

District 7 Council Meeting
March 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Agenda

- **Invocation** – Chaplain NA, D/C Roger Hall, SN, lead us in pray.
 - Roll call – P/R/C Elliott Manke, JN, D/C Roger Hall, SN, P/D/C Lynda Leque, SN, P/D/C Ken Leque, SN, P/D/C Brian Logan, SN, Cdr Jay Wells, AP, P/C Kevin Miller, AP, R/C S. Thomas Hancock, P, D/Lt/C Jim Mason, SN, P/C Harry Barnes, A/P, P/D/C Brian Logan, SN, Cdr Bradley Barton, SN, D/Lt/C Joseph Jonhenry, JN, P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N, Cdr Fred Nolte III, AP, Cdr Fred Spring, SN, Lt/C Kay Barnes, S, Cdr Lynn Brockman, P, D/Lt/C Susan Stebner, AP
 - D/Lt/C Sue Stebner, A/P (quorum), P/D/C Lynda Leque, SN, stated Yes we have a quorum.
 - **Bridge Reports**
 - Commander’s Report – D/C Roger Hall, SN, stated the dues increase was voted on and passed at the annual meeting.
 - Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Jim Mason, S, Conference issues, Erie and Mosquito Lake have approximately 30 members in each are now included in District 7. Jim is working with Bob Fisher for the By Law changes. The new additions to District 7 have been invited to the D7 Cruise at Geneva on the Lake and to the Spring Conference. Cyber and unattached members have also been contacted and invited by P/D/C Twila Hauck, SN
- Co-operative Charting – R/C S. Tom P & P/C Joanne Hancock, SN, Tom stated Co-op charting awards will be presented at Conference. District 7 took first place and the five top ten were from District 7. The new award, the Triple Anchor, 15 recipients were from District 7.
- Educational Officer – P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN & P/D/C Ken Leque, SN Asst. EO, No Report.
 - Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Joe Jonhenry, JN, Joe received a message from Wayne and Barb who experienced connection problems and mentioned the First Night is Friday Night Rat Pack from Steubenville Ohio; entertainment with Frankie and Dino. Good food and the Rat Pack Show. D/C Roger Hall, SN, stated Change of Watch is Saturday night. D/Lt/C Jim Mason, SN reported the meeting at National was educational and informational. National wants to communicate with all of us. P/D/C Brian Logan, SN is hopeful all squadrons are promoting ABC classes. District 7 is down 4% in membership. He is also glad to have Dino and Frankie for First Night, but would like to see “younger entertainment” for our

next conference. P/C Harry Barnes, AP reminded all squadron Admin Officers to send all boating activities for summer. A complete list is needed and will be posted by P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN. National is pushing a big program also and this will be helpful. Activities in each district will be placed on a National calendar.

- Secretary D/Lt/C Sue Stebner, A/P, No Report.
- Treasurer – R/C Tom Hancock, P & Asst. Treasurer P/C Margo Holmes, AP, Tom reported \$31,282.33 is in the account and one squadron to repay boat show expenses.
- Past Commander – P/D/C Larry Spraggins, JN, NA
- **Vessel Safety Check/Boating Events**
5th place in District Awards from National per D/C Roger Hall, SN
- **Up Coming Activities**
 - D7 Spring Conference March 31- April 2, 2023, Double Tree by Hilton, Independence OH
 - Conference Chairs: Barbara A. Spraggins and Kathy Barber
 - D7 Rendezvous July 20-23 Geneva On The Lake
- **General Committee Reports**
 - Auditing – Cdr. Lynn A. Brockman, AP, Chair, stated she and P/C Marge Zitnik, JN, completed the Audit on February 19, 2023 and is A OK.
 - Nominating – P/R/C Barb A. Spraggins, SN, Chair, P/D/C Lynda Leque, SN stated No report.
 - Planning – P/C Greg M. Arnold, JN, Chair, NA
 - Rules – D/Lt Sidney C. Foster, P, Chair, P/C Harry Barnes, AP stated No Report.

