

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 19:00
Robert's Upstairs

Call to order: by Commander Ralph Hagen at 19:05

Roll call:

Present: Bert Terhart, Mike Hoeinghaus, Christine Purfield, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe, Jean-Pierre van Praet, Bob Weenk, Bob Derksen, Ralph Hagen

Regrets: Don Butt, Bill Kalb fleisch, Steve Kitchen

Changes to agenda: none

The minutes of June 18: accepted as posted

Reports

Commander: no report

Executive Officer: Mike Hoeinghaus gave an oral report regarding Li'l Gabe at the Concert on the Green and the Salmon Barbecue. It's presence was a great hit not just with children but also their parents.

Squadron Training Officer:

See report. Based on STO Weenk's report, we proceeded to the course and course fee agenda items listed under New Business. Bob Weenk, seconded by Mike Hoeinghaus made the following two motions:

1) MOTION: that our course fees for the 2014-15 training year be set as follows.

Basics	\$ 80
Essentials	\$ 200
Radio	\$ 100 members
	\$ 110 non members
Seamanship	\$ 200 members
	\$ 210 non members

2) MOTION: that, as a general rule, the minimum number of students in a course shall be 6.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Secretary:

No report presented, but there was some correspondence received and sent.

Don Butt sent a note asking for a volunteer to distribute the VIND Roster to those Gabriola businesses that had supported the publication through advertising. Elaine Pearce volunteered to take on this task.

Christine Purfield presented a charming card from Alex McConnell thanking us for the gift he received as our auditor. He expressed his pleasure in doing the work for us: "I get a great deal of fun out of reviewing the works of"

Secretary Derksen reported that, as a result of two motions passed at the last meeting, he had sent two letters to VIND Secretary Diane Bolton regarding the Kurt Kukla Award and the Wilf Souther Award. He reported that he had receive a response from District Commander Peter Bolton which he distributed to the members of the Bridge a week before the meeting. A brief discussion ended with the

observation that we would wait to see the VIND Council's decision on the matter at its meeting on October 19, 2014.

The Secretary agreed to send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Bridge to David Kellenberger for winning VIND's Seamanship Award, tying with two others in the District with the highest mark in the Seamanship course.

Treasurer, Membership Officer, MAREP Officer, Webmasters, Communications / Privacy Officer, RVCC Co-ordinator: See their reports.

Past Commander / Nominations Committee:

No report as the Committee has yet to begin its work. This will commence in late September or early October.

Boat Launch Ramp Committee:

No report, but Bob Weenk reported that GALTT is working on improving small boat access at Bell's Landing. Ralph will contact Steve Kitchen to get in touch with GALTT's Randy Young.

Old business

Our possible participation in the **Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup** on September 20 was sort of left hanging at the last two Executive meetings. At this meeting we established that we would not be able to take charge of or play a significant role in the events of that day. However, the possibility was raised that perhaps our organization could be a catalyst for creating awareness of this event and that this might stir individuals or organizations to action. Bob Weenk volunteered to explore if any on the Island are taking initiatives. Bert Terhart volunteered to contact local media to promote awareness of the beach cleanup programme.

New Business

As courses offered and course fees were settled by motions in the Officers Reports section of the meeting, we moved on to discuss the possibility of a **fall social programme**. Jude Briscoe volunteered to head the effort and will be assisted by Mike Hoeninghaus, Elaine Pearce and Jean-Pierre van Praet. The committee will explore and make decisions on the date, venue, format, topic, etc. of a possible fall social. It will also address the same for a possible Christmas party.

Bob Derksen briefly reviewed the selection process and job description of a **Public Relations Officer**. Bert Terhart volunteered to take on the job and he was appointed by the Executive forthwith.

The Next Meeting

will be held on September 11 at 19:00.

Adjournment

Commander Hagen adjourned the meeting at 20:21.