

MINUTES OF THE GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING HELD ON  
OCTOBER 25, 2011 AT ROBERT'S PLACE, UPSTAIRS

Call to order at 19:00 with Commander Cec Ashley presiding.

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

Regrets: Walter Berry, Don Butt, Sarah Kostiw, Mike Richards and Bob Wood

Motion to approve the agenda: Bob Weenk/Ian Waymark CARRIED

Bob Weenk added one item to the agenda concerning the Nominating Committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting: Two corrections announced by Secretary Elaine Pearce. 1) Date 2) Motion made by Frank Shoemaker to convene a committee to review the needs of the Squadron and duties of Bridge members was not seconded by Bob Derksen, but rather Bob Weenk. Digby Jones/Bob Weenk  
CARRIED

Treasurer Siggie Andrun reported a balance of \$4,261, and mentioned that the biggest expenditure since the previous meeting was for course materials. Motion: To renew mailbox at Post Office for one year: Digby Jones/Ian Waymark CARRIED  
Siggie mentioned that the payment of rent on the Gabriola Elementary School room would be due soon, and also reminded Digby Jones to provide her with a receipt for payment of chairs. Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report as presented: Siggie Andrun/Ian Waymark CARRIED

Training Officer Ralph Hagen began his report with an apology to the Bridge for his actions of last month. He mentioned that the fall class of 14 students was moving along

well, and that the new venue was serving the purpose very nicely. The Youth Program is a “no go.” Only two students signed up out of a possible 26. Ralph will notify Silva Bay Yacht Club that support funds will not be required.

Cruisemaster Rick Schultze brought up the subject of a training cruise. Training Officer Ralph Hagen announced that there would be a need to find capacity for 20 people. Ralph will give Rick a timeframe for the cruise tomorrow.

Supplies Officer Douglass Legg reported no change from the previous meeting.

Membership Officer Hans Andrun reported no change from the previous meeting.

Executive Officer Ian Waymark announced that the tent had arrived. He has e-mailed pictures of it to Bridge members. The tent is ready to be pressed into service with Li'l Gabe.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Bob Derksen withdrew the motion.
2. Douglass Legg asked if it would be a good idea to keep stores of items such as T-shirts, caps, etc. The fact that purchase of such items can be made on the National website was brought up. Bottom Line was determined that there was no reason to store such items. Ralph Hagen/Bob Derksen CARRIED Ralph Hagen asked about a new Squadron burgee design. Cec Ashley mentioned that the current design by Don Butt has been approved by National. A new design would need to be submitted to National for approval. Ralph will bring a new design to the next Bridge meeting, and will e-mail it to Bridge members.

3. Cec Ashley announced that plastic brochure holders, tubs with lids, etc. are needed for Li'l Gabe's outings. The Bridge agreed that these be purchased.
4. Douglass Legg brought up the subject of offering a Boat Maintenance Course. Ralph Hagen stated that he would need to study the program and figure out training procedures, instructors, nature of course, etc. before the Squadron could offer to provide.
5. Safety Week: Harbor Chandler has shown interest in participating on Gabriola Island. Items discussed would be PFD's, flares, fire extinguishers, etc. It is too early to discuss details.
6. The Spring boating course will be available beginning the first week of January, 2012 on Wednesday evenings. The VHF course will be available January 10, 17 and 24, 2012. The Practical Boaters course will be available March 6, 13 and 20, 2012.
7. Li'l Gabe will be pressed into service, complete with Christmas lights, tent, heater and coffee pot ready to sign up prospective students for the Spring course. A schedule of appearances will be posted at which time volunteers may offer to stand duty.
8. Motion: In order to get away from e-mailing motions and requesting approvals, etc. outside of formal Bridge meetings, a committee be formed to have the authority to conduct business between formal Bridge meetings. The committee will be comprised of Commander, Training Officer, Treasurer, Executive Officer, and Secretary. Frank Shoemaker/Rick Schultze CARRIED
9. A letter will be sent to David Bouvier thanking him for his offer of a free sailboat to the Squadron and suggesting that he donate it either to the Gabriola Island Boat School or to S.A.L.T. in the Victoria area.
10. Motion: To allow electronic connections and SKYPE at Bridge meetings. Ian Waymark/Bob Weenk CARRIED

11. 2012 VIND Rendezvous will be held at Page's on July 27, 28 and 29. Ian Waymark will advise VIND that the Gabriola Island Squadron will be prepared to assist them with their Rendezvous. Ian Waymark/Ralph Hagen CARRIED

12. Bob Weenk, speaking on behalf of the Nominating Committee, requested that any Bridge member who plans on stepping away from his/her position at the end of this term please notify him by Christmas of this year.

Ralph Hagen brought up the subject of door prize(s) for the Christmas party. He recommended that we have only one prize and that it be obtained from Harbor Chandler.

Moved by Ian Waymark and seconded by Bob Weenk that the meeting be adjourned at 20:50. CARRIED