

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on October 22nd, 2005 At Russ Pearce's Residence

Call to order: 9:02 with Acting Commander **Russ Pearce** presiding.

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

Regrets: Bud Curtis, Bos Malcolm.

Minutes of the previous meeting: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ian** that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Ian stated that cash on hand is \$2,294.98 but rental is owed for the hall of @ \$200.00. This is the rental for one course. The VHF course will cost @ \$30.00 for the rental of the hall. Discussion on signing officers.

MOTION: Moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Ralph**, 'Be it resolved that the signing officers for the Gabriola Island Squadron be **Ralph Hagen, Ian Waymark, Russ Pearce, Keith Sim.**' Approved.

Training: Ralph. 10 students in the current boating course with an average of 98% on their homework. **Don** stated he had spent extra time with one student. There are 10 people signed up for the VHF course. **Ralph** stated that the instructor support was excellent. Discussion on a course to start @ 11th January, same time, place and price. Talk on advertising. **Don** said that the response to the flyer was much greater than the ads in the Sounder. The flyer cost \$167 to this squadron as VIND paid for the first 500 and Gabriola squadron for the next 1500. **Ralph** asked whether we could print our own.

MOTION: moved by **Ralph**, seconded by **Russ** that the Gabriola Squadron produce its own flyer for all next spring's courses and distribute them through the Sounder. The flyer should be out in early December and a committee of three, **Bud, Ralph** and **Don** to attend to it. Approved.

Don mentioned that one student had volunteered to help put the course on a power-point presentation; discussion regarding advantages of power-point versus overhead. **Don** stated that **Ralph** is doing a great job as Training Officer and deserves credit. **Ralph** said he had received an enquiry for an AP course. **Don, Ralph** and **Bud Pennington** could teach it. Discussion on AP course, length and location. **Ralph** to talk to **Bud Pennington.** **Don** to mention in *Scuttlebutt* for interested parties to contact **Ralph**. Also a GPS course in the spring. **Ralph** mentioned that he has a contract as a Radio Examiner for the Restricted Operator's Licence.

ATO: Leonard said that 9 students and himself went on a cruise from Nanaimo to Tsawwassen. He said the ship's officers took time to explain things all the way over and back. The District Training Officer welcomed everyone aboard and he wanted to send a written 'thank-you' to him. **Robbie** asked if, space available, she could go on the next one.

Supply: Paddy. Ian, Paddy and Ralph looked at inventory. Some course materials were ordered and will need to order soon for next course. **Ralph** queried how to get a name tag. **Paddy** will contact Bastion Trophies for tags for Bridge members without one. **Ian**, as Treasurer, questioned the value of the inventory. Discussion on inventory and assets with inventory being classified as anything one can sell back to CPS. It should be noted where assets are being held and **Don** suggested that **Paddy** prepare a list of assets, their location and where they might be needed. This info then to be circulated to the Bridge. **Don** mentioned application to Gaming Commission to purchase a laptop, power-point software and other programmes. Gabriola would qualify as other squadrons have. **Russ** asked **Don** to give him a specific list of items and **Russ** would get them priced.

Membership: Elaine stated that there were 63 or 64 members. She spoke of her difficulties is trying to get the PCOC cards from HQ and how long the students had had to wait for them. **Don** suggested a small gift to the relevant students while **Robbie** suggested a letter from the Commander would be sufficient. Also, **Elaine** had difficulty with members who wished to re-join or change squadrons.

Social: Florence stated that 21 were coming to the social this evening. However, Silva Bay had mistakenly booked a jazz band for the same evening in an adjacent location. Some discussion on the issue of 'sound'. **Don** mentioned that usually Bridge officers give a short précis prior to the presentation.

The Christmas party is booked for December 3rd at the golf club. Pot luck dinner and someone to clear up afterwards. **Robbie** asked how much it would cost - \$5.00 last year with a complimentary ticket to the District Commander and spouse and the Commodore of the yacht club.

MOTION: moved by **Russ**, seconded by **Ralph** that a charge of \$5.00 per person be levied for the Christmas party. Approved.

AGM scheduled for April 22nd, 2006, at the golf club. Ideas discussed for the social on February 18th. **Don** suggested a geographer he knows. **Florence** stated she would like to listen to a presentation on weather and changes thereto.

Webmaster: Rob distributed a handout describing what he was planning for the new website. He will keep it on his own site until it is up and running and then will transfer to the new official site. **Robbie** asked about a section on history. Discussion on where and what pictures should be inserted. **Don** said, as editor, he currently liases with **Rob** and is prepared to continue. Anyone with suggestions to let him know. **Don** mentioned that Andre Lemieux is donating part of his domaine for the new website. **Rob** expects to be finished by the next meeting – November 19th. **Don** said there would be links to maritime businesses free of charge for members' benefit. **Ralph** mentioned problems encountered

with the yacht club doing the same thing. **Don** suggested developing a policy on links. **Ralph** agreed.

This topic to be tabled for the next meeting.

Cruisemaster: **Russ** stated that the training cruise on November 5th had 10 students and 6 boats. It was questioned whether spouses could come. Some discussion. **Ralph** stated that a student cruise was needed for March. **Russ** to check it out.

Scuttlebutt: **Don** said the publication comes out 5 times a year with the next edition scheduled for January/February. It is to be included in the website. When it arrives at the website he would like to e-mail those who have e-mail addresses to let them know it was available on line and he would print and post to those without e-mail addresses. **Don** underwrites all the costs himself.

MOTION: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ralph** that once the squadron web site is established, the *Scuttlebutt* would be published on the website and an e-mail notice be sent to all members with a link to it and, secondly, that printed copies be mailed to all members who don't have e-mail addresses. Approved.

FUTURE MEETING: Saturday, November 19th at 09:00 at the Pearce residence, 3465 South Road.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.