

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on May 6th, 2004 At Richard de Lissa's Residence

Call to Order: 09:35 with Cdr. **Richard de Lissa** presiding.

Present: Richard de Lissa, Ingrid Hales, Eileen Nichols, Rufus Churcher, Don Butt, Roderick Bell-Irving, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Keith Poulton, Bud Curtis, Keith Sim, Digby Jones, Carole Lemieux.

Commander's Comments: Opening remarks were made by **Richard de Lissa**, the new Commander, whereby he asked each Bridge member to give a verbal précis of who they were and why they were there. For the new Bridge members it was pointed out that an Operations manual, which included job descriptions, could be downloaded from the CPS website under 'Members' Moorings'.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: moved by **Keith Poulton**, seconded by **Keith Sim** that the Minutes be accepted. Accepted.

REPORTS

Training - Richard outgoing; **Keith Sim** incoming. **Richard** stated that 23 out of 24 students in the last training year were successful. There will be one rewrite of the exam scheduled for next week. **Keith Sim** queried when the Fall course would start but this is to be discussed at the Training meeting immediately following the Bridge meeting. A discussion ensued on possibly switching days for the classes from Thursday to another day as Thursday is choir practice. Some discussion re class size, venue and lighting.

Treasurer - Keith Sim acting for **Ian Waymark**: **Keith** reported there were cash and investments totalling \$5,205.34 as of the AGM on April 24th. Since then, cash alone totals \$3,407.83 plus a cheque for \$25.00 to be deposited, \$75.00 to pay for the postal box and another \$33.25 in notes and coins from the AGM to be deposited.

Richard thanked **Keith** for filling-in for **Ian**, who is away. There was discussion on training materials and amendments. **Don** commented that the implications of giving a free one year membership to successful Boating students had not yet been assessed as this was a new programme hoping to encourage new members to renew their memberships. **Roderick** enquired whether there was a budget – **Keith** said 'no'. **Don** stated the importance of working towards some kind of budget and discussion ensued. It was noted by **Richard** that the bulk of revenues came from courses and that the number of students varied each year.

Supplies – Ingrid: **Richard** stated there were 6 kits on hand and suggested ordering another 12 for a total of 18. **Keith Sim** agreed. **Ingrid** has 6 caps left, 1 tie, 1 blazer crest and a few flags. **Roderick** immediately ordered 2 caps @ \$10.00 each. **Don** remarked that anyone can bring an article of clothing into 5-Star Embroidery to have the crest put on. **Ingrid** will be ordering name tags for the new Bridge members. **Richard** stated that Inventory was a function of the Supply officer and Treasurer together. Items are currently stored at **Keith Sim's** residence but will be located in the future at **Ingrid's** and **Ian's**.

Membership – Digby: **Richard** stressed that membership was a very important aspect of the squadron and it was critical to try and hold on to existing members. There was discussion on the membership discs left by Hugh Sproule which **Keith Sim** could not access but are now redundant. It was noted that in June **Digby** would receive a list of who had renewed their memberships. **Eileen** enquired whether there was a social membership to which **Richard** replied 'yes' with all privileges except voting. **Keith Sim** and **Digby** to get together to sort out the membership list.

AGM – Richard remarked on the record turnout and congratulated **Elaine** on her hard work. **Don** stated how pleased he was with it and thanked everyone for showing up. **Don** also commented that there were some changes to be made to the Minutes – **Carole** to redo. Comments were made regarding forthcoming publicity in the Sounder as Bruce Mason, the reporter, had been present.

Scuttlebutt – Don requested the short bios he had previously asked for the next edition; he welcomes articles on forthcoming cruises, etc. for publication. He also mentioned the Yacht Club's sail past at the end of the month to which everyone is invited. As **Don** carries all the expense of the *Scuttlebutt* he is considering some advertising to defray costs.

Cruisemaster – Russ: 18th May is the cruise to Chatterbox Falls; 19th June is the land cruise at Page's @ 1:00 p.m. – potluck dinner. **Don** remarked that he had 'inherited' the District's trailer which comes complete with two barbecues, a potato boiler and three tables. He can bring this down to Page's. A suggestion was made, and agreed to, that since the squadron borrows the Lion's tent, the Lion's can borrow the trailer. **Eileen** enquired about activities at the land cruise: these include Bocce Ball and croquet. **Richard** suggested a new game involving heaving a line, with a smaller one for children. The cost of the land cruise will be \$2.00 per person and \$100 will be paid to Page's. A discussion ensued on wine, bringing own chairs; **Russ** to organize. 6th, 7th and 8th August is the cruise to Genoa Bay. Reservations have been made for 6 boats. Can also drive there with possible accommodation in Duncan or Maple Bay. Yacht Club has been notified.

Social – Elaine: date needed for the Fall social, and a speaker. It was suggested Captain Poole would be suitable and **Don** also suggested Keith Morisette who is interested in joining. 23rd October was settled on and **Elaine** will try to reserve the Haven. 11th December was decided for the Christmas party at the Golf Club and 12th February for the

Spring social. The next AGM is scheduled for 23rd April. **Don** advised that **Richard** should officially invite Barb Hoffstrom who will be the District Commander next year.

Webmaster – Keith Poulton: lots of great pictures have been received from past events and **Keith** remarked that Greg Stephenson passed comment on the website. **Keith** was wondering if he could approach Greg to take over as he appeared very skilled. **Don** commented on what a great job **Keith** had done in that he pioneered the website and this was one of the first squadrons in the District to have one. Both **Richard** and **Don** suggested that **Keith** consider sharing the website with Greg, if Greg agreed.

Archives – Eileen stated that she had no comment at the moment being new in the position but would get together with **Keith Poulton** soon.

VIND Liaison – Don: as new Administration Officer **Don** said he could relay announcements but it was the Commander's job to pass news on to the squadron. The AGM is 4th, 5th & 6th of June at the Dorchester. The actual dinner and dance is on the 5th and advance registration is required. He remarked that Training wished to honour Sharon Stephenson with a Certificate of Recognition for having achieved 100% on her exam.

PRO – Bud: Richard stated that **Bud** should be the person contacted for publicity. **Bud** stated that at the last exposure for the squadron, at the Wooden Boat Festival, several enquiries were received as to whether the material on display could be purchased. **Don** stated that \$25.00 should be given to the Lion's for the use of their tent. The subject of Gabriola Days was raised – no date has been set as yet although it is usually in September. **Bud** to follow up and see if Boat School will lend a boat.

VIND Rendezvous: Roderick as Port Captain will take registration on behalf of District. He and **Don** will work together with **Don** having overall responsibility for Rendezvous. How to register is in *North Star* and will be in the next *Scuttlebutt*. **Don** said he would like local squadron involvement and stated that he has District flags.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

FUTURE MEETING – Monday, 23rd August @ 9:00 a.m. at Richard's house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.