

**Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting**  
**Monday, November 24, 2014, 1000**  
**Robert's Upstairs**

**Call to order:** by Commander Ralph Hagen at 1004.

**Present:** Ralph Hagen, Mike Hoeinghaus, Elaine Pearce, Steve Kitchen, Bob Weenk, Bert terHart, Jude Briscoe, Bob Derksen

**Regrets:** Bill Kalb fleisch, Jean van Praet

The **minutes of September 11** were accepted as posted.

**Reports** by the following were posted on the web site: Commander, Executive Officer, Squadron Education Officer, Treasurer, Membership, MAREP, Webmasters, Communications and Privacy, Nominating Committee, and Social Committee.

There were discussions on several of the reports. Mike Hoeinghaus reported on VIND's October 19 Council meeting where one of the topics had dealt with **membership** in CPS. Several of the Bridge voiced their concerns with the fact that CPS membership would now be granted with just the successful passing of any PCOC examination. The possibility was raised whether, by writing our own regulations, our squadron could change that, whereupon Ralph Hagen appointed a committee made up of Elaine Pearce, Bob Weenk and Bob Derksen to work on our **local squadron regulations**.

Elaine Pearce reported that, pursuant to an initiative suggested at the last Bridge meeting, she tried to get seven copies of **VIND's Roster** to be distributed to last spring's Essentials students. However, she is still short three.

There were **no reports** by the following: Secretary, Public Relations, RVCC Committee, Boat Launch Ramp Committee.

Although the Boat Launch Ramp Committee had no report, Bob Weenk reported on a meeting with our RDN Director. Bob was under the impression that Howard Houle is quite supportive of our initiative to obtain a **boat launch ramp** for Gabriola if only we can come up with the solution as to an acceptable location. Steve Kitchen, Bob Weenk and Ralph Hagen will explore this further.

The Secretary tabled the **correspondence received**, consisting of three letters from Christine Purfield, which were also sent by her to the other members of the Executive, conveying her resignation as Treasurer.

**New Business:**

Bob Weenk put forward a proposal to offer a PCOC course, at cost, for the fire department volunteers. The consensus was that this was a worthwhile initiative. Bob will explore if the Gabriola Fire Department is interested in taking us up on the offer.

**Motion:** Bob Weenk proposed the following **course programme** for the first half of 2015: Boating Basics to commence on January 14, 2015, Boating Essentials to run from February 11 to April 8 and Maritime Radio to be offered as a one-day course on April 11. Bob proposed a fee structure of \$80 for Basics, \$200 for Essentials and \$100 or \$110 for Radio for members and non-members respectively. Bob also mentioned that the Education Department was committed to offer the courses only if they made a profit, however small. The motion was seconded by Mike Hoeinghaus and passed unanimously.

Bob Weenk informed the Executive that he still has trouble getting into the **CPS WBAS** system. Several others around the table too indicated that there were difficulties dealing with this database.

Ralph Hagen proposed that our **2015 AGM** would be held on either May 24 or May 31, depending on the availability of a suitable venue and perhaps the SBYC's event schedule. The Executive decided to give Ralph Hagen and Mike Hoeinghaus the authorization to find the best solution, given these dates, without the need for prior Executive approval.

Jude Briscoe reported that the Social Committee is looking for **ideas for a number of socials** this winter. The committee will focus on that after Christmas but welcomes suggestions any time.

**Motion:** Mike Hoeinghaus, Bert terHart: that Jude Briscoe be appointed **treasurer**. Carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Bob Weenk, Bert terHart: that the following **signing officers**, any two of whom would have signing power, be appointed: Ralph Hagen, Mike Hoeinghaus, Bob Derksen and Jude Briscoe. Carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** We did not set a date for the next meeting, thereby leaving it up to the Commander to do so.

Meeting adjourned by Commander Hagen at 1059.