

**Gabriola Island Squadron
Minutes
Sept. 17, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 1902 by Commander Ian Waymark

Present: Ian Waymark, Ralph Hagen, Wendy Geddes, Elaine Pearce, Rufus Churcher, Madeleine Ani, Doug Cunnian, Douglass Legg, Hans Andrun, Siggi Andrun, Don Hutton, Walter Berry, Bill Kalbfleisch

Regrets: Don Butt, Dawn Reeves, Robert Weenk, Digby Jones, Robert Derksen, Cec Ashley, Bob Wood, Bert Terhart

There were no guests present.

MOTION

Moved by Bill Kalbfleisch, Seconded by Ralph Hagen the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION

Moved by Douglass Legg, seconded by Madeleine Ani the minutes be adopted as presented. Motion Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes:

MOTION

Moved by Ralph Hagen, seconded Rufus Churcher to table the business arising from the minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Commander's Report: Ian Waymark-Report submitted, no discussion

Executive Officer: Dawn Reeves-absent, no report

Squadron Training Officer: Ralph Hagen-Report submitted. Ralph Hagen stated the Boating Basics class of 8 students did not meet the minimum number of 10 passed by the Bridge in June,

Membership Officer: Elaine Pearce-Report Submitted, no discussion

Public Relations Officer: Rufus Churcher- No report

MAREP Officer: Bill Kalbfleisch- Report submitted, no discussion

Environmental Officer: Madeleine Ani-report submitted.

Ian Waymark stated he would send a brief report of the beach clean-up and photo to the Shingle. Ian also stated he would send a thank you, on Madeleine ' s behalf to the Shingle for supporting us by printing our Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup advertising.

With regards to Madeleine ' s report on netting in Degnen Bay it was suggested Bernard Wollheben contact First Nations prior to any cleanup being attempted.

Cruise Master: Doug Cunnian-Doug reported 6 boats attended the Vancouver mid summer cruise to Vancouver.

Webmaster: Robert Derksen-No report.

Douglass Legg stated he would contact Bob Derksen to pose a question concerning web analytics.

Social Officer: Walter Berry- Report submitted.

Motion

Moved by Bill Kalbfleisch, seconded by Hans Andrun, Walter Berry approach the Golf Club and request the same fee as last year for our Annual Christmas Party. Motion Carried.

Ian Waymark reported there are 44 member/guests registered for the Dreamspeaker ' s presentation at Silva Bay Pub on Oct.13.

Safety Office: Bob Wood-no report

Communication ' s Officer/Privacy Officer: Don Butt-report submitted

Ian Waymark reported Bill Kalbfleisch has been appointed to the Communication's Committee.

Awards Officer: Don Hutton-Don reported some names have been submitted for recognition.

Member at Large: Bert Terhart-Absent

Past Commander: Cec Ashley-report submitted.

New Business;

Meeting times and dates were discussed. The next meeting will be 1200-1400, Oct. 15 at Robert's Place, upstairs.

Elaine Pearce: Cross pollination of Silva Bay Yacht Club and Gabriola Island Squadron members. Elaine suggested **the Squadron** make a greater effort to involve Squadron members in Squadron events.

Ian Waymark: VIND & Cowichan Bay letter/motion- Ian requested Bridge members take time to read the letter/motions from Derek Fiddes of Cowichan Bay Squadron. Please make your comments, preferably in writing, to Ian, so he can take them to the VIND meeting in Nanaimo on Oct. 14 and possibly to the Commander's meeting at the AGM in Edmonton.

Youth Program

Doug Cunnian questioned the viability of a Youth Program. Ralph Hagen stated he is in contact with the new principal at Gabriola Elementary School.

L' il Gabe.

Ralph Hagen has volunteered his shop for the refurbishing of L' il Gabe. Ian will send out a request to members to assist Ralph.

COMMANDER'S SUGGESTIONS TO ENHANCE THE SQUADRON PROFILE ON GABRIOLA:

Douglass Legg stated that taking a community service role may detract from our mandate of teaching safety on the water. We should,

instead focus on more practical activities that stay within the boating education theme. Don Hutton and Bill Kalbfleisch concurred.

Meeting adjourned @ 2150

Wendy Geddes
Secretary
Gabriola Island Squadron

Note: All submitted reports will be posted to our Squadron web site.