

MINUTES OF THE GABRIOLA SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING HELD  
ON

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT ROBERT'S PLACE, UPSTAIRS

Call to order at 1900 with Commander Cec Ashley presiding.

Present: Cec Ashley, Hans Andrun, Siggie Andrun, Bob Derksen, Ralph Hagen, Digby Jones, Douglass Legg, Elaine Pearce, Rick Schultze, Frank Shoemaker, Ian Waymark, Bob Wood

Regrets: Walter Berry, Don Butt, Rufus Churcher, Sarah Kostiw, Mike Richards, Bob Week

MOTION: Approve the Agenda Ian Waymark/Douglass Legg CARRIED

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after inclusion of a correction made by Ralph Hagen regarding how many students were signed up at the Village Market parking lot as opposed to at Descanso Bay.

Commander Cec Ashley talked about his letter to the editor of the Flying Shingle regarding roadside sandwich boards. He also advised that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is currently looking into the matter.

Treasurer Siggie Andrun reported \$6,266 in the bank. There is an unpaid invoice for course materials amounting to approximately \$2,500.

Training Officer Ralph Hagen reported that there are currently 16 students enrolled in the fall class. Ralph has been in conversation with the Elementary School relative to the Youth Program. There is an issue of whether or not a teacher will need to be in attendance to supervise. This matter will be discussed with their union representative next week. There are 20 students eligible to take the course but, of course, parental permission must be given to make it happen.

Membership Officer Hans Andrun reported a total of 103 members, consisting of 89 regulars (down from 99 last meeting), 2 lifetimers, 3 associates and 9 junior associates.

Webmaster Bob Derksen requested that submission of photos to him should be narrowed down to a few of the best quality.

Safety Officer Bob Wood announced that safety checks had been conducted on eight boats this summer.

Assistant Training Officer Digby Jones thanked Commander Cec Ashley and Executive Officer Ian Waymark for their participation in the Boating Class. Treasurer Siggie Andrun requested a receipt for the \$300 the Squadron paid for 30 chairs purchased from Digby's parish. Digby agreed to provide it forthwith.

Supply Officer Douglass Legg's report is attached.

Executive Officer Ian Waymark announced that Instructors Manuals had been ordered, which was immediately challenged by T.O. Ralph Hagen who didn't believe they were necessary. The subject of Proctors was broached by Ian Waymark who added that he personally had volunteered to act as Proctor. T.O. Ralph Hagen declared that there would be no Proctors and said that if others wanted to run the Training Department there would be no more need for his services. With that he served a two-page letter of resignation to Commander Cec Ashley and immediately left the room.

A major discussion by the remaining Bridge Members ensued.

Moved by Bob Derksen and Seconded by Rick Schultze that the Squadron would write a letter to Ralph Hagen accepting with regret his letter of resignation and thanking him for his years of service as Training Officer.

CARRIED

Commander Cec Ashley will phone Ralph Hagen in the morning to offer the Youth Training Program at the Elementary School to him.

Commander Cec Ashley will call a meeting of the Course Instructors to discuss the turn of events and to determine the path forward.

Items on the Agenda that were dealt with as time permitted were as follows:

Discuss purchase of a collapsible awning or tent for use with Li'l Gabe – Executive Officer Ian Waymark has been researching and has located a tent (10' x 10' with four sides and a banner) for \$368.79. Moved by Bob Wood and Seconded by Bob Derksen that \$425 be budgeted for the purchase. CARRIED

Process to keep website updated – Supply Officer Douglass Legg suggested that whoever posts items or pictures on the website either updates where applicable or removes as obsolete in a timely manner. Webmaster Bob Derksen agreed.

Safety Officer Bob Wood provided a handout (attached) regarding Gabriola Island Squadron Safety Week.

The next scheduled Bridge Meeting will be held at 15:00 on Tuesday, October 11 at Robert's Place, Upstairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00.

