

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Bridge / Executive Meeting
Jan. 30, 2013 at 19:00
Robert's Place, Upstairs

Call to order at 19:00 - Commander Ralph Hagen

Present: Ralph Hagen, Don Butt, Elaine Pearce, Bill Kalbfleisch, Rufus Churcher, Bob Weenk, Bob Derksen

Regrets: Oliver Woolcock, Walter Berry, Christine Purfield, Mike Hoeninghaus, Steve Kitchen

The agenda was accepted as published.

There was no business arising from the **minutes** of the meeting of November 21, 2013. The minutes of that meeting were declared adopted as posted.

The Officers reports were posted online and the following Executive Officers gave brief summaries of them: Commander Ralph Hagen, Bob Weenk for TO Oliver Woolcock, Ralph Hagen for Treasurer Christine Purfield, Membership Officer Elaine Pearce, MAREP and Safety Officer Bill Kalbfleisch, Webmaster Bob Derksen, Communications Officer Don Butt, Nominating Committee Chair Bob Derksen.

Ralph Hagen added orally to his report that the efforts to get a youth programme going this winter seem to have ended, as only three potential students responded. Bob Weenk added orally to the TO report by updating the number of registered students, namely, 12 in Basics, likely 8 in Essentials and so far, 5 in Radio, which means that these courses are all a "go." So far, we have not had a response to our offering of Seamanship. Bill Kalbfleisch added to his report by stating that he is expecting to receive the 2014 stickers for this year's safety programme.

Old business

Bob Derksen asked about the effectiveness so far of changing our Basics and Essentials courses to Boating Essentials, Including PCOC. Ralph Hagen responded that the change seems to have been beneficial in promoting the two courses as one package.

Don Butt reported that he is working on advertising our instructor team through Scuttlebutt and our promotional pamphlets.

A question regarding the contacts made by the Boat Launch Ramp Committee since the Executive meeting on November 21, 2013, was left unanswered. At that meeting the Committee indicated that the next step was to seek alliances with other community groups and individuals in promoting the boat launch ramp proposal.

New Business

Ralph Hagen raised the question of beneficiaries of our Squadron Sunday Series fund raisers. The consensus was that for the next presentation in the series any money raised would go towards supporting the efforts of the Coast Emergency Communications Association. Ralph will consult with the third presenter, Bert Terhart, about the proceeds of his presentation in March. The final presentation, about the Coast Watch programme, will be decided at a later date.

Ralph Hagen raised the question of the AGM's venue and format. Since the Bridge did not come up with any new proposals, the AGM venue and format issue will remain unresolved at this time. The final decision will be a financial one.

Other

Don Butt reported on the **VIND Council meeting** of January 19, 2014. He noted the proposal of a District assessment increase which will be decided on at the VIND Council meeting on April 13 and a new policy manual for Squadrons. Don reported that it is expected that as a result of new federal legislation, the Dominion government's Societies Act, each squadron will be required to have a policy manual by October 2014. Ralph Hagen will strike a committee to examine and fulfill the new policy manual requirements.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 20:12.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 19:00, Robert's Place, upstairs.