U. S. Coast Guard

Chief Petty Officer Association

Grand Haven Chapter

**January 21, 2021**

**General Membership Virtual Meeting Minutes**

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 1832.
2. Members in attendance: BMCM Beatty, BMCS Stepien, MKC Light, BMC Karpin, BMC Fiore, MSTC O’Neil, and HCPO Niemiec.

Guests in attendance: CMC Rob Linn, Sector Soo

1. Minutes: Previous meeting minutes reviewed and accepted.
2. Treasurer Report: HCPO Niemiec reported balance as of 1/21/2021 is $14,153.93 $1500 received from BMC Fiore’s Chief’s Challenge from membership. Report accepted.
3. Communications: President has sent thank you emails to each Chief that has participated in the Chief’s Challenge.
4. Raffle Fundraising Information Session (CMC Rob Linn): Provided information on successful gun raffles in Northern Michigan. SOO Chapter netted $9000 on last raffle. Must follow state raffle and FFL laws. FFL ships guns to the winner. Drawings through Facebook Live. Tickets mailed or picture sent via FB Messanger/text. Limited tickets to increase demand with odds. Prizes added after initial funding goal met. Winner receives cash value if they fail the background check. Chapter offers reimbursement of transaction fees. Professional tickets ordered through third party vendor. Payment through FB/Paypal.
5. Committee Reports
   1. Community Service: BMC Fiore reported that he is looking to have a field days in May on the 41’ and Escanaba Park (vaccine pending)
      1. Burger Night: HCPO Niemiec reported that it is still pending when American Legion will resume them.

ii. Adopt a Highway Report: Nothing to pass.

* 1. Membership: Nothing to pass.
  2. Finance, Budget & Investments: Nothing to pass.
  3. Publication & Public Relations: Nothing to pass.
  4. Standing Rules and Regulations: President will send bylaws out for annual review via email.
  5. Fundraising
     1. Water Tent Committee: Nothing to pass.
     2. Golf Committee Report: BMC Karpin and BMCS Herbert will look to set a meeting with Grand Haven Golf Course as a potential new site.

Zoom meeting expired at 1906. Second Zoom meeting commenced at 1916.

* 1. Activities:

i. Visiting Chiefs Picnic: Nothing to pass.

ii. Chapter Scholarship Program: Originally reduced to one scholarship from two due to funding shortfall. BMC Fiore motioned to use Chief’s Challenge income to fund second scholarship. Motion seconded and passed. Two $500 scholarships (one winner for each topic) and remaining Chief’s Challenge income to go to the general fund.

1. Old Business:

a. Nothing to pass.

1. New Business

a. Chief of the Year: MSTC O’Neil was selected as 2020 Chief of the Year.

b. Chapter Fundraising: BMC Karpin look into a guided hunt to for potential raffle.

1. Good of the Order:

a. New Chapter Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Coast-Guard-Chief-Petty-Officers-Association-Grand-Haven-Chapter-106257591460475/>. Provide feedback to BMC Fiore.

1. Moment of Silence observed for those who have gone before us
2. Next Meeting: **18 February 2021, 1830hrs**
3. Meeting Adjourned 1952.