U. S. Coast Guard

Chief Petty Officer Association

Grand Haven Chapter

**August 19, 2021**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 1831.
2. Members in attendance: BMCM Beatty, BMCS Stepien, BMC Karpin, MSTC O’Neil, HCPO Niemiec, BMC Fiore, ETC Locklear, BMC Lauters, HSC Girvin, BMC Cucovatz, and ETC Peterson.

Guests in attendance: MCPO Lee Schmiedeknecht (USN RET)

1. Minutes: Previous meeting minutes reviewed and accepted with change to treasurer report balance.
2. Treasurer Report: HCPO Niemiec submitted treasurer report. Reported balance as of 8/18/2021 is $22562.49. Est. Raffle profit as of report is $1884.33. Report accepted.
3. Communications:

* BMCM Beatty reported that a thank you letter was sent to USAA for their donation.

1. Committee Reports

a. Community Service: BMC Fiore reported that the Escanaba Park Field Day was completed

on 23 Jul. We had plenty of volunteers. Escanaba Memorial set-up was completed by

BMC Fiore and HCPO Niemiec on 6 Aug. 8 Aug Escanaba Memorial was taken down by

BMC Fiore and Nancy Fiore.

Merchandise: All merchandise and tent supplies were delivered to the Fundraiser Water

Tent at SFO Grand Haven on 1 Aug and picked up on 8 and 10 Aug. We sold out of

Challenge coins, bottle openers, and Douglas Munro books. Chapter Polo shirt order will

be submitted once 12 are requested. Currently at 11 shirts.

* + 1. Burger Night: HCPO Niemiec reported that he signed the Chapter up 20AUG and still needs volunteers. BMCS Stepien will print out scholarship flyers for donations.

ii. Adopt a Highway Report: BMC Lauters reported that he secured the new

highway location on M45 to Lincoln. Email will follow on next clean-up for 30

Sep.

* 1. Membership: Nothing to pass.
  2. Finance, Budget & Investments: Nothing to pass.
  3. Publication & Public Relations: Nothing to pass.

i. Facebook Page and Website: Nothing to pass.

* 1. Standing Rules and Regulations: Nothing to pass.
  2. Fundraising
     1. Water Tent Committee: Nothing to pass.
     2. Golf Committee Report: BMC Lauters reported we have secured autographed pictures from the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings, 4 passes to Maple Hills. He will send thank you letters. ETCS Verrier sponsored two golfers. USAA is sending golf towels, sunscreen, and fans. 32 spots are open.
     3. Raffle: At the time of the meeting, the raffle spreadsheet had 480 tickets sold for $4480. MSTC O’Neil will coordinate the live drawing for 31 Aug.
  3. Activities:

i. Visiting Chiefs Picnic: Held on 2 Aug.

ii. Chapter Scholarship Program: Nothing to pass.

1. Old Business:

a. Nothing to pass.

1. New Business

a. Social Dinner: 18 Sep at the BMC Fiore’s residence. Email to follow.

b. Motion brought by HSC Girvin and seconded by MSTC O’Neil to spend $500 on new challenge coins after selling out at the festival. Motion passed. Further merchandise purchases to be included in 2022 budget proposal.

c. It was brought up that Chief’s Picnic attendee inquired about the Chapter purchasing his prints to sell. No motion for further discussion.

1. Good of the Order:

a. MSTC O’Neil attended the CPOA National Convention. Likely to be a vote on increasing dues next year’s Convention. Potential locations are Dallas, Buffalo, and Nashville.

b. Nomination process for 2022 Chapter Officers to begin. HCPO Niemiec will chair the election committee.

c. MSTC O’Neil reported that a Fall CCTI is confirmed.

1. Moment of Silence observed for those who have gone before us
2. Next Meeting: **16 SEP 2021, 1830hrs**
3. Meeting Adjourned 1929.