

18th Annual General Meeting of the Gabriola Island Squadron

Commander Ralph Hagen opened the meeting at 14:05 by welcoming us all to the 18th AGM of the Squadron.

Commander Hagen introduced our guests, D/C Peter Bolton, P/C Diane Bolton, Betty Pearson of the Mount Brenton Squadron, Doug Cunnian, Commodore of the Sylva Bay Yacht Club and Freda Bohm, presenter of the Rudy Bohm Award.

Commander Hagen's opening address focussed on our Squadron's mission. He recounted how over the last year we have focussed our efforts on teaching and promoting safe boating. He recalled how, as a young man, commercial and pleasure craft along the west coast relied on local knowledge and how technology, especially GPS, has revolutionized navigation during his lifetime. However, he stressed that to boat safely, we need to learn the underlying principles of navigation and that that is the reason for the Squadron's existence. He also remarked how encouraging it has been for him to have had the support and advice of the Executive and he thanked them collectively.

STO Oliver Woolcock presented the recent graduates of the Boating Essentials course with their Boating Graduation Certificates and awarded the Arthur J. Neilsen Award for the highest mark in the course to Sheryl Bailey, who obtained a mark of 100% in both the Basics and Essentials courses.

Bert Terhart received the Rudy Bohm Award *in absentia*, presented by Freda Bohm.

Commander Hagen issued Certificates of Appreciation as special thanks to organizations and individual supporters of the Squadron: Alex McConnell, Andre Lemieux, Arbutus Building Supplies, Bob Rooks, Mr. and Mrs. Don Powell, Gabriola Museum & Historical Society, Harbour Chandler, Robert's Place, Silva Bay Yacht Club and Village Foods.

Commander Hagen then read out the officers' Merit Mark Awards, noting especially the record of Rufus Churcher for his 26 years of service.

D/C Peter Bolton was then invited to address the gathering. He spoke appreciatively of our participation, as a Vancouver Island North District squadron, in the flag relay in September 2013 celebrating the 75th anniversary of CPS - ECP. He also dwelt briefly on the changes at the national level that are about to happen by the fall of this year and explained how they would hopefully lead to a renewal of the organization.

District Commander Bolton's address was followed by the AGM.

Commander Hagen established by publically consulting the Secretary that there was a quorum present, that proper and timely notification had been given to the membership about the meeting, and that the minutes of the AGM of April 27, 2013 were readily available online.

Motion: Don Butt, Mike Hoeinghaus: to approve the minutes as circulated - passed unanimously.

Commander Hagen established by asking the Secretary that there was no correspondance.
Motion: Don Butt, Bill Kalbfleisch: to receive all officers' reports - passed unanimously.

Motion: Christine Purfield, Oliver Woolcock: to approve the financial statements and financial review report - passed unanimously.

Motion: Christine Purfield, Mike Hoeinghaus: to appoint Alex McConnell to examine and approve the financial statements for 2014-15 - passed unanimously.

Motion: Christine Purfield, Bill Kalbfleisch: to appoint as signing officers Commander Ralph Hagen, XO Mike Hoeinghaus, Treasurer Christine Purfield, and Secretary Bob Derksen, any two of whom would have signing power.

As a last function of his 2013-14 mandate, Commander Hagen asked Bob Derksen, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the Committee's report. The report was presented, and since there were no other nominees, Secretary Bob Derksen cast one ballot electing the new Executive.

With that, newly re-elected Commander Ralph Hagen announced the first Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 19:00, venue TBA. He then terminated the 18th AGM at 14:50.