, Dave Karpin, Todd Olthof, Karl Christensen, Kurt Yoder, Justin Abold, Quenten Lehrscahll, Mike Beatty, Chris Lamb, Doug Locklear

* Call to Order & Pledge of allegiance BMCM Thomas
  + 1834
* Welcome new members & guests BMCM Thomas
  + CMC Al Lamb (RET), Ottawa County Veteran Service Officer
    - If anyone needs help with veteran claims or help they can help with benefits, claims, or other needs. (Burial Allowance, Medical Transport, Financial Hardship, Honor Rewards, Federal VA Benefits)
* Review and acceptance of MARCH minutes BMCM Thomas
  + Motion: Karpin Second: Beatty Approved
* Review and acceptance of Treasurer Report HSC Girvin
  + Checking: 3/1/25: $37,541.67
  + Checking: 4/1/25: $25,873.73
  + Activity:
    - Station GH Jim Dryer: $604.00
    - Turkey Time Sta GH&SFO: $900.00
    - Hollandia Bill Brick Memorial: $4676.58
    - Awards Plus Brick Etching: $7837.50
    - Materials for Plaque Placement Brick Memorial: $56.40
  + Deposits:
    - PayPal Deposit Brick Memorial: $48.54
    - Golf Outing Sponsor Selge Construction $500.00
    - SAL Donation Brick Memorial: $1000.00
    - Golf Outing Sponsor RAMI: $250.00
    - Golf Outing Sponsor Pioneer Systems: $500.00
    - Golf Outing Sponsor CMA: $250.00
    - Golf Outing Sponsor Carl's Goflland: $250.00
    - Merchandise: $30.00
    - 50/50: $28.00
  + Balance for CCTI Fund: $10,901.09
  + Motion: Christensen Second: Stepien Approved
* Communications BMCM Thomas
  + Multiple requests for Chief's skull bottle openers and request to ship
  + Matt Fox is working on getting an order placed for Chiefs and CWO
* Committee Reports
  + Community Service BMC Abold
  + Burger Night HSCPO Niemiec
    - $197 made off tips and 50/50
    - May 30th is the next burger night
    - Karl: Make sure we are fully cleaning the kitchen area and going by the list on the freezer. Will also look at cooking the burgers and then putting them in the au jus to keep warm for the next burger night.
  + Adopt a Highway - 14 April BMC Abold
    - Need more participation next time.
  + CG41448 - early May MKC Lamb
    - Cleaning/Field Day is May 9th as primary May 16th is secondary.
  + Escanaba Park - 20 May CWO Fox
    - Cleaning before 20 May, but need to wait until the brick is done.
    - 20th to 25th to reseal the pathway.
* Memorial Brick Garden Updates CWO Fox
  + Script drafted, preps ongoing
  + Kyle met with Chris Streng on 14 APR
  + Planning meeting held on 15 APR
  + CPOA will be filling roles as the grand and honorary parade marshals for the Memorial Day parade.
  + New coins for Escanaba Park are coming soon for members and the public.
  + Motion for donors over $1000 and up to be recognized, motioned Yoder, seconded by Karpin. Motion approved.
* Membership BMCM Beatty
  + Business cards to pass to anyone interested in the CPOA can be passed out. Nothing new to report.
* Finance, Budget & Investments HSC Girvin
  + Nothing more to pass.
* Property MKC Lamb
  + working on the Chiefs Mess at SFO
* Publication & Public Relations BMC Lehrschall
  + Karpin will reach out to the media for the brick memorial.
* Facebook page & Website HSC Olthof
  + No new updates.
* Standing Rules and Regulations HSC Olthof
  + - No new updates.
* Fundraising CWO Christensen/MC Laswell
* Golf Outing MKCS Heimbuch
  + 1/3 of the way funded and on track with what we made last year.
  + Hole in One contest from First Command with 10k winning
  + Need coins for the meeting and $500 for when they try out the course.
  + Karl will be working on collecting money locally.
* CG Festival Water Tent Vacant
  + Need to fill that position.
* Merchandise CWO Fox
  + Polo orders and coin orders will be coming soon.
* Activities BMC Karpin
* Visiting Chiefs Picnic BMCM Beatty
  + Talked with USAA, who is coming again as they have in the past.
  + Chef August is planning to come again this year.
* Chapter Scholarship Program BMCS Stepien
  + 03 entries received
  + Will be sending them out for scoring to the chapter.
* Chief’s Night out BMCM Beatty
  + Will skip until a later time.
* Old Business Membership
  + Setup/teardown assistance request VFW 23/25 May. Looking for people to help with this. Reach out to Kyle if interested.
* New Business Membership
  + Discussion on Memorial Brick Garden format and recognition for sponsors. Will send out the script for feedback.
  + Request for assistance with seal coating the Escanaba Park walkway between 20-25 May (one day we can get people together) Let Kyle know if able to help. *(no longer needed - Tony Fiore is supervising the contractors and has had them avoid driving on the walkways to minimize damage/impacts)*
  + CCTI is on hold until fall.
  + Will look at bylaws for departing gifts in the future for members transferring out.
* Moment of Silence for those who have gone before us Membership
* Next Meeting **15 MAY 2025, 1830hrs**
* Meeting Adjourned
  + Motion Karpin, Second Beatty, Adjourned at 1947
* 50/50 Drawing