

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on February 2nd, 2004 At Don Butt's Residence

Call to Order: 09:40 with Cdr. Don Butt presiding.

Present: Don Butt, Bud Pennington, Keith Sim, Richard deLissa, Ian Waymark, Ingrid Hales, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Carole Lemieux.

Approval of Agenda: **Keith** requested an updated list of instructors and proctors. **Richard** to provide.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: **Bud** noted that there was no quorum at the previous meeting, however, no decisions were made at that time. Accepted.

Commander's Comments: none at this time.

Business arising from previous meeting: none.

REPORTS

Training - Richard: the fall boating class was successful. 18 registered, 11 passed and 5, who had dropped out, re-registered for the current class. All instructors and proctors were excellent.

In order to hold a Piloting course **Richard** requested from **Ian** the names of the students who had passed the Boating course. He had volunteered to contact them to see if they would take the Piloting course.

Oliver Woolcock is willing to invigilate the VHF course but doesn't want to instruct.

There was discussion regarding the course and there has been interest expressed in it.

Keith said he would take the necessary steps to become an instructor in the VHF course.

Ian stated that an instructor from Malaspina would possibly teach the GPS course. He has written to him but, to date, no reply.

Don stated how pleased he was with the training and that the Gabriola squadron ranked as one of the highest in examination marks in the District - .08% from the top. Credit goes to **Richard** and his training crew. The attrition rate is the same across the District but is @57% in Piloting.

Supplies – Ingrid: **Ingrid** stated it was difficult to get the supplies and **Richard** said it was his fault as he had ordered late. Apparently it is possible to order the supplies early and pay later to ensure supplies are at hand.

Don reminded everyone that when photocopies are made at the church, they must be recorded on the board above the copier.

There are five caps left out of an initial 20, purchased at \$8.00 each. **Keith** asked about sweaters. They can be ordered officially from HQ or, if you have a blue sweater, 5-Star Embroidery will put on a crest.

Ian stated he did not have a name tag. New Bridge did not get them. **Ingrid** to get a list of instructors and proctors from **Richard** in order to have tags made for them.

Cruisemaster – Russ: Agreed to change the name from ‘dry cruise’ to ‘land cruise’ due misinterpretation of word ‘dry’. It is scheduled for Saturday, 19th June at @ 1:00 p.m.

Ian to check if it conflicts with Yacht Club.

Richard said he had spoken with Bram (of the yacht club) regarding the need for closer relations between the two groups. **Don** stated he has made a great effort for the two groups to get together but there is still progress to be made. Must ensure they are invited to the land cruise.

There is a cruise scheduled for 6th, 7th and 8th August. **Russ** to check out Genoa Bay.

Richard says it is very nice. **Ian** asked that more information be supplied regarding the destination points as it is very useful for new boaters, e.g. layout, facilities, etc. **Don** to put this info in the March-April edition of *Scuttlebutt*.

Don, as Commander, to send an official invitation to the Commodore of the Yacht Club to attend the August cruise.

Don stated that the District Rendezvous Cruise is slated for August 27th, 28th and 29th and has been confirmed at Page’s Marina.

The Training Cruise is for Sunday, May 2nd. **Russ** said it was a good idea to have an instructor on board the boats for the students so that the skippers could concentrate on handling their boats.

MEMBERSHIP – Keith: 54 current members. Discussion ensued as to how to encourage membership. **Keith** stated he had scant information on the current members and **Don** is to pass it on to him. **Richard** stated it was difficult to sign up students at the end of the Boating Course – needed a sheet on information re. advantages of joining so students can read it. **Don** and **Keith** to do up a page.

Bud stated that other squadrons give free membership for one year to Boating students. He said there was a surplus of funds and that this squadron could afford it. Once given a membership, it was more likely the student would renew. A motion was put: *‘that the squadron pay one year of free membership to all successful students from the Boating course starting with the current Boating course’*. Moved by **Richard**, seconded by **Ian**. Motion passed.

Ian wondered whether this could be extended to students in the Piloting course. Discussion ensued re a reduced membership fee. A motion was put: *‘that all non-members wishing to take the Piloting course be offered a reduced membership fee of \$20.00 for the current year’*. Moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Richard**. Motion passed.

SOCIAL – Elaine: 15 people have replied to the February 21st event. **Don** commented that personal calls to prospective attendees is beneficial.

The Golf Club is confirmed for the AGM on 24th April.

AGM – Don: date for AGM is 24th April and **Don** would like officers' reports in by 1st April or as soon as possible. **Richard** stated that the Training report would be late as exams are on April 8th and **Bud** said Financial report would be late also. There will be pledging-in of new members, Bridge and Commander. Pot-luck dinner.

SCUTTLEBUTT – Don: next edition will have info on registration for District AGM and nominations for our squadron. It is planned to go out by March 1st.

Richard congratulated **Don** on doing an excellent job on the *Scuttlebutt*.

WEBMASTER – Keith: not present.

TREASURER – Bud: **Bud** stated that the current surplus is \$1,150.97 and our net worth is a 'dubious' \$5,110.04 due to questionable value of inventory. Some discussion regarding interest rates as the cashable bond of \$1,012.50 currently gets 1.75%.

Moved by **Keith**, seconded by **Elaine**: Treasurer's report accepted.

ARCHIVES – Ian: nothing to report. As he will not be present at AGM, will give what material he has to **Keith Poulton**. **Don** to send photos.

NOMINATIONS – Don: **Don** to thank those coming on the Bridge and those taking new positions. **Richard** agrees to stand as Commander; **Keith Sim** to stand as Training Officer nominee. **Bos** will not continue with MAREP and **Bud Pennington** will not continue as Treasurer. **Ian** will consider standing as Treasurer. **Don** pledged his full support of the new Bridge and stated he would continue as *Scuttlebutt* editor and would be part of the Bridge as Past Commander.

Don said that out-going should spend time with in-coming and that an officer's training session is available – it is a day-long course and **Don** will liaise with the person who will come to facilitate this course.

Richard congratulated **Don** on being the binding force behind the squadron. Digby has volunteered to do anything he is comfortable with.

OTHER: Russ stated that if he wasn't satisfied with Genoa Bay what was plan B? It was decided that Otter Bay would be a good second choice rather than Maple Bay. **Don** said that once the location is confirmed, he would arrange for a visit by the local Commander.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Monday, March 1st @ 09:30 at **Don's** place.

On April 5th there will be another meeting in preparation for the AGM to be immediately followed by a Training meeting as the examinations are on April 8th. **Don** volunteered to help out with the exams.

Monday, May 31st will be the first meeting following the AGM at 09:30 at **Richard's** house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28.

