

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on May 6th, 2006 At Leonard Sutherland's residence

Call to Order: 9:04 with Commander Leonard Sutherland presiding.

Present: Leonard Sutherland, Florence Sutherland, Don Butt, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Judy Weenk, Bob Weenk, Paddy Griffin, Ian Waymark, Boswell Malcolm, Don Spears, Carole Lemieux.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: **MOTION:** moved by **Don Butt**, seconded by **Ian** that the Minutes of the Bridge Meeting of March 26th, 2006, be accepted. Carried.

Leonard opened the meeting by dealing with correspondence received. Some discussion.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: None

REPORTS

Treasurer: Ian stated that the cash balance as of April 30th was \$2,853.76 with no outstanding bills. **MOTION:** moved by **Ian**, seconded by **Don Butt** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Training: Ralph Hagen (not present), **Don Spears, Bob Weenk**; some discussion on the projector purchased by the GRS for the use of the squadron for power point presentation of course material and on how this would be used for training purposes. **Carole** to write to the GRS, on behalf of **Leonard**, to thank them. **Bob** brought up the subject of venue for training, the church being too limited for large groups. Discussion of alternative locations.

Social: Florence stated that 54 people attended the AGM and dinner. **Don Butt** won the 50/50 draw which he then donated back to the squadron. **Don Spears** said he had personally thanked Harbour Chandler for the binoculars he won. Fall social to be October 14th and Christmas party tentatively December 2nd or 1st or the weekend of December 16th. **Elaine** queried venue for Fall social and **Florence** will try to book the Haven.

Membership: Elaine said there were currently 73 members.

Historian: Judy asked if there was a specific job description and **Don Butt** said the CPS website carried job descriptions of the various bridge positions. **Judy** then asked if she had a specific budget. General discussion followed on the possibility of discretionary amounts being allocated for spending and out-of-pocket expenses. It was noted that several people absorb small amounts individually. **Don Butt** suggested that the subject of

budgetary spending be postponed until the next meeting with bridge members then discussing their requirements.

General discussion on cross-over meeting between old and new bridge to familiarize new members. **Bos** commented on shortage of food at AGM and pot lucks should be centred around a major food item to avoid shortfall. This to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Supply: **Paddy** had nothing to report. **Russ** enquired about caps; **Don Butt** said that 5-Star Embroidery had the squadron logo which could be put on caps. Seems everybody wanted a cap with logo.

PRO: **Bos** asked for input and feedback from bridge members. **Don Butt** said that the previous PRO – Bud Curtis – had arranged a float for the parade on Gabriola Days. Discussion on float boat and VIND trailer. Gabriola Day August 26th.

Webmaster: **Rob Derksen** sent regrets. **Don Butt** commented on the great work **Rob** is doing and that he had also taken over the district website. **Don** encouraged everyone to check the website from time to time.

Scuttlebutt: **Don Butt** said the latest edition had been circulated. He said that registration for the Rendezvous was in the *Scuttlebutt* and all squadron members welcome to attend. Also the VIND AGM is 2nd and 3rd of June and all welcome. **Don** requested articles for the next editions. **Bob** suggested including information for new members of the squadron as to what certain things meant e.g. 'VIND' and 'Rendezvous'. **Don** then described VIND duties and activities. **Ian** suggested the information go out with the membership package. **Don** to put it on the website.

Cruisemaster/Port Captain: **Russ** said the next cruise is May 27th to Thetis. **Bos** recounted his experience with students who no-showed on the last training cruise. **Russ** stated there were no groundings in, or entering, Silva Bay during the past month. He also mentioned that Parks Canada is holding a workshop at the Coast Bastion on May 30th regarding the ban on anchoring in certain locations in order to protect eel grass.

NEW BUSINESS

Russ read a letter from HQ thanking Gabriola squadron for donating to the Honour Roll. **MOTION:** moved by **Don Butt**, seconded by **Ian** that \$1:00 per member from the Gabriola Island squadron be forwarded to CPS Foundation and become a line item in the budget. Carried.

Ian brought up the subject of compensation for fuel costs for training cruises. **Don Spears** stated that this should be a line item in the budget. **Don Butt** to check with district CPS and insurance. Discussion on rising costs of fuel and consumption amounts.

Don Butt, as Privacy Officer, talked about respecting e-mail privacy. **Don** also mentioned that Bryan Loveless, as District Roster Editor, would like us to arrange to pick up our own rosters. He then mentioned that there is a questionnaire on CPS website requesting individuals to respond to the issue of rank and uniforms. Discussion amongst group present on the subject.

Don Butt outlined what happens at the District Rendezvous to be held at Page's Marina and requested assistance with certain functions.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 21st @ 19:00 at 645 Dogwood.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.