

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on February 11th, 2006 At the Pearce Residence

Call to order: 9:00 with Acting Commander **Russ Pearce** presiding.

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

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

Treasurer: **Ian** not present; however, **Ralph** stated that he had the cheque book and there was about \$5,000 in the account. He personally spent @ \$100.00 for rope for the students plus an incidental. Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Rufus** that **Ralph** be reimbursed the \$100.00.

Training: **Ralph** stated that there were 17 in the current boating course.

Social: **Florence** said the next presentation is at the Haven on February 18th @ 7:30 p.m. The presenter, Nadine, works for the Vancouver Aquarium. **Russ** needs information for an introduction. **Don** requested a photo for *Scutlebutt*. Discussion on attendance including fact that the Yacht Club had postponed a scheduled cruise in order to attend. **Ralph** to bring albums.

AGM on April 22nd at the golf club. **Don** needs brief written reports by April 1st from the Commander, Training Officer (plus a verbal report given at the AGM), Treasurer, Membership Officer, Cruisemaster, MAREP, Webmaster, Historian and Social Officer.

Membership: **Elaine** stated there are currently 64 members. She reminded everyone not to send new memberships into HQ without a cheque for membership attached. Discussion on possible new members and the fact that a burgee is given to each new member – need @ 24 to ensure sufficiency.

Historian: **Robbie** – nothing to report.

Supply: **Paddy** – nothing to report.

PRO: **Bud Curtis.** **Don** advised that **Bud** had resigned due pressure of work but was willing to assist in squadron activities.

Port Captain: Bos commented that he had been unaware of the sunken vessel in Silva Bay and requested improved communication. He subsequently reported the wreck to the District MAREP officer. **Russ** thanked him for responding to the draft letter on the proposed new dock in Silva Bay.

Webmaster: Rob commented that he is keeping the website up-to-date with information received and suggested everyone be in the habit of checking the website from time to time. **Robbie** queried the number of hits but there is no counter on the site. **Russ** said he would forward pictures of groundings in the bay.

Don mentioned that **Rob** has accepted the position of Webmaster for the District.

Scuttlebutt: Don stated next edition should be out by March 1st and it would contain AGM notification. He questioned whether legally it could be sent by e-mail for AGM notification purposes. Discussion. He requested articles from the Training Officer and Commander.

Secretary: Carole – nothing to report.

Cruisemaster: Russ stated that March 25th was the next training cruise. **Paddy** asked if he could bring his boat for his own benefit. Discussion on liability. Graduation cruise date and destination to be finalized. **Ralph** suggested Dinghy Dock as an alternate to Thetis.

Nominating Committee: Don, Russ and Keith Poulton. **Don** stated some names were confirmed and a complete list would be circulated when everyone had been contacted.

New Business: Ralph queried **Don** on what he had heard re new course structure being developed with Frank Croft. **Don** stated it was only in discussion stage and nothing had yet happened. **Russ** suggested that the project be a three-way plan involving the Training Officer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 26th @2:00 p.m. at the Pearce residence.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08.