

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on October 18th, 2004 At Richard de Lissa's Residence

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

Present: Richard de Lissa, Don Butt, Rufus Churcher, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Keith Poulton, Keith Sim, Bud Curtis, Ingrid Hales, Digby Jones, Robbie Nichols, Ian Waymark, Carole Lemieux.

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

Communication: **Richard**, as Commander, commented that communication between the Bridge is good and asked that he be copied on all e-mails and other written communication concerning the CPS.

REPORTS

Cruises: **Russ** stated that a mini training cruise is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13th @ 8:00 a.m. departure from Silva Bay and indirectly to Pirate's Cove returning early afternoon. It is a day with low tidal range and all narrows and passages would be safely navigable. Some discussion regarding ebb and flood tides and what boats would be attending. **Richard** asked for chartlets of the proposed route be given to students ahead of time. **Russ** had 2 questions: (1) number of boats and chartlets and, (2) could the squadron pay for fuel? **Keith Poulton** commented that none of the present students had any boating experience and **Russ** remarked that this mini-cruise would make good use of depth sounders. **Ian** suggested the cruise be announced in class this Wednesday and the students encouraged to attend.

Social: **Elaine** stated that a good turnout was expected for the Fall social on October 23rd. **Keith Sim** to collect the screen from the church and **Don's** projector will be used. No admission charge (Silva Bay is not charging rent for the room), but a 50/50 draw. **Elaine** will bring nibbles. Saturday, December 11th is the Christmas social and Bill Smith wants to cater the function @ \$12.00 to \$15.00 per head. **Don** commented favourably re a catered dinner. **Ian** suggested selling tickets in order to ascertain numbers for Bill. **Robbie** queried whether it was strictly a party or would squadron business be discussed and **Richard** responded that new graduates would be recognized at that time but basically it was a party. **Don** to print up graduation certificates. General discussion regarding catering or pot-luck. There was a show of hands in favour of catering but then it was pointed out that there would be little or no revenue to the squadron. **Elaine** to check further with Bill Smith whether the amount covered gratuities,

taxes, etc. **Richard** commented that phone calls are more effective than e-mails in getting people out to the socials. **Don** queried date of February social – February 12th – and AGM is April 23rd.

Training: **Keith Sim** said 15 students started, there were 4 drop-outs and 11 remain. Will start advertising the January course shortly and already have 7 names. One person wants to audit a class whilst her partner actually takes it but **Keith Sim** stated there was no room for a non-paying student. Students in this current course have no previous boating experience and **Keith Poulton** commented on the abilities of the various students. **Keith Sim** said a new Training Officer would have to be appointed next year as he was leaving. **Richard** asked for a training meeting Saturday, November 20th @ 09:30 at **Keith Poulton's** place.

Richard remarked that he would be very sorry to see **Keith Sim** leave. Some general discussion re Wednesday's class wherein Paul Grey is giving a talk on anecdotes of anchoring and Fred Withey is giving a membership plug.

Membership: **Digby** stated that there were 64 members. **Don** said new members should be welcomed by the Commander and **Richard** will send a letter. **Richard** also commented that he would do a letter to the silent members to let them know their membership is appreciated. **Don** suggested an article for the *Scuttlebutt*. **Digby** suggested an outing for kayakers – there are many members who are kayakers, and **Don** suggested a Bridge position for a 'small craft' officer. Some discussion ensued and **Digby** to follow up with his kayak suggestions.

Archives: **Robbie** stated she did not have a lot to report. She is to go to **Ian's** house for some of the archival material. **Richard** asked her to collate photos from the cruises and **Don** offered to burn a CD of his own photos.

Treasurer: **Ian** stated that as of September 30th there was \$3,871.34 cash on hand with two forthcoming payments: the VIND assessment of \$137.50 and the accounting programme 'Quicken' if approved. He suggested an inventory be taken before the next meeting. Question arose as to whom is the custodian of training material and **Richard** said Supply Officer or Treasurer should keep the inventory. Discussion on whether to continue the free membership to new student graduates or give a break on the price instead. **Richard** said most of the squadron revenue is generated by the boating course and perhaps the fees should be raised.

Don said that a donation of \$1.00 per member to the CPS Foundation was always done but appears to have been missed this year but, if sent before calendar year end, might be credited to this year. The monies are used to develop new material, publicity and interest in the CPS. **Ingrid** remarked that, as the CPS is a non-profit organization, 50% of GST paid can be claimed annually from the government.

Don made a motion that: 'a sum of up to \$130.00 be paid to purchase an accounting programme'; seconded by **Ingrid**. Approved.

Ian thanked **Ingrid** for all her help.

Supplies: **Ingrid** – no report.

PRO: Bud said the float was well received. **Richard** thanked **Bud** for the use of his boat and for all his work.

Scuttlebutt: Don asked for a report from **Richard** and **Keith Sim** on training.

VIND: Richard and **Don** attended the last meeting. Some comments re the Commanders' Challenge. **Richard** said that there would be an officers' training session next January 15th at the Nanaimo Yacht Club for Bridge officers to be better informed of their jobs and job descriptions – everyone welcome

FUTURE MEETING: Saturday, December 4th @ 09:30 at **Richard's** house.

Moved by **Richard**, seconded by **Don** that the meeting be declared over. Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 11:27.