

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on January 24, 2008 At the Sutherland Residence

Call to order: 1905 with Commander Leonard Sutherland presiding.

Present: Leonard Sutherland, Russ Pearce, Elaine Pearce, Lawrence Spero, Judy Weenk, Bob Weenk, Rufus Churcher, Digby Jones, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Don Butt, Ralph Hagen, Bos Malcolm, Ian Waymark, Rob Derksen,

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

Correspondence: **Leonard** stated that the Minutes of the October VIND meeting had been e-mailed to bridge members in lieu of reading them out.

Secretary: Carole: no report as such but mentioned the CPS advertisement in Pacific Yachting.

Treasurer: Judy handed out a summary of the financial position showing a cash balance of \$2,160.29 as of this date. The report also showed that the squadron lost \$192 with the 2007 Christmas party compared to a loss of \$30.67 at the 2006 Christmas party. Moved by **Judy**, seconded by **Rufus** that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Approved.

Membership: Elaine stated that before the Fall class there were 75 members but as this was the first class to be given automatic membership if successfully passing the Boating course, the membership was now 85. Discussion on burgees – only Supply Officer can order them and he will be away for awhile.

Social: Walter not present but his report was read by **Leonard**. Next social planned for March 1st at the Haven. No final decision on presenters. AGM set for April 19th as April 26th conflicts with a yacht club cruise.

Cruisemaster: Ian not present but his report was read by **Leonard**. Student orientation cruise on March 1st and possible graduation cruise on May 10th. Richard de Lissa to organize orientation cruise in **Ian**'s absence.

Training: Bob stated there were 6 students on the Boating course. Possible VHF and GPS courses in the Spring.

PRO: Rufus attended 'Friends of Silva Bay' meeting as did Russ and Elaine. He feels the squadron should be a presence in this initiative. Boat school boat launch in mid-April. Squadron should also be represented at a table. **Judy** suggested there be a

'suitcase' of promotional material which could easily be moved from one venue to another.

Port Captain/MAREP: Russ stated that the red standard hand buoy at Entrance Island had been relocated a short distance away. The sunken fishboat was still on the bottom and as such a hazard to navigation.

Webmaster: Rob not present but his report was read by **Leonard**. The website is up-to-date and Rob is prepared to maintain the Gabriola squadron site indefinitely regardless of the initiative by National to offer a generic version to squadrons.

Scuttlebutt: Don not present and **Leonard** stated that **Don** had nothing to report.

Historian: Lawrence requested photographs.

Nominating Committee: to consist of **Leonard, Don** and **Russ**.

Other business: none.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th @ 1900 at the Sutherland residence.

Meeting adjourned at 1950.