- **Squadron Commander's Reports**

- Akron – Lynda Leque, SN stated the COW was February 11 at the Akron Women's City Club with 50 members in attendance. March 2 is the first meeting as commander for Lynda. A Baltic Sea program is in place and a speaker about the Great Lakes. The traditional clean-up of the SS Mather docked in Cleveland is scheduled for April 15 with lunch on the Mather. A Tax Day event will be scheduled and she will get a schedule of events to P/C Harry Barnes, AP.
- Berea – Joe Jonhenry, JN, stated the D7 Cruise is July 20-23 and Berea has planned a Kelly's Island cruise in June, Middle Bass in July, and a Huron cruise in August. Saturday, April 29 is the COW and a speaker is planned. Berea Squadron's Birthday party in Bonnie Park, (Fireplace) for all day on May 11.
- Mansfield – Jay Wells, AP stated their annual meeting is in March with the new bridge. COW is April 22. Six members are in boating classes. ABC is scheduled for Fall.
- North Coast Ohio – Brad Barton, SN stated the COW is April 23 at Lakeside Yacht Club. The annual meeting is next Wednesday, a slate of officers is not full at this time. Seamanship class is scheduled. A First Mate class is coming up with 20 or more women on April 8 at the Flat Iron Café. Young people took a sailing class last year. 29 in the ABC class graduated and got six new members out of it.
- Pittsburgh – Fred Nolte, AP stated the February 17th meeting of core members continue with the squadron. COW is March 16, forms are sent to National. Three ABC classes are planned, Marine Electronics and Boat Handling. Pushing applications from Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check seven instructors and Coast Guard Auxiliary training to be shared with members of Pittsburgh Safe Boating Organization.
- Stark County – Fred Spring, SN, will send squadron events info to Harry Barnes and will attend Safe Boating Council with the intent of their members joining the squadron and take the Boat Handling course.
- Ten Mile – Lynn Brockman, P, some officers for the 7th time as Commander, Cow is March 25, virtual and D/C Roger is the Installing Officer. Two ABC classes are scheduled for April 29 and June 3. PA Fish and Boat published an accident decrease by 15 due to the recommended use of life jackets.
- Vermilion - Dave Kastl, P is in Mexico. P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N reported ABC classes were scheduled for January. The March 16 meeting will be at Paper Moon. March 25 ABC Class and April 20, COW, location may be in Lorain. Summer events to be determined.

Old Business NA

New Business

- a. Gabriel H. Brown, N Educational Trophy, the request was to make a decision of what to do with; it. It is slowly being destroyed by transporting it. It may have lived out its use.
- b. Consent Agenda
- c. Certificate of Continued Existence (Form 522) Expenses May 7, \$25.00, Ohio Squadrons only.

Future Meeting Dates

- D7 Spring Conference and Change of Watch March 31st - April 1, 2 2023 at Double Tree Hotel in Independence, Ohio

Adjourn

2023 Spring Council Consent Agenda 1 March 2023

- That the agenda be adopted.
- That the Council allows the District Commander to alter the agenda as needed to expedite business.
- That the Council recommends the Conference approve the final report for the 2023 Boat Show West. (Item A)
- That the Council recommends the Conference approve the district use of \$500 to North Coast Ohio to cover initial bills of the 2023 District 7 Cruise & Rendezvous. It will be fully refundable pending profit/Loss, at the end of the D7 Cruise & Rendezvous. (Item B)
- That the Council recommends the Conference approve the district use of \$700 toward funding the 2023 District 7 Rendezvous in order to reduce cost to participants. This amount is a donation and will not be refunded. (Item C)
- That the Council recommends the Conference approve the budget for the 2023 District 7 Cruise & Rendezvous at the Geneva Marina. (Item D)
- That the Council recommends the Conference approve the 2023-24 D7 Budget (Item E)
- That the Council authorizes a committee of the following: the District Commander, Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer, to approve the minutes of this Council meeting.

2023 Boat Show West

Final Report

Item A

The Cleveland Boat Show was held 12-15 January, 2023, (Thursday through Sunday) at the IX Center in Cleveland. Saturday at the show was the busiest we have seen in many years. The other days were relatively normal for their day of the week. The show was on the east side of the IX center this year, with the entry point in the middle of the show. Our booth seemed like it might be off the beaten path, but we actually had more than the usual number of visitors for 4 days.

More than 175 people used the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer. We passed out over 225 flyers for ABC courses and the Jump Start program and about 125 flyers for advanced classes, seminars and paddling. We gathered contact information from 21 people requesting more information.

The booth itself had good extra features:

- The simulator was a big draw to the booth
- The booth had America’s Boating Club branding on posters donated by LEMTA. These posters gave specific ways to Become a More Confident Boater and to Have More Fun on the Water.
- The TV in the booth showed the America’s Boating Channel promotional videos on a 10-minute loop.

This year we did a very good job of manning the booth at all times. All of the scheduled working times were filled by volunteers who had signed up prior to the show and we had a team of 2 people that opened the show in the morning, closed at night and filled in the few openings in the schedule.

We want to thank the 39 people who put in over 365 hours for this project.

Changes to the IX center impacted our expenses this year and are likely to do so in the future. For the first time, LEMTA charged us for the drapes that delineate the booth and a basic booth charge. Electric has been farmed out to an outside group and its cost went up 24% from last year after a 30% increase last year from the previous show. Copying the handouts is also more expensive since USPS’s discount with Office Max is less than it used to be. Since no one has a place to do the simulator training, we needed to rent a facility. The only plus side for expenses this year is that we did not have to pay to bring in a vehicle for setup and tear down.

