

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2015 at
Robert's Place

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus called the meeting to order at 1900

Present: Mike Hoeinghaus, Bill Kalbfleisch, George Myette, John Woods, Ralph Hagen, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe, Fred Kaarsemaker.

Regrets: Bob Derksen, John Van Praet, Bert terHart, Don Butt.

The minutes of the 20 August meeting were accepted as posted.

Officer Reports: The following officers' reports were received and posted: Commander, Educational Officer, Membership Officer, Communications / Privacy Officer and Scuttlebutt Editor.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports received and posted: Social Committee, Boat Ramp Committee, Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up.

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

No committee reports: Nominating.

Commander's Comments: Mike Hoeinghaus reviewed his Commander's report orally as not all had had an opportunity to read it online prior to the meeting.

Boat Ramp: John Woods re-capped his Boat Ramp report and indicated his wife had posted photos of prospective locations on Trello. The Executive will receive an email invitation with a link to view the photos online and are asked to provide any comments they may have on parking, neighbours, etc., on each site. A vote will then be taken to create a short list of sites for further examination as well as consultation with the port authority, fisheries, etc.

Storage: Ralph Hagen stated he had been working with the Rollo Centre to create storage lockers that would be useful for the Squadron's paraphernalia. The lockers are 4' X 4' X 8' and will provide dry, heated and lighted space with a 4' door and hasp for a lock. Rental cost will be approximately \$250 / year beginning 1 January 2016. Mike indicated there would likely be a need for some shelves for instruction materials, radios, AGM items, etc., and Ralph stated the Rollo would add shelves if the Squadron provides the materials. Ralph further stated access to the storage locker would be from inside the Rollo Centre only. Bert has a key.

Motion (Mike Hoeinghaus / Fred Kaarsemaker): that the Squadron book a storage locker at the Rollo Centre once details of the rentals have been finalized and the units are available. Passed unanimously.

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up: Fred reviewed the information in his report and there was a consensus that, although there is not a lot of debris at Twin Beaches, it would make sense to go ahead with the clean-up as a good opportunity to meet people and advertise the Squadron. Jude volunteered to contact BC Parks to inform them of our intentions. It was agreed the Squadron would have a BBQ after the clean-up. George will submit an announcement to the Sounder and Bill will post one on the Facebook Community Bulletin Board. Fred will solicit garbage bags and gloves from Arbutus Home Hardware and the Social Committee will seek hamburgers/hotdogs/buns from Village Foods. The clean-up will take place at Twin Beaches (Gabriola Sands Provincial Park) on Saturday, October 17 at 12: 00 pm and the BBQ will follow at 1:30 pm on the grass area adjacent to Taylor Bay.

Socials: Jude reviewed her committee report and confirmed the dates and guest speakers for the socials to be held through April at the Rollo Centre. It was agreed that invitations will be extended to the Yacht Club and general public for all social events. Jude will ask the presenters for a short précis of their talk for use in publicizing the events. Ralph recommended organizers be well-aware of how to set up the audio-visual equipment and know in advance what the presenters will be using. Jude also stated Hiromi will play the piano again this year at the Squadron's annual Christmas Party.

Burgee: Mike has found a supplier for Squadron Burgees for \$16.34 each for an order of 50 or more. It is requested that Don Butt poll squadron members via email to determine how many burgees could be sold quickly and then a decision whether to go ahead will be made.

Motion (Ralph Hagen / Jude Briscoe): that the burgees, if acquired at the quoted price, be sold at \$20.00 each.

Assessment of Fall Advertising: Tabled until the next meeting.

Tables and Chairs: Ralph briefed that, given all classes are now conducted in the Rollo Centre, there is no longer a need for the Squadron's tables and chairs that were used at the Recreation Centre. He recommended our used tables and chairs be sold to the Rollo Centre and Recreation Centre at half of the new price.

Motion (Jude Briscoe / John Woods): That the Squadron's tables be sold to the Rollo Centre for \$27.50 each and the chairs be sold to the Recreation Centre at \$9.00 each. Passed unanimously.

Boat Registry: Mike recounted an incident involving two boats tied to a single buoy in Degnen Bay and, due to strong winds, dragged the buoy across Degnen Bay and ending up against other boats at a private dock. While the boat names were available, it was impossible to identify and contact the boats' owners due to the lack of a boat registry. After discussion it was decided that while Squadron members' boats are listed in the VIND Roster and Yacht Club boats are listed with the club, visitors' boats would be very difficult to track. It was decided not to pursue a boat registry at this time.

Assistant Secretary: Mike stated that after three years as Secretary, Bob Derksen will not be seeking the position again next year. Bob has recommended an assistant secretary be named to work with him to learn the position and be ready to assume the role after the AGM next year. Mike and George will pursue potential candidates.

Road Signs: Mike stated he will take down the signs tomorrow.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Commander Mike Hoeinghaus requested a motion for adjournment.

Motion (Ralph Hagen/Jude Briscoe): that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously at 8:18 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 12 November 2015 @ 7:00 pm at Robert's Place