

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Bridge

June 5, 2013

The meeting was **called to order** at 1900 by Commander Ralph Hagen, there being a quorum.

Present: Robert Derksen, Bob Weenk, Don Butt, Walter Berry, Bill Kalbfleisch, Elaine Pearce, Walter Berry, Ralph Hagen, Christine Purfield

Regrets: Oliver Woolcock, Mike Hoeninghaus, Bert Terhart, Rufus Churcher

Correspondance: Commander Ralph Hagen read Madeleine Ani's letter of resignation as Environment Officer. She found the task too demanding given her busy legal practice.

Addition to agenda: Bob Weenk, regarding new banners advertising Squadron course offerings; see below

Adoption of Minutes as posted on the Squadron web site: Don Butt, seconded Bob Weenk. Passed by consensus.

Business arising from the last meeting:

1) Betty Schultz letter: Commander Ralph Hagen visited with Betty and Rick Schultz for 1.5 hours and reported that he had a good meeting with them. Ralph emphasized that regretablely the nomination process of 2012-13 has not been properly understood by some Squadron members. The subsequent discussion around this issue revolved around the proper ways to respond to letters of concern from Squadron members.

2) Teaching hardware: It was concluded by general consent that this issue can be postponed until a future meeting.

3) Storing Squadron Assets: Bob Weenk introduced the topic by pointing out that a public place for storage would be preferable to a private one. He then introduced a motion, seconded by Don Butt, that the Squadron purchase a shelter for no more than \$300 and approach the Gabriola Seniors Board of the Rollo Centre to place it on Rollo Centre property for a nominal annual fee of \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Commander: Ralph reported on our Squadron winning VIND's Kurt Kukla Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Squadron with the highest average marks in the Boating exam (now Boating Essentials exam). He also reported on the CPS Flag Relay celebrating our organization's 75th birthday. The west flag will arrive here sometime in October and CPS has asked Gabriola Squadron that L'il Gabe accompany the flag in its journey around Vancouver Island North District. Ralph has refurbished L'il Gabe and shortly will clear up ownership and insurance issues. In response to a question, Ralph was clear that L'il Gabe will have no problem negotiating the highways and byways of our Districts during the fall flag relay.

Training: See report on web site under June 5, 2013. Bob Weenk presented a motion to receive the report and its proposed training schedule. Seconded by Don Butt. Passed unanimously.

Mission Committee Report: The report was presented by Bob Weenk who summarized its contents and a general discussion followed. It was decided that the report's value lay in a continuing discussion not just on the Bridge but also among the Squadron membership. To that end it was decided that the Committee would continue to exist for an indefinite time and would take the lead in promoting the conversation of what we are about as an organization. The Committee will work through the Communications Officer and the Webmaster to continue the dialogue.

For **all other reports**, viz. Treasurer, Membership, MAREP, Safety, Webmaster, Communications and Nominations, see the Minutes and Reports page under June 5, 2013.

Secretary, PRO and Administration indicated either before or at the meeting that they had **no reports** at the present time. The Boat Launch Committee has met and will add a third member, Steve Kitchen, but has no report at this time.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee membership: Motion, Bob Weenk, seconded by Bob Derksen, that Bill Kalbfleisch be appointed the third member of the Committee. Bill indicated his willingness to serve and the motion passed unanimously.

Youth programme: no report.

Marketing: It was generally agreed that this is our top priority as an Executive and Squadron. We need the services and skills of someone to take the lead and involve other people, but as yet we do not have such a person or persons. Given the response to various issues raised, it can be assumed that for the time being we will continue to operate in a marketing capacity on an ad hoc basis and that our immediate concern is advertising for the Maritime Radio course to be presented on June 15. Ralph Hagen, Don Butt, Bill Kalbfleisch, Bob Weenk and Bob Derksen will play their various parts in getting the word out through pamphlets, Oceans Day, a sandwich board on Ferry Hill, the presence of Li'l Gabe, Facebook and web site.

Port Captain: Ralph wondered out loud whether the marinas are fulfilling this role and that they seem to be doing so effectively. The topic came up regarding other squadrons having port captains and although the Secretary did not have statistics in hand, it was generally observed that less than half the squadrons had port captains. The issue is herewith abandoned at this time.

Squadron activities: The details of the Nanaimo Squadron's Half Way to Christmas Cruise are on the Squadron web site and Don Butt has sent a message about the invitation to the membership. There was no appetite on the Bridge for a Squadron picnic in July or a Strawberry Cruise the following month. As for the beach cleanup, the consensus was that Squadron members are encouraged to take part in such an effort, but the Squadron will not take the lead in this in 2013.

Executive (Bridge) meeting venue: Motion, Elaine Pearce, seconded by Christine Purfield, that the meeting venue move back to Robert's. Passed 5-2 with one abstention.

New Business:

Motion, Bob Derksen, seconded by Bob Weenk, to terminate the committee established at the October 25, 2011 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion, Bob Weenk, seconded by Bob Derksen to rescind the motion passed at the October 25, 2011 meeting regarding electronic communications during Bridge meetings, passed unanimously.

Motion, Bob Weenk, seconded by Don Butt to appoint Steve Kitchen as member-at-large, passed unanimously.

There was no other business.

The **next meeting** will be called at the pleasure of the Commander.

Meeting adjourned at 2138.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Derksen, Secretary