The expenses for the show were:

Drapes, charges for Booth – LEMTA	\$255.00	
Exhibitor Parking Permits	160.00	
Electric	230.26	
Simulator training facility	50.00	
Misc. Office Supplies and Copies	<u>108.86</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$804.12</u>

Item A continued

Since BVST simulator is now stored in D/7 territory, there were no transportation costs for it.

There are six squadrons that take part in this show – Akron, Berea, Mansfield, Rocky River, Stark County and Vermilion. Each of these squadrons owes **\$134.02** (1/6 of the total).

Respectfully Submitted,
R/C Eileen Rickard, SN

Item B

The D7 Cruise and Rendezvous is being planned at the Geneva Marina. NCO would like \$500 of upfront seed money for incidentals to tide them over until reservations start to come in. It will be fully refundable pending profit/Loss, at the end of the D7 Cruise & Rendezvous.

D/C James Mason, SN

Item C

Proposal to use \$700 of District funds toward the 2023 D7 Cruise & Rendezvous

When the budget was prepared for the weekend, we wanted to make sure all the costs were covered. It was not the intent to make any profit. In an effort to encourage more people to attend our 2023 District Rendezvous, I would like to keep the cost as low as practical while still having all the amenities that the committee has already planned by making a one-time donation of \$700 to this event. This donation will only reduce the cost to each participant by a few dollars, it will not be refundable, but we believe it is a good use of our district funds to encourage boating activities and friendships.

D/Lt David Kinkaid, P (D7 Cruise and Rendezvous Committee)

Item D

D7 Cruise Budgets -- The Left Budget is without D7 Assistance -- The Right Budget is with D7 Assistance

D7 2023 Geneva State Park Rendezvous (Jul 20-23) Budget Proposal

With the \$500 and \$700 Funds Approved by Council

				Anticipated Receipts:	
Friday Domino's Pizza		20	X \$7	\$140	
Sat. - Continental Breakfast		20	X \$5	\$100	
Sun. - Continental Breakfast		20	X \$5	\$100	
Saturday Night Dinners					
DUO - 4oz Tend. & Chicken Breast		15	X \$48 (Price + Misc)	\$720	Final
Cremini Muchroom Ravioli		10	X \$33 (Price + Misc)	\$330	Prices
Oven Roasted Walleye		15	X \$41 (Price + Misc)	\$615	
Vegetarian Dish		10	X \$30 (Price + Misc)	\$300	
Refundable Up-Front Cash				\$500	
Donations					
District 7				\$700	
North Coast Ohio S&PS				\$445	
Riverbelles Auxiliary				\$66	
Estimated Total Receipts				\$4,016	
				Estimated Expenses:	Check #
Domino's Pizza, Friday			\$240	\$240	
Non-Refundable Dinner Deposit			\$200	\$200	6015
Saturday Night Dinners					
DUO - 4oz Tend. & Chicken Breast	Meal + 20% Grat	15	X \$50	\$756	
Cremini Muchroom Ravioli	Meal + 20% Grat	10	X \$34	\$403	
Oven Roasted Walleye	Meal + 20% Grat	15	X \$42	\$630	
Vegetarian Dish	Meal + 20% Grat	10	X \$30	\$300	
Line Item to offset Dinner Deposit			-\$200	-\$200	
GSP Appetizers	Misc		Spring Rolls, Caprese Skewers, Pizza	\$445	
Giant Eagle Sheet Cake	Misc		1	\$66	
Table Clothes	Misc		9	\$54	
GSP Bartender	Misc		1	\$75	
Coffee	Misc		1	\$20	
Paper Products	Misc			\$50	
Giant Eagle Donuts & OJ (Boaters)			4 Dozen Donuts & 2 Gal. of OJ (Boaters)	\$60	
Refundable Up-Front Cash				\$500	
Estimated Total Expenses				\$3,599	
Expected Gain (Loss) on Event				\$417	

Planning for the D7 Cruise is a very large undertaking which has not been attempted by anyone that is presently on the D7 Committee.

Their largest concern is the unforeseen expenses.

The \$700 nonrefundable donation by D7 accomplishes two important tasks:

- It does reduce the cost of the meal anywhere from \$4 to \$6. For a resort, these meal prices are fantastic.
- The \$417 gives a cushion for the committee members. Any profit will be returned to District 7.

Item E

District 7 - USPS Financial Report

	Proposed Budget
Description	2023-24
Membership Dues	4,590
Total Income	4,590
Description	2023-24
D7 Conferences	800
Commander Allotment	1,000
Exec Allotment	400
Admin Allotment	400
DEO Allotment	400
Treasurer Allotment	400
Secretary Allotment	400
Newsletter	450
Governing Board	400
Postage & Delivery	25
Printing & Copies	150
Supplies	100
Website	200
Annual Meeting	400
Change of Watch	250
Total Expense	5,775
Gain/(Loss)	(1,185)

Cdr Roger Hall, SN 3/13/2023

D/Lt/C Jim Mason, SN 3/13/2023

D/Lt/C Joe Jonhenry, JN 3/13/2023