

# GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

## Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 At Suzy's Upstairs

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

**Present:** Judy Weenk, Paddy Griffin, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Leonard Sutherland, Don Butt, Walter Berry, Carole Lemieux.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** an amendment was made to indicate 8 students were registered. All passed their exams. Moved by **Carole**, seconded by **Don** that the Minutes be accepted as amended. Approved.

**Scuttlebutt:** **Don** said that the latest edition contained official notice of the AGM of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next one will be early May.

**Communications:** **Don** mentioned that the local newspapers were not publishing articles as previously. He also said he wanted the Officers' reports for the AGM package asap.

There was discussion of which non-members would receive Certificates of Appreciation.

**Treasurer:** **Judy** circulated the approved year-end statements. Discussion on cost of course materials and **Bob** indicated that the course fees might be increased.

**Environment:** **Mike** not present so **Bob** read out some of his report. **Don** said that environmental issues may be included as a section of the boating course or could be added as an appendix.

**Membership:** **Elaine** said there were now 113 members, 22 of whom are associates. She will also call members who haven't yet renewed their memberships for the year. There are 4 members without computers and **Don** will post *Scuttlebutt* to them.

**MAREP:** **Russ** said that two more mooring buoys had been added in Silva Bay. Some talk on the seemingly cultural difference between drinking and driving and drinking and boating.

**Past Commander:** **Leonard**, no report.

**Supplies:** **Paddy** brought with him the trophies. **Judy** asked for items which could be sold at the AGM.

**Social:** **Walter** is arranging for turkey and ham to be served at the AGM. There will be 4 special guests and possibly 4 more. **Judy** will arrange door prizes, **Digby** will help set up and **Elaine** volunteered to do centre pieces. **Walter** estimates @ 46 people will come.

**Secretary:** **Carole**, no report.

**Commander:** **Bob** circulated his report which included information on liability when carrying students; looking for volunteers for the National AGM in Nanaimo in 2010.

**New business:** **Bob** received a letter from the golf club asking the squadron to sponsor a hole at the AGM. Some discussion. Moved by **Paddy**, seconded by **Walter** that the squadron donate \$100.00 as requested. Defeated.

Officer training session will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Walter** to arrange a date for the Christmas party at the golf club.

The next meeting to take place on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Suzy's Upstairs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2005.