

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on January 15, 2004 At Richard de Lissa's Residence

Call to Order: 09:30 with **Cdr. Richard de Lissa** presiding.

Present: Richard de Lissa, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Keith Sim, Don Butt, Ingrid Hales, Ian Waymark, Robbie Nichols, Ralph Hagen, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Roderick Bell-Irving, Keith Poulton, Rufus Churcher

Minutes of Previous Meeting of November 27th were approved.

REPORTS

Training: **Keith** stated that 5 paid-up students were scheduled for the new course. He mentioned a problem with accommodation as the church was flooded and parking lot was not cleared. However, teaching centre is OK. The training schedule is set up and in process of lining up proctors. Some problems with the delayed first night as **Russ** won't be there to teach Knots, nor will **Roderick** be available to teach Boat Characteristics.

Don volunteered to teach Knots and **Richard** to teach Boat Characteristics. **Keith Poulton** to put out an amended schedule and have it ready by Wednesday.

Other courses: **Keith** stated that he and **Don** had discussed a Piloting course. **Don** will put an advertisement in the Sounder about it and state in the same ad that a VHF course will be available soon. VHF manuals have changed and Hugh Sproule will supply new ones on demand. **Ralph** said he would contact Hugh and that the course was to be the 3rd Saturday in April. **Ingrid** stated that Oliver Woolcock had contacted her for VHF student kits and was told to refer him to Hugh Sproule.

Some discussion regarding Oliver offering the PCOC @ \$40.00 which could be causing low student enrollment of the Power Squadron course; discussion on how to promote our courses to show they have more value. **Ralph** suggested inserting a GPS module with the navigation lesson; **Don** a committee to put GPS in Piloting; **Ian** suggested a social occasion when people could come out and see what the Power Squadron actually offers; **Robbie** suggested the hiring of a 'marketing professional'; **Don** said CPS themselves might offer marketing expertise and he reminded those present that **Bud Curtis** is PRO and perhaps he should be asked to take this on. **Richard** to ask **Bud**.

Discussion on price and availability of binders for course material.

Don asked what are student expectations regarding membership. He suggested four options: (1) free; (2) discounted membership; (3) free to top student; (4) no offer. Some discussion on the subject.

Moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Ralph** to remove the free membership option for successful students. *Passed.*

Moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Richard**, to give a free membership to the top student(s). *Passed.*

Ralph mentioned how well the yacht club membership is doing. **Richard** asked **Ralph**, in the latter's capacity of Vice-Commodore, if he would mention the advantages of membership in the CPS at the yacht club. **Ralph** agreed.

Treasurer: Ian said that cash on hand January 15th was \$1,944.29. He presented financial statements as of November 30th, 2004, which showed a net income of \$807.67. He thanked **Ingrid** for her help.

Richard remarked that course costs may have to be increased. Would find out the next day at the Commanders' meeting. He also thanked both **Ian** and **Ingrid** for their hard work.

Moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Keith** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. *Passed.*

Cruises: Russ. Mini-training cruise scheduled for Feb. 19th after Session 5 'Aids to Navigation'. The cruise hasn't been refined as **Russ** waiting for discussion. It is the same day as a yacht club cruise but **Richard** said we should do our own thing. **Russ** asked if Feb 19th was a suitable day and to fine-tune timing.. It was agreed and there was general discussion.

Discussion on a suitable date for the Graduation cruise to Thetis. Date settled on was May 28th.

Don stated that 26th – 28th August is the District Rendezvous at Page's. It will be catered by Sue, the past District Commander.

Nothing settled yet for the Land cruise. **Ralph** suggested a day trip to Pirate's cove for all with, and without, boats. **Don** suggested June 11th.

Richard deferred to next Bridge meeting.

Membership: no report

PRO: no report

Social: Elaine stated the social scheduled for Feb 12th at the Haven conflicts with their Valentine's dance. Agreed to see if it can be changed to the 11th. \$2.00 per person.

Richard had asked **Digby** and **Keith Poulton** to do a talk on kayaking but neither present. **Richard** to contact them.

AGM Saturday, April 23rd and the golf course is confirmed. Potluck. **Richard** congratulated **Elaine** on the success of the Xmas party.

Webmaster: no report

Nominating Committee: Don and **Richard** on committee but need an additional member-at-large to assist and someone close to the students.

Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ralph**, that the Nominating Committee comprise of **Don**, **Richard** and **Keith Poulton**. *Passed.*

Ralph has accepted nomination as Squadron Training Officer at the next AGM.

New Business: **Don** to enquire about lottery monies to purchase equipment. **Ralph** suggested talking to Frank Shoemaker regarding dealing with lottery personnel. **Carole** suggested applying to Recreation Society for a Grant-in-aid for a specific item not costing more than \$800.00 .

VIND: **Richard** stated that an officer training session was scheduled for January 22nd at the Nanaimo yacht club. **Don** will be doing the module on Secretary and Admin Officer.

Archives: **Robbie** stated that **Don** and **Ian** had sent her lots of material.

Tabled for next meeting:

- Proposed increase in course fees
- Cost for repeat students
- Land cruise details

FUTURE MEETING: Saturday, March 5th @ 9:30 a.m. at Richard's house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.