

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on November 23rd, 2006 at the Sutherland Residence

Call to order: 1900 with Commander **Leonard Sutherland** presiding.

Present: Leonard Sutherland, Florence Sutherland, Don Butt, Judy Weenk, Bob Weenk, Bos Malcolm, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Don Spears, Ralph Hagen, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Ian Waymark, Rob Derksen, Paddy Griffin.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved by **Don Butt**, seconded by **Judy**, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

Correspondence: **Leonard** stated that the District Commander had accepted his invitation to the Christmas party. Discussion on pledging new members.

MOTION: moved by **Ralph**, seconded by **Bos**, that the protocol be that we congratulate graduates of the boating course, welcome new members and present the new members with their burgee. Approved.

Ian sent his Treasurer's report and **Len** summarized the main points, i.e. that there is a cash balance of \$3,701.54 in the account with no outstanding bills and that the VHS course had brought in a further \$700.00.

Correspondence of 7 – 8 pages from the District Commander will be forwarded via e-mail to all members of the squadron.

Treasurer: MOTION: proposed by **Ralph**, seconded by **Don Spears**, to appoint **Judy** as the new Treasurer following the resignation of **Ian Waymark**. Approved.

Training: Ralph stated that there were 11 students for the radio course and that 13 wrote the exam. The average mark was @ 91%. There are 7 students completing the Boating course and, again, the average mark for the PCOC was @ 91%. All 7 students participated in the student cruise last Saturday. Discussion on benefit of an anchoring exercise with students. Next Boating course scheduled for January 10th and **Ralph** wants 16 students as an absolute limit. Discussion on lighting and new tables.

MOTION: proposed by **Bos**, seconded by **Don Butt**, that 4 folding tables be purchased. Approved. (**Ralph** to pick up from Costco.)

Discussion on powerpoint advantages. **Bos** complemented **Don Spears** on his work on the training programme. **Don Butt** commented that there is an upcoming instructor training course given by District for a maximum of 6 participants.

Social: Florence stated that there were 38 confirmed for the Christmas party at the golf club with the same venue as usual. **Florence** to bring a turkey, **Ralph** a ham and **Don Butt** his coffee urn. Date for Spring social to be February 24th at the Haven. AGM scheduled for April 21st, 2007.

Membership: Elaine stated that there were 70 members. Discussion as to when to talk to students regarding benefits of joining the squadron.

Historian: Judy is getting the pictures together for the Christmas social.

Supply: No report.

Pro: Bos - nothing to report.

Webmaster: No report.

Scuttlebutt: Don Butt stated that the latest edition was posted on the website. Discussion on advertising in *Scuttlebutt* to help cover expenses as is done by all other squadrons. VIND 2007 AGM scheduled for June 1st & 2nd. Gabriola squadron to possibly host the event. Leonard queried obligation and responsibility of squadron when hosting. Discussion ensued. Don assured members that he had a committee in place, venue booked and outlined what has so far been arranged.

MOTION: moved by Bos, seconded by Florence, that the VIND 2007 AGM and annual conference be hosted by the Gabriola squadron. Approved.

MOTION: moved by Don Butt, seconded by Bos, that a sub-account of the Gabriola squadron bank account be established entitled VIND AGM with the signing officers being Christine Purfield, Rufus Churcher, Don Spears, Don Butt and July Weenk. Approved.

Secretary: Carole – nothing to report.

Cruisemaster: Russ spoke briefly on the student cruise.

Other: Leonard handed out Husky/Mohawk rebate cards to the Bridge members.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18th, 2007, @ 1900 hours at the Sutherland residence.

Meeting adjourned at 20:51.