

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge meeting Held on September 3rd, 2008 At the United Church

Call to order: 1900 with Commander **Bob Weenk** presiding.

Present: Judy Weenk, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Ian Waymark, Paddy Griffiths, Leonard Sutherland, Don Butt, Walter Berry, Carole Lemieux, Digby Jones.

Regrets: Ralph Hagan, Rufus Churcher, Lawrence Spero

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

Treasurer: Judy stated that there was just over \$2,000 in the bank account but, in the last 3 days, bills had come in which could not be paid until the course fees had been received. She said that the budget for June 1, 2008 until March 31, 2009 was based on there being 10 students in each course.

Scuttlebutt: Don stated that the latest edition had been published and dispersed. Discussion on a Gabriola-specific burgee to cost @\$25.00 for 10. **Bob** suggested the next edition of Scuttlebutt poll members to see who was interested in obtaining one. **Walter** suggested a mass e-mail to members instead. **Don** to send an e-mail to all members to see who is interested in the new burgee. **Don** informed those present of HQ's proposed new WBAS system.

Training: Ralph not present but **Bob** stated that there were 6 students confirmed for the fall course. **Leonard** to be the contact person in **Ralph's** absence. **Digby** mentioned that 14 people took and passed the PCOC course in June.

Social: Walter stated that October 25th is confirmed at the Haven with Michael Mitchell, Boating Supply Officer with Transport Canada, giving a talk on safety and those at risk. He will send a reminder to members during the last week of September and again one week before October 25th. November 29th is the Christmas party at the golf club.

Membership: Elaine stated that there were 82 regular members. Those who passed the PCOC were awarded Associate memberships. There are 16 associate members in total.

MAREP: Russ reminded all present of the discounts given to squadron members. Discussion on the derelict at Clark Bay which is owned by a squadron member.

Cruisemaster: Ian said that the student cruise is scheduled for 25th October and another for 28th February.

Business arising from Minutes: none

Unfinished business: none

Discussion on Islander Day; this year's theme is 'green' and, therefore, the floats are stationary and the people move. **Don** suggested it would be beneficial to have a presence at the parade but time is too short – 12 days away.

Bob presented **Digby** with the Windchime award to be held by him for the rest of the fiscal year.

Next meeting: November 20th @ 1900 at the United Church.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1958.