

## **Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive**

October 3, 2013 at Robert's Place

Commander Ralph Hagen called the meeting to order at 19:00.

**Present:** Ralph Hagen, Don Butt, Elaine Pearce, Bob Weenk, Walter Berry, Mike Hoeinghaus, Oliver Woolcock, Steve Kitchen, Christine Purfield, Bob Derksen

**Regrets:** Bill Kalbfleisch, Rufus Churcher, Bert Terhart

**Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**The Minutes** of the June 5, 2013 meeting were declared adopted by Commander Hagen.

### **Reports:**

#### **Published**

Training Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Marep, Webmaster, Safety, Communications, Privacy, Nominations, Mission – see reports on the web site's Minutes and Reports page.

#### **No Reports**

Administrative Supply, Public Relations, Boat Launch Ramp

#### **Oral**

Commander: Ralph reported on the VIND officer training session he attended in Nanaimo. Seven officers from two squadrons attended the training sessions as students, none from Gabriola. He reported on picking up the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag in Nanaimo, its presence the following day, September 28 at the Village, and its subsequent presentation to Mount Brenton Squadron in Ladysmith on the 29<sup>th</sup>. He also touched briefly on our advertising efforts in September, namely, L'il Gabe at the Village, the sandwich board display on Ferry Hill and two *Sounder* ads.

### **Discussions:**

#### **Minimum student numbers in courses:**

This topic was raised but could not be addressed at the August 21, 2013 meeting as there was no quorum. Commander Hagen presented his statistics of what would be viable minimum numbers to keep us from losing money. He also stressed that any advertising costs should be taken into account. Bob Weenk addressed the issue of student dynamics, an important part of any successful course presentation and something that requires more than just a couple of students. Oliver Woolcock felt that for a course to be successful from both financial and pedagogic perspectives requires at least 5 to 6 students.

The discussion then turned to how to interpret the minimum student numbers presented in the August 21 STO report, to wit, Boating Basics 6, Boating Essentials 6, Seamanship 6, Radio 4. Two concerns were raised by the Bridge, namely that there ought to be some flexibility in deciding when to run a course and second, how to avoid a meeting of the whole Bridge at an inopportune time if it was deemed a discussion regarding minor modifications of the numbers became necessary.

Based on the discussion, the following motion was presented by Oliver Woolcock and seconded by Bob Weenk:

*MOTION: Resolved that the STO's report of August 21, 2013 on minimum course numbers be adopted as a guideline to be interpreted by the STO, taking into account the advice of the ATOs, the Commander and information provided by the Treasurer, and considering especially the budgetary viability of the course of action to be decided upon.*

Carried unanimously.

**Business carried over from June 5 and August 21:**

**June 5:**

\* It was decided that as Bob Weenk had not as yet purchased a new banner, a decision on this matter could be postponed to the Nov. 21 meeting.

\* Mike Hoeinghaus will approach Bob Rooks regarding signage on his fence in the Taylor Bay Road ferry turnabout.

**Aug. 21:**

\* Bob Weenk will confirm the Nov. 30 date with the Golf Club for our annual Christmas party.

\* There was a consensus that the \$15.00 per person charge proposed was the right amount.

\* Bob Derksen reported that the Museum archives would gladly take over the care of the Squadron Historian's scrap books covering the years 1996 to 2007 and after digitizing the collection will proceed with the handing over.

\* Ralph will continue to explore programme options for our fall social on October 24.

\* Don Butt reported on our advertising efforts in the *Sounder* and the press release. In the ensuing discussion doubts were expressed once again about the efficacy of print advertising of our courses.

**New Business:**

Commander Hagen proposed that Mike Hoeinghaus and Bill Kalbfleisch represent the Squadron on **Remembrance Day**, Nov. 11, 2013. Mike accepted and Ralph will ask Bill in due course.

Commander Hagen will ensure that the remaining **sandwich boards**, two, will be ready to be put back into service for the upcoming advertising campaigns.

Don Butt reminded the Bridge that the deadline for submissions for the November – December *Scuttlebutt* is the last week in October.

**Next meeting:** November 21, 2013, 19:00 at Robert's Place.

The meeting adjourned at 20:46.