

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on March 22nd, 2007 At the Sutherland Residence

Call to order: 1905 with Commander Leonard Sutherland presiding.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting: MOTION: moved by **Judy**, seconded by **Ralph** that the minutes be accepted as amended:

There are 8 students in the current course.

Approved.

Correspondence: Leonard outlined correspondence as follows:

1. Canadian West Coast suggested VHF channels.
2. Main web-site being revamped.
3. North American Safe Boating Awareness Week.
4. Officer Training
5. An advisory re. boat safety – CPS authorized to conduct boat safety checks on a voluntary basis. **Ross** suggested it be written up in *Scuttlebutt* for the information of members at large.
6. VIND meeting on April 1st – **Leonard** will attend.

Secretary: Carole – no report.

Treasurer: Judy stated that the bank balance is \$1,648.14. The books will be submitted to the auditor shortly.

Training: Ralph stated that the average mark for the PCOC was 92%. Final exam on March 31st and he expects everyone to pass. In April there will be a VHF course and also a 1-day PCOC will be scheduled. **Rob** suggested a block ad in the Sounder with the web address which could be expanded on the website with no charge. Discussion on whether public is aware of impending deadline of PCOC. Next boating course will start on September 12th.

Social: Florence – discussion on AGM dinner and door prizes. **MOTION:** moved by **Ralph**, seconded by **Judy** that the turkey be provided by the squadron. Approved. **Don** said he needs reports from officers within the next 2 weeks to include in AGM pamphlet. **Leonard** to invite Frieda Bohm, the Commodore of the yacht club and the District Commander. **Carole** to send a note of thanks to the auditor, Alex McConnell. The training officer is to introduce and congratulate the latest graduates and welcome new members. Discussion on pledging.

Membership: Elaine stated that there are 77 members and that she will be present for the students' the review on Wednesday and at the church for the exam on Saturday.

Historian: Judy – no report.

PRO: Bos stated that Safe Boating Awareness Week is 19 – 25 May.

Webmaster: Rob has updated the website and has also uploaded `North Star` from District. It is now linked to the Gabriola website. He is rewriting all the codes in a different language for easier reading. He needs to know who all the previous recipients of awards were before he publishes them and also what the particular awards were for. He suggested course dates be given to him for inclusion on the website.

Scuttlebutt: Don stated that the editions have been produced and published on schedule.

VIND 2007: Don stated that registration is beginning to come in and he will be calling for volunteers to assist.

Port Captain/Cruisemaster: Russ said that there have been 1 grounding and 2 sinkings in Silva Bay since his last report. Ian Waymark has agreed to take over as Cruisemaster for the following year. Graduation cruise to Thetis will be on May 26th. 6 of the present students would like to come.

Other: Discussion on a place to park the trailer.
Nominees for the Bridge for the following year are:

Commander: Leonard Sutherland
Executive Officer: Boswell Malcolm
Training Officer: Ralph Hagen
Assistant Training Officers: Bob Weenk and Digby Jones
Secretary: Carole Lemieux
Treasurer: Judy Weenk
Historian: Lawrence Spero
PRO: possibly Rufus Churcher
MAREP: Russ Pearce
Cruisemaster: Ian Waymark
Supply: Paddy Griffin
Webmaster: Rob Derksen
Social: Lawrence Spero
Communication and Scuttlebutt: Don Butt

The next meeting after the AGM is scheduled for May 10th @ 1600 for business with 1830 for social. Spouses welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

