

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 1900
Robert's Place

The meeting was **called to order** by Commander Mike Hoeinghaus at 1900.

Present were Elaine Pearce, Fred Kaarsemaker, Ralph Hagen, Bert terHart, Jude Briscoe, John Woods, Bill Kalb fleisch, Bob Derksen and Mike Hoeinghaus. **Regrets** were received from Don Butt and John van Praet

Two **additions to the agenda** were accepted, both under New Business: Boat Launch and Additional Executive Members.

Motion: to accept the amended agenda (John Woods, Jude Briscoe)

Motion: to accept the minutes of April 23 as posted online (Bert terHart, Bill Kalb fleisch)

Reports

The **Secretary** presented an oral report regarding Chief Commander Joseph Gatfield's letter updating CPS members about the latest developments at National. Bob noted that this is a new way for the National Executive to communicate with the membership and that this seems to reflect the changing roles at the national and district levels. He pointed out the links in the letter to the revised *Policies Booklet* and the revised *Board Regulations* and that it might be useful for executive members to download these two CPS policy and regulations manuals.

Webmaster Bob Derksen pro filed the CPS course calendar at <http://www.boatingcourses.ca/> and how it is revolutionizing the ways in which the squadrons advertise their courses and attract students. Bob noted that updates to the Squadron web site reflecting the new Executive were mostly completed.

Old Business (from the meeting on May 19, 2015, of the Nominated 2015-16 Executive):

There as a consensus that the Rollo Centre should be used as the **venue** for the Squadron's course offerings for 2015-16 if we can rent the smaller of the two rooms for \$10 per hour on Wednesday evenings between September 9 and December 16 and on Saturday, September 19. The discussion about the move centered on the advantages and disadvantages of both the Rollo Centre and the Gabriola Recreation Centre. Ralph Hagen will arrange for the Saturday, September 19 rental and Mike Hoeinghaus will send a letter to the Rollo Centre regarding the rental from September to December.

Ralph Hagen will undertake the task to prepare a list of the **Squadron's assets**.

SEO Bert terHart's proposals for the fall of 2015 **course offerings** met with a consensus. Boating Basics will commence on Wednesday, September 9 and run until September 30. Boating Essentials will follow it and run until December 16. Maritime Radio will be offered as a one-day course on Saturday, September 19.

A discussion ensued regarding minimum **student numbers**. No specific numbers were agreed on but the feeling among the Executive was that courses should not run at a loss. Essentially, it can be concluded that the matter of student numbers is left up to the SEO.

The topic of **workshops** was raised during the discussion surrounding the courses. It was generally felt that a maritime first aid course or workshop would be desirable. The main issue, it was pointed out, will be to find an individual or organization to do the presentation. Fred Kaarsemaker and Bert terHart will investigate the options and report back at the next meeting.

A lengthy discussion on **course fees** for the proposed fall courses ended with the following:

Boating Basics: \$95 and \$80 for CPS members
Boating Essentials: \$225 and \$205 for CPS members
Maritime Radio: \$95 and \$80 for CPS members

The Squadron's participation in **summer events** on Gabriola is comprised this year of four activities involving Li'l Gabe, which will be towed to each event.

World Oceans Day (June 7, 2015)
Concert on the Green (August 6, 2015)
Salmon Barbecue (August 8, 2015)
Gabriola Theatre Festival (August 13-16)

For the first three events Mike will do that. For the fourth, Mike will contact Bob Weenk to arrange Li'l Gabe's presence on Lockinvar Ln. Since the Theatre Festival falls within a month of the start of our first course offerings, it was suggested that it might be desirable to have some members there to promote our endeavours. Mike and Bert expressed an interest.

It was reaffirmed that we want to participate in the **Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup**. Fred Kaarsemaker and Michelle Young are asked to take the lead in this. September was considered the best time for us to take part in this. The matter will be discussed further and details put in place at the next meeting.

Mike has been in touch with ICBC regarding the **trailer license and insurance** update and will arrange this within the next few days.

The group reaffirmed its interest in taking up Don Butt on his offer to lead a cruise to the Honda Celebration of Light, July 28-30. As for any other summer **cruises**, the social committee will meet to discuss and organize.

The **Social Committee**, made up of Jude Briscoe, Elaine Pearce, Mike Hoeinghaus and John van Praet will meet to decide on dates and venues for a fall social and the Christmas party.

There was a consensus that it would be highly desirable to have a **Public Relations Officer** in place and active to prepare for our course promotions in August and September. To that end, we will try to find someone to be appointed by the Executive to membership on the Executive by the August meeting. It was suggested that a general communication should go out to the membership asking for interested parties to come forward. A number of names of potential Squadron members were also put forward. Elaine Pearce will contact those whose names came up.

Jude Briscoe informed us that there will be a meeting to commence the **RVCC programme** in the next two weeks.

New Business

Motion: That the Executive grants the webmasters the authority to search for and make a contract in the name of the Squadron with an ISP to acquire a domain name and host the Squadron's web site for one year should that become necessary (Ralph Hagen, Bert terHart).

Motion: to appoint as signing officers Commander Mike Hoeinghaus, XO John van Praet, Treasurer Jude Briscoe and Secretary Bob Derksen, any two of which whom would have signing power (Ralph Hagen, Bert terHart).

It was decided that the Sponsoring Members for CCCU accounts will be Jude Briscoe and Mike

Hoeinghaus.

Ralph Hagen had purchased 20 Squadron **ball caps** to be presented at the AGM to the charter members who attended and to the Boating graduates. The purchase was approved along with the following Motion: that we purchase 15 more hats and 20 Squadron **burgees** (Bert terHart, Jude Briscoe). Ralph will look after placing the order for the hats and Mike will investigate the purchase of the burgees.

Secretary Bob Derksen announced that the membership of the 2015-16 **Nominating Committee** is determined as follows: all hold their position by virtue of their office and will not require election or appointment (*Board Regulations, 7.1.6*). Accordingly, P/C Ralph Hagen is the chair of the Committee and Mike Hoeinghaus (Commander) and Bob Derksen (P/C once removed) are the other members.

John Woods will head up a committee to lobby for one or more **boat launch ramps** on Gabriola Island and to contact community partners who also have an interest in making it happen.

Commander Hoeinghaus adjourned the meeting at 2059.

The **next meeting** will be on Thursday, August 20 at 1900.