

## GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

### Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, At Don Butt's Residence

**Call to Order:** 19:06 with Executive Officer **Russ Pearce** presiding.

**Present:** Ian Waymark, Paddy Griffin, Robbie Nichols, Carole Lemieux, Bob Derksen, Ralph Hagen, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Don Butt, Florence Sutherland, Leonard Sutherland.

Regrets Bud Curtis, Bos Malcolm.

The opening remarks were made by **Don** outlining the fact that Commander **Richard de Lissa**, after a series of correspondence and conversation with him, had resigned effective August 27<sup>th</sup> and he read out a letter from **Richard** to this effect. **Don** recommended that his resignation be accepted with regret and that the Executive Officer, **Russ Pearce**, take over as Acting Commander. There was discussion on reasons for the resignation and everyone present was sorry for it.

Moved by **Ralph**, seconded by **Don** that **Russ** assumes the duties and responsibilities of Commander until the next AGM. He will be known as Acting Commander. Approved. **Carole** to notify District Commander Barb Hoffstrom and Roster Editor Bryan Loveless.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** moved by **Don**, seconded by **Florence**, that the Minutes be accepted with a correction in that **Ralph Hagen** was present at the meeting but this was not recorded in the minutes. Approved.

### REPORTS

**Training:** **Ralph** commented that the Fall Boating course was sold out with 15 students signed up. 8 had already sent cheques. Instructors had yet to be assigned and an order for 12 kits had been placed but 15 were needed. Discussion on possible instructors and also on what supplies are available. **Ian** volunteered to help **Ralph** sort out what is available. **Russ** queried inventory at the church and **Don** will get a key to the church for **Ralph**. 10 people are interested in the VHF basic course and 4 in the DSC module. Discussion on number of days for VHF course and exam and what to charge. Also possibility of a GPS course; previous GPS course attended by both **Ian** and **Carole** was viewed as disappointing by them. **Russ** enquired about the missing PCOCs and **Ralph** commented that he is writing up replacement application forms.

Moved by **Russ**, seconded by **Ian**, that **Ralph** be the VHF examiner. Approved.

**Supply:** **Paddy**, **Ian**, **Ralph** and **Paddy** to get together to sort out what is available. **Paddy** asked who to get in touch with at District and **Ralph** replied that the District Supply Officer is Alexa Stochmal. Discussion on student kits and instructor kits and ensuring sufficient supplies on hand for first day of class. Also whether to share

instructor manuals or one for each instructor. **Don** suggested that the training group get together as soon as possible as need to know who is teaching what.

**Membership: Elaine** stated that there are 68 members and she is trying to get a list from HQ. A further 6 people want to join or transfer to this squadron. **Don** stated that HQ has had staff problems – illness, etc. – and **Elaine** is pursuing the matter. **Ian** to give **Elaine** the names he has.

**PRO: Bud. Don** stated that **Bud** was unable to attend but he had done a great job with the float in the parade. **Russ** stated that the Curtis family represented the Gabriola squadron very well at the VIND rendezvous.

**Treasurer: Ian** stated that the books were balanced as of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. After bill paid to the Sounder @ \$1844.00 cash remained. **Don** suggested stopping the ads in the Sounder as Fall boating course is full. **Don** had included flyers in the Sounder which was a very successful form of advertising. **Ralph** stated that the students had been told that their cheques would be held until classes started so they would not be deposited before then. **Don** suggested **Russ** contact **Richard** to collect all pertinent items belonging to the squadron including mailbox key.

**Social: Florence** said that the next social is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Ralph** would be the guest speaker. Possibly to be held at the Haven or Bitter End Pub. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Xmas party at the Golf Club. **Don** suggested booking squadron AGM at the golf club again for 2006 and date to be established as soon as possible and District Commander to be invited.

**Webmaster: Bob** stated that the old website was up and running but the info was outdated. He had done nothing on a new site yet as he is not in charge of content. He will design the home page and everything else follows but the content must come from the organization. **Don** volunteered, as Communications Officer, to work with **Bob** re content. **Bud** as PRO, and **Robbie** as Historian should also be involved.

**Historian: Robbie** mentioned that she would like the albums to have more uniformity as presently they are all different. She suggested changes to make them more appealing.

**Cruisemaster: Russ** said November 5<sup>th</sup> is the training cruise and was asking about which boats could participate.

**Communications: Don** was congratulated on the new colour version of the *Scuttlebutt*. He requested articles pertaining to nautical learning through misadventure.

**FUTURE MEETING:** Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:00 at the Pearce residence at 3465 South Road.

Meeting adjourned at 21:03.