

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on November 20th, 2008 At Suzy's Upstairs

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

Present: Judy Weenk, Digby Jones, Paddy Griffin, Ian Waymark, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Rob Derksen, Walter Berry, Mike Richards, Carole Lemieux

Regrets: Lawrence Spero, Ralph Hagan, Leonard Sutherland, Rufus Churcher

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

Reports:

Treasurer: **Judy** showed that there was a balance of \$2,406.52 in the bank.

VIND: **Don** attended the AGM in Windsor and stated that his impression was that it was well-run and efficient. He commented that no squadron in VIND donated money to the CPS Foundation. Normally it is a donation of \$1:00 per member and the money is funnelled back to teaching material. Discussion of WBAS. **Don** said that the 2010 AGM will be in Nanaimo. **Bob** asked if volunteers were needed. **Rob** asked about National's policy on district websites and the award and **Don** said that when the national template is used there is an award but they are considering 2 types of awards to encompass non-template websites.

Scuttlebutt is published and as always **Don** is looking for articles. He would like to feature an environmental article each edition.

Social: **Walter** said 38 people had confirmed for the Christmas party. Looking for volunteers to cook the turkey and ham. New members will be recognized at the event.

Training: **Ralph** not present but **Bob** read his report. The current students will complete on the 29th; there were 7 registrants for the PCOC and all students passed the exam. \$550 was spent on new lighting and the Recreation Society paid for tables and a pull-down screen. There will be a boating course starting in January plus a radio course in the Spring. **Bob** stated that he had attended the VIND meeting which was dominated by discussion on the WBAS system. There was a lot of dissatisfaction. **Don** said he would encourage people to attend the next VIND meeting to meet their counterparts from other squadrons. The date is January 11th.

Cruisemaster: **Ian** stated his dissatisfaction with the last student cruise due to weather. **Digby** stressed that all people should be certified radio operators. **Bob** suggested **Ian** make recommendations regarding student cruises; e.g. that at least one person on each

boat be a qualified radio operator. **Ian** suggested a radio check prior to leaving the dock. **Russ** suggested that **Ian**, as Cruisemaster, set the date for the cruise taking into consideration the tides and currents and not just the course agenda. **Ian** made mention of a Gabriola 'wine tour' by boat or car to the Cowichan Valley.

Secretary: Carole said she would write a thank-you letter to the Recreation Society and asked **Don** for the squadron template for letterhead.

Supplies: Paddy: no report.

Environment: Mike talked about having an environmental section in the Boating course and has prepared a power-point presentation on environmental issues.

Membership: Elaine stated that there are 82 members.

MAREP: Russ told a tale of a boating accident in Silva Bay.

Webmaster: Rob stated that the web site is up-to-date and was pleased with the excellent cooperation he had received from Bridge members re courses and events. The VIND website has all courses covered by CPS. He also commented on National's template for a website which can be easily adapted but has limitations and there are coding problems. His websites for Gabriola and VIND follow international standards of web design.

New Business

Hall rental: there was some confusion regarding dates.

CPS Foundation donation: Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Ian**, that the squadron make a donation of \$1:00 per member – currently 82 – and that it be part of the agenda following the AGM. Approved.

WBAS: there will be a training session possibly before Christmas for those who wish to attend.

Nominating Committee: to include **Leonard** and **Russ**.

Trophy: the Gabriola Squadron won the trophy for the largest increase in membership. This is the third time in four years.

P.R. Judy suggested the squadron have a wreath on Remembrance Day.

Other: Bob stated that the PCOC should be stressed as the deadline is fast approaching.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2002.