

Minutes of the Gabriola Island Squadron Executive Meeting  
Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 1900  
Robert's Place

Commander Mike Hoeinghaus called the meeting to order at 1900.

**Present** were Don Butt, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe, Mike Hoeinghaus, George Myette, Jean van Praet, Bob Derksen, John Woods

**Regrets** were sent previously by Bill Kalbfleisch, Fred Kaarsemaker, Bert terHart, Ralph Hagen

Changes to the **agenda**: The RVCC programme was added to the agenda.

**Motion** (Don Butt, Jean van Praet): that the minutes of January 21, 2016 as posted online be approved. Carried.

**Motion** (Don Butt, Jude Briscoe): to accept the officers reports as posted. Carried.

**Motion** (George Myette, Jean van Praet): to accept the committee reports as posted. Carried.

**Old Business:**

John Woods presented his committee report on the results of his survey of Bridge members regarding possible sites for **boat launch ramps** on Gabriola. The discussion that followed focussed on how to proceed from here. It was resolved that John would approach other community groups with similar interests in establishing one or more boat ramps. Mike Hoeinghaus will approach the Sylva Bay Yacht Club regarding this matter.

**Motion** (Don Butt, Jean van Praet): that the Bridge accepts the report and reiterates that it supports moving ahead with the project. Carried unanimously.

George Myette shared with us the letter he sent to the Island Trust on behalf of Commander Mike Hoeinghaus regarding **sandwich boards** along Gabriola's roads.

At the January 21, 2016 meeting of this Bridge a motion was passed to recommend SEO Bert terHart as a **ROC (M) recognized examiner**. Subsequently, CPS-ECP National has signed off on Bert's application.

**New Business:**

a) Jean van Praet, Chair of the Policy Committee, led us through the contents of the **Squadron Policy Manual** that the Committee has developed since the last Bridge meeting on January 21.

**Motion** (Jean van Praet, Jude Briscoe): that the Squadron Policy Manual be accepted for submission to the CPS-ECP Committee on Rules. Carried unanimously.

After a very brief discussion regarding possible future Island Trust policies regarding **sandwich boards** along Gabriola's roads, it was decided to hold off acquiring new ones for the time being.

On the basis of his PRO's report, George Myette led off a discussion regarding proposed **initiatives to promote** the Squadron and its programmes. The wide-ranging and insightful discussion ranged from promoting youth programmes, the role of Li'l Gabe and sponsorships to relations with the Gabriola Elementary School and the Gabriola Recreation Society. George Myette, Mike Hoeinghaus and Bert terHart will be actively pursuing these avenues.

Mike Hoeinghaus informed us that the Sylva Bay Yacht Club is interested in establishing a **joint social programme** with the Squadron. The general consensus was that although we have a great deal in common, our two organizations have somewhat different mandates. It was concluded that it would be best if we kept up our practice of inviting SBYC members to our social gatherings rather than initiating a joint social programme.

All facets of **the upcoming AGM** on April 24, 2016, were discussed in detail and at length. Accordingly, only some of the highlights can be mentioned in these minutes. There was a consensus that the organizers, Elaine Pearce and Jude Briscoe be given a mandate to spend up to \$300. Elaine and Jude have taken it upon themselves to look after organizing and preparing the buffet, which will start at 1730. Mike Hoeinghaus will look after the regalia and Don Butt will prepare a slide show to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a squadron. Li'l Gabe will make an appearance in the Rollo Centre parking lot. Commander Mike will send out invitations to guests and some time was spent by the Bridge suggesting who to invite. The Commander's Citations will be left up to the Commander to decide. For the Certificates of Appreciation, Mