

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on March 1st, 2004 At Don Butt's Residence

Call to Order: 09:30 with Cdr. Don Butt presiding.

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

Approval of Agenda: approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Don requested that there be clarification on the attrition rate of 57% in training. He said that this comprised students who did not write the exam. Accepted.

Commander's Comments: Don advised that **Bud Pennington**, Treasurer, had resigned from the Bridge. A motion was put: *the Bridge acknowledges with regret the resignation of the Treasurer, Bud Pennington, from the Bridge.* Moved by **Keith Poulton**, seconded by **Russ Pearce** that **Keith Sim** be appointed interim Treasurer. Accepted .

Business Arising: to be covered under New Business.

REPORTS

Training – Richard: there are 12 students who will be writing their exams on April 4th. The District Assistant Training Officer will be present at the exam as well as giving the final review two weeks prior.

Other courses: GPS course is on May 29th and is almost full. **Ian** is putting it together and Walter Seiler, from Malaspina College, will be instructing. The VHF course is on April 17th and Hugh Sproule will be instructing. There are currently 10 students enlisted. **Don** to mention in *Scuttlebutt* that restricted radio licences are required for all boaters using VHF radios.

Weather – Rufus is away. Another weather course is to be scheduled for later this year.

Training Cruise – Russ: the training cruise is scheduled for May 2nd. Currently, **Richard**, **Don** and **Russ** will be there with their boats and **Bud** volunteered to be back-up.

Advanced Courses: possibility for a piloting course in the Fall. A minimum of 6 students are required.

SUPPLIES – Ingrid: radio talk manuals are needed for the VHF course. Hugh Sproule, as instructor and examiner will provide the exams. **Richard** and **Keith Sim** will be

present to assist with marking. There was discussion on the number of ties and hats in inventory and **Don** suggested that mugs, with the CPS logo, would be a nice gift for guest speakers. **Keith Sim** will look into it. Also **Don** will look into acquiring burgees from Duncan. **Ingrid** mentioned there was one crest in stock. Keeper plaques will be needed for presentation at the AGM.

PRO – Bud: there will probably be another parade in the Fall, and **Bud** stated that without **Keith Poulton's** help, the last one would not have been possible.

CRUISEMASTER– Russ: the boat school launch is 9th, 10th & 11th of April with the main event being on the 10th. CPS was there last year in a tent with information and flags. **Bud** mentioned that the boat school people were keen to be involved with CPS and that he would liase with them and with Silva Bay Resort to participate again this year.

May 2nd: training cruise – previously discussed.

May 10th – 14th: tentative dates for cruise to Princess Louisa Inlet. **Ian** to notify the Yacht Club.

June 19th: land cruise at Page's – Yacht Club notified.

August 6th – 8th : confirmed at Genoa Bay; reservations made for 6 boats. It was mentioned that the barbecue cannot be reserved.

MEMBERSHIP– Keith Sim: **Don** suggested checking out 'Members' Moorings' which has all sorts of valuable information including job descriptions. There is a link to this on the power squadron local website through the main CPS webpage. Discussion on the confusion which exists re number of actual local members.

AGM – Don: **Don** requested reports be in as soon as possible as he has to prepare a booklet containing them. This booklet is handed out at the meeting so everyone has the info in front of them and the Training Officer is the only one who talks at length. This was a successful strategy previously. Fiscal yearend is March 31st and audited statements are required. Awards will be presented and there was discussion on who should received the Rudy Bohm Memorial Award. **Don** advised that Hugh Sproule has commissioned a new award – Windchime Award – to be given to an instructor or proctor for outstanding activity in training programmes as selected by his or her peers. **Ingrid** to collate the votes and let **Don** know who the recipient is. There is also the non-member Certificate of Appreciation, the Commander's citation.

SCUTTLEBUTT– Don to include the various cruise dates and the yacht club cruises (**Ian** to get info).

WEBMASTER – Keith Poulton: **Keith** stated that he was not permitted to make the changes himself as the Chamber of Commerce webmaster prefers to do it as it is hosted on the Chamber site. **Carole** to talk to Andre re transferring to www.gabriola.org wherein **Keith** can do the updates himself.

ARCHIVES – Ian: since **Ian** will be away for the AGM he will give his information to someone else.

NOMINATIONS – Don: the following nominations have been confirmed:

Commander	Richard deLissa
Executive Officer	Ralph Hagen
Training Officer	Keith Sim
ATO	Ian Waymark
Treasurer	Ian Waymark
Secretary	Carole Lemieux
Membership	Digby Jones
Supply	Ingrid Hales
Public Relations	Bud Curtis
Cruisemaster	Russell Pearce
Webmaster	Keith Poulton
Social Officer	Elaine Pearce
Scuttlebutt Editor	Don Butt
Communications	Don Butt

The following are suggested or unconfirmed:

ATO	Rufus Churcher
MAREP/Port Capt.	Rod Bell-Irving
Historian	Diane Marks

VIND: Council meeting April 4th at Campbell River

NEW BUSINESS:

CPS ‘On Board’ program: discussion on the information circulated whereby Canadian Tire, in conjunction with Dual Media Productions Inc. are suggesting developing a proctoring system with CPS. **Don** requested opinions and stated that both Hugh Sproule and Bill Fletcher were advising a cautious approach. **Keith Sim, Ian** and **Richard** all expressed their doubts in the program.

Defining future goals: **Don** asked everyone for written submissions to be e-mailed to him with regards to the letter from Marcel Hebert of the Planning Committee outlining opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of CPS. **Carole** to include copy of the letter as an attachment.

Squadron role in rendezvous: **Don** said this is a District responsibility and not this squadron’s; but since it is at Page’s he requested a squadron presence for welcoming and hosting drinks on Friday night. The dates are August 27th, 28th and 29th.

Officer Training: this consists of part of a day getting to know the job in an informal setting with an exchange of ideas. **Don** suggested a suitable date would be after the change of watch.

Signing Officers: Don requested a vote to appoint new signing officers as follows: *“Be it resolved: effective immediately, March 1, 2004, the signing officers of the Gabriola Island Squadron are: Ian Waymark, Keith Sim, Richard de Lissa, and Russell Pearce. Carried”*

Concurrence was requested after the meeting had been adjourned. This motion is required for the Credit Union. All signing officers must present themselves at the Credit Union for signatures.

FUTURE MEETING: Monday, April 5th at **Don Butt’s** residence.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.