

**Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2015 at
Robert's Place**

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus called the meeting to order at 1900.

Present were Mike Hoeinghaus, Don Butt, Elaine Pearce, Fred Kaarsemaker, John van Praet, Ralph Hagen, Bert terHart, Bob Derksen. Jude Briscoe and Bill Kalbfleisch sent regrets. Absent: John Woods.

Motion (Bert terHart, Mike Hoeinghaus): to accept the minutes of June 2 as posted online. Passed unanimously.

There was one addition to the agenda, by Ralph Hagen, regarding the boat launch efforts.

The following officers' reports were received and posted: Commander, Educational Officer, Communications / Privacy Officer and Scuttlebutt editor, Membership Officer, webmasters,

Committee Reports received and posted: RVCC Committee

No officers' reports: Past Commander, Executive Officer, Secretary, Financial Officer

No committee reports: Social, Nominating, Boat Launch, Environment

Mike Hoeinghaus led a brief discussion arising out of the webmasters' report regarding **the Squadron's name**. The consensus was that although the Squadron's name, as given on the Squadron's 1996 warrant, is Gabriola Island Squadron, in practical, everyday use, we refer to our organization as the Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron. At this time no action needs to be taken to reconcile the inconsistency.

Ralph Hagen and Bert terHart confirmed that the Rollo Centre has been booked for our fall 2015 courses, namely, for Boating Basics and Essentials and Maritime Radio. This news led to a discussion about **minimum student numbers** needed to run the courses. The consensus was that as long as there was no money loss, SEO Bert could decide. Bert informed us that he was willing to go with a minimum of two students, since that is our break-even point.

Motion (Bert terHart, Mike Hoeinghaus): that Squadron members be able to audit, for free, the Maritime Radio course on September 19. Passed unanimously.

Ralph informed us that there were **nine tables and twelve chairs** at the Gabriola Recreation Centre, our former classroom venue. Mike will arrange that they be moved to the Rollo Centre and that a letter will go to the Rec. Centre informing the organization that we have moved out.

We decided, by consensus, that we will have a **shoreline cleanup** activity on Saturday, October 17. Fred Kaarsemaker will explore options regarding the cleanup location and expenses such as tipping fees and how to transport the garbage to the Cedar recycling facility. He will report his findings and recommendations at the next meeting.

In his follow-up to the June 2 meeting, Fred Kaarsemaker informed us that we will not pursue offering a maritime first aid course or workshop. Instead, Bert terHart proposed a **series of five workshops**. See his SEO report of August 20, 2015. On the basis of Bert's recommendations, we decided to go with Maritime Radio on September 19 at the Rollo Centre, Electronic Navigation on October 25 at 1300 at Silva Bay and Low Visibility Navigation on November 22, at 1500, also at Silva Bay. Two other proposed workshops, Anchoring and Man Overboard Procedures, will be offered in the spring of 2016 with dates to be confirmed later.

Elaine Pearce informed us that the **Social Committee** had booked the Golf Club for the Squadron Christmas Party. It will be held on December 5, 2015. She also informed us that the Committee is planning Squadron socials for October, November and January. More details will follow at the next Executive meeting.

Elaine also informed us that George Myette was willing to stand as Public Relations Officer.

Motion (Don Butt, Elaine Pearce): that the Executive appoint George Myette as Public Relations Officer for the remainder of 2015-16. Passed unanimously.

Mike Hoeinghaus will continue his exploration of ordering **Squadron burgees**. Questions that need to be answered are as follows: What company will be given the order? How many will be ordered? What is the purpose of the Squadron supplying burgees? What costs are involved? Don Butt will poll the membership to determine to what extent there is an interest among members in purchasing Squadron burgees.

Concern was expressed about the lack of appearance to date of the **VIND Roster**. The reason for this is that last spring the Squadron, through PRO Bert terHart, as he then was, collected \$560 from seven local advertisers. It is important that these people get value for their advertising dollar. Mike will contact *Roster* editor Wayne Smiley and investigate further, as necessary.

Mike will contact John Woods to see about his progress regarding our efforts to have one or more **boat launches** on Gabriola. Ralph, who noted that 79 Provincial parks have boat ramps, suggested that we contact our Regional District of Nanaimo Director, Howard Houle, about the matter.

Motion (Bert terHart, Fred Kaarsemaker): that every effort be made by the SEO to refund course fees to those who have paid but then cannot attend, unless the Squadron would incur a financial loss because of the refund. Passed unanimously.

The **Communications Committee**, consisting of Don Butt, chair, and Mike Hoeinghaus, Bert terHart, and Bob Derksen will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 1000, to plan and implement our advertising campaign for our fall course offerings.

Ralph presented us with a list of **Squadron assets** and their current locations:

The tent on Mr. and Mrs. Don Powell's property:

- Li'l Gabe
- VHF antenna
- flags
- banners

In Ralph Hagen's possession:

- 2 VHF radios
- 2 radios with plotters; the plotters require GPS antennas and the radios are modified to prevent transmission; coax cable
- power converter for radios
- laptop computer, old, outdated and of no use except as a boat anchor
- projector - obtained through a grant given to the Gabriola Recreation Society
- flare demonstration kit
- Peloris, donated by Hans and Cora Klardie
- projection screen
- chart set of the Gulf Islands

At the Gabriola Recreation Society:

- 8 tables, 6 feet long; 1 four foot long table
- 12 chairs
- light bar

At the Rollo Centre:

- projection screen - pull down
- 20 chairs

As mentioned above in these minutes, the remaining tables and chairs at the Recreation Society will be moved to the Rollo Centre. Mike Hoeinghaus will take the items in Ralph Hagen's possession until such time that we will have sufficient storage facilities, likely after the Rollo Centre's planned renovations.

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus adjourned the meeting at 2055.

Our **next meeting** will be on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at Robert's.