

**Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
April 10, 2014 at 1800
Gabriola Elementary School in the Rec. Centre**

Call to order:

by Commander Ralph Hagen at 1800.

Roll Call:

Present: Ralph Hagen, Bob Derksen, Christine Pufield, Steve Kitchen, Bill Kalbfleisch, Bob Weenk, Elaine Pearce, Don Butt, Oliver Woolcock, Mike Hoeinghaus.

Regrets: Rufus Churcher.

Changes to agenda:

None

Minutes of Jan. 30, 2014, the Notes of March 20, 2014:

were accepted by the Executive.

Correspondance:

Ralph read out two letters of thanks received, one from Brenda Fowler of People for a Healthy Community for our food donations and the other from Rob Hoban of the Ladysmith RCMSAR 29 for the \$330 raised at the Squadron's Doug Harrison event.

Reports:

For the Commander's report see *Scuttlebutt* for March-April in Newsletters on the web site. The Training Officer's report can be found under the reports of March 20, as can the Treasurer's report. For the Membership Officer's report, see reports and for the Communications/Privacy Officer's report as well. The Past Commander / Nominations Committee final report as submitted to the Squadron Secretary can be found in the March – April 2014 edition of *Scuttlebutt* in Newsletters on the Squadron web site.

There were no reports from the Administrative / Supply Officer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, MAREP Officer, Webmaster, or the Boat Launch Ramp Committee.

Historians' Albums:

Bob Derksen reported that Don Butt has digitized the Squadron Historians' albums. They will be placed on the web site to supplement the eleven years of photos found there. The albums cover the founding of the Squadron and the years 1996 to 2008. Don Butt added that he will have a slide show in PowerPoint available for the AGM on April 27. The albums will be handed over to the Gabriola Museum and Historical Society's archivist for safekeeping. It was noted that they were deteriorating and greater care had to be taken of them. It was also explained that the Museum would always allow us access to them.

Ladysmith SAR Donation:

Motion by Bob Weenk, seconded Oliver Woolcock - Moved: "The Gabriola Squadron donate \$300.00 to the Ladysmith SAR to be used to equip the new boat, with the provisions that such donation be announced publicly at the May 3 event at Pages Marina and that the donation does not contravene any regulations involving the tax exempt status of CPS." After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously. Mike Hoeinghaus, who will be XO on May 3 if the Nominating Committee's report is accepted by the membership at the AGM, will make the presentation of the cheque.

The AGM:

Ralph outlined the new format, a Sunday afternoon social, the recognition of our course graduates and a brief AGM. Ralph stressed the importance of attendance at the event. Don noted the significance of making our new members feel welcome.

Don also reminded the officers to submit their annual reports to him by Saturday April 19.

The Year in Review:

Led by Ralph Hagen, the Executive held a brief discussion about the past year. Our accomplishments in attracting students were noted. There was also a concern expressed that we could improve in the area of the organization's social efforts. We had a difficult year with that due to the fact that we did not have a Social Officer. It was resolved that the Squadron would rectify that situation when the new Executive takes over on April 27.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1845.

Next Meeting:

AGM, Sunday, April 27, 14:00 to 16:00 at the Rollo Centre