

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2015 at
Robert's Place

The meeting was **called to order** by Commander Ralph Hagen at 1904.

Present were Ralph Hagen, Bert terHart, Don Butt, Jude Briscoe, Bob Weenk, John van Praet, Bob Derksen and guest Michelle Young. The Secretary had received **regrets** from Mike Hoeinghaus, Bill Kalbfleisch and Elaine Pearce.

The **minutes** of the January 20, 2015 Executive meeting were accepted as posted online.

The following **officers reports** were acknowledged reported on and in some cases discussed: Commander's, Education Officer's, Secretary's, Financial Officer's, Public Relations Officer's, Webmasters' and Communications / Privacy Officer's. Similarly, the following **committee reports** were acknowledged with brief discussions: Nominating Committee, Social Committee and the RVCC Committee. The above reports can be found on the web site under the April 23, 2015 meeting.

There were **no reports** from the Executive Officer, the Membership Officer, the Marep Officer, the Boat Launch Ramp Committee or the Regulations Committee.

In addition to the above reports, Commander Hagen reported on the **April 19 Vancouver Island North District meeting** which he attended. Gabriola's membership increase of 1.3% was the highest in the District. MAREP reports are to be discontinued. Beta testing by CPS for a renewed boating course have been completed. The course consists of three parts, with part 3 being an introduction to navigation with elective sections which are not examinable. Ralph reported that students across VIND soundingly reject the introduction of E texts for courses. The print version of the new Advanced Piloting course is reportedly full of errors and the instructor manual is out of sync with the student material. The E text of the course is better than the print version, being easier to modify and correct. The CPS Boating Simulator has been met by negative reactions of those who have tried it. Finally, Ralph presented the membership figures for the District: Ballenas 75, Cape Lazo 172, Cowichan 248, Nanaimo 322, Port Alberni 49, Ripple Rock 155, Powell River 40, Mount Brenton 62, Nanoose 138 and Gabriola 81 for a total of 1,342 members.

Ralph reported in addition that the future of **VIND's Roster** was uncertain, as the last editor was unwilling to continue. This might have implications for our Squadron's advertising initiative for the *Roster*, ably conducted by PRO Bert terHart.

Commander Hagen then proceeded to provide a brief **Regulations Committee update**. The Committee had submitted a draft of our local regulations to CPS, which deemed it not appropriate and hence would not approve it. Ralph noted that at some point he would pen a response.

The Executive welcomed the fact that our guest, Michelle Young along with Fred Kaarsemaker, who was unable to make the meeting, would head up this year's **annual beach cleanup** on behalf of the Squadron in September.

The discussion then moved towards some **AGM** matters. The AGM will be on May 31 at the Rollo Centre from 1400 to 1600. There was some discussion regarding special invitations which Ralph will look after. Don Butt and Bob Derksen will supply the food and Jude Briscoe and her Social Committee will deal with beverages and the overall presentation of the food. As for the customary awards, EO Bob Weenk will take responsibility for the Windchime Award and Don Butt and Bob Derksen for the Rudy Bohm Award.

The **next Executive meeting** will take place after the AGM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2041.