

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on November 19th, 2005 At the Pearce Residence

Call to order: 9:03 with Acting Commander **Russ Pearce** presiding.

Present: Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Ralph Hagen, Rufus Churcher, Ian Waymark, Leonard Sutherland, Florence Sutherland, Boswell Malcolm, Don Butt, Paddy Griffin, Eileen Nichols, Rob Derksen, Carole Lemieux.

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

REPORTS

Treasurer: Ian passed around a balance sheet as of October, 2005, indicating total cash on hand of \$2,402.78, and mentioned a refund that would be forthcoming from the Sounder as well. He was informed that he could download the specific financial forms needed for the AGM from the CPS website, and that at the last AGM Christine Purfield was appointed as auditor for the year.

MOTION: Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ralph** that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Approved.

Social: Florence stated that 26 people had confirmed attendance at the Christmas party and **Elaine** suggested phoning people to encourage them to attend. **Ralph** will advise the VHF class of the event and **Don** requested that e-mail addresses be checked when phoning. Also the yacht club will be advised. Discussion on door prizes. **Don** mentioned that the Sproules would be attending and Jean will play the piano for carol singing. Cleanup will be done by a couple recommended by **Ian** and \$60.00 was approved for payment. There will also be 50/50 tickets sold; Power Squadron banners displayed; two tables will have photo albums on; **Don** to bring his coffee urn and **Florence** to ensure each table has a centre-piece. **Florence** also reported that the October 22nd social had 25 people in attendance and that **Ralph** gave an excellent presentation. For the February 18th 2006, social **Don** suggested a weather- related subject. Discussion on a topic for February social and The Haven as a possible venue.

Membership: Elaine stated that there are 63 members and **Rob** mentioned he had at last received his PCOC card. **Elaine** commented on her frustration in dealing with HQ re the missing 2005 Rosters. **Ralph** queried the difference between AP, APP and APS. Short discussion on course designations.

Archives: Robbie asked if anyone had photos of events to send her. Discussion of how photos are placed in albums and if they can be removed and scanned.

Training: **Ralph** said the boating exam is on December 3rd and that the homework mark is averaging 99% . He stated that the Cowichan squadron had put the whole boating course on power point and it is available from them to other squadron training officers. **Bos** asked if an individual could obtain a copy. A new boating course is starting on January 13th, 2006. The VHF course had 13 students, 2 of whom are taking the DSC upgrade only. **Ralph** commented that he is not completely satisfied with the teaching material sent from HQ i.e. the power point presentation. There is one request for an AP course and **Russ** said it should be provided here. Possibility of a GPS course in the spring. **Ralph** mentioned that with 2009 just a few years away lots of people will want to take a PCOC course. **Don** suggested a flyer be placed in the Sounder to advertise the courses which will be available including a PCOC course.

MOTION: Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ralph**, that the sum of \$164.00 + tax be spent in order to print and circulate a flyer in the Sounder. Approved.

Ralph mentioned that **Leonard** is doing a great job as Assistant Training Officer and the other instructors are also working hard.

Supply: **Paddy** passed out the name tags ordered previously and also an inventory list with a request that he be informed of any additional items in other locations. He mentioned he had ordered material for the spring Boating course and radio course kits. **Russ** asked how many burgees there were as they are given to new graduates who join. It was suggested that the inventory be brought up to 15. **Don** suggested our own squadron burgee be made up.

Port Captain: **Bos** will e-mail the MAREP website to **Rob** for a link on the Gabriola squadron website.

Scuttlebutt: **Don** will send out an e-mail to those with electronic addresses informing them when the *Scuttlebutt* is available on the website. Others will receive it in the post.

MOTION: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Bos**: that a Nominating Committee be struck comprising the Past Commander as Chair, the Current Commander and one member-at-large, that member being Keith Poulton. Approved.

Cruisemaster: **Russ** mentioned March 4th, 2006, as a possible date for the next training cruise. Comments made about the last training cruise and how the students seemed to have a positive experience. **Bos** complimented **Don** on a great teaching job and **Don** complimented **Bos** on how professional he had been in welcoming the students on board. **Don** requested the training officer give him a summary of the training cruise.

Webmaster: **Rob**. Everyone adjourned to the computer room to view the new website. Many congratulations passed on to **Rob** for his excellent work. The new site to be available to all as soon as Andre Lemieux and he get together to facilitate it.

The next meeting was tentatively set for @ 9:00, February 11th, 2006, at the Pearce residence. Also, another possible meeting on April 8th, before the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.