

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting Held on September 3rd, 2009 At Suzy's Upstairs

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

Present: Judy Weenk, Elaine Pearce, Russ Pearce, Don Butt, Ian Waymark, Walter Berry, Ralph Hagen, Leonard Sutherland, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Rufus Churcher, Mike Richards, Digby Jones.

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

Reports:

Treasurer: **Judy's** report indicated a bank balance of \$1,966.21. Moved by **Judy**, seconded by **Don**, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Approved.

Commander: **Bob** read out some of his report on the VIND AGM.

Membership: **Elaine** said there is a total of 108 members: 85 regular, 2 life regulars, 20 associates and 1 lady associate.

MAREP: **Russ** – no report.

Social: **Walter** stated that the Xmas social is on December 5th at the golf club.

Leonard: no report.

Training: **Ralph** stated that there is an application in for a grant towards a radio simulator, similar to the one at Nanoose, because the radio course, especially digital, needs to be hands-on. There will be no Boating course this Fall but there may be one starting on January 6th, 2010. There will be a radio course on October 21, 28 and November 11; a GPS course on November 11, 18 and 25; a PCOC course on December 3. **Ralph** discussed new aspects to the Boating course whereby new materials will be requested. **Don** mentioned that the Celestial Navigation course has 3 students interested and Oliver would teach it. It would start in October.

Cruisemaster: **Ian** stated that there might be a cruise in October in lieu of the student cruise. October 31st is the last social cruise. He will let people know more via e-mail. **Don** congratulated **Ian** on a job well done.

Scuttlebutt: **Don** said the next edition would be delayed due to computer upgrading.

Communications: Don - Bob wants a blitz on advertizing of the forthcoming courses.

Secretary: Carole – no report.

Environment: Mike – Bob read aloud **Mike's** report.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on burgees initiated by **Elaine**. MOTION: moved by **Ralph**, seconded by **Leonard**, that burgees will no longer be part of the membership kit. Approved.

New Business:

Bob stated that the National AGM will be held in Nanaimo on Oct 21 – 23, 2010. There will be samples of clothing available at the Xmas party. Volunteers will be needed. **Don** outlined some of the events.

Bob said it was essential to start recruiting for new bridge members immediately.

Merit mark form: it is to be filled out and returned by everyone by December 1st.

Events calendar: future Bridge meetings will be on November 19th, January 14th, 2010, March 4th and April 15th (if required). Xmas pot luck December 5th and AGM May 1st, 2010.

Other:

Concern expressed regarding the destaffing of Entrance Island lighthouse. Discussion. **Don** suggested that the subject be referred to District.

The next meeting to take place on Thursday, November 19th, at Suzy's Upstairs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2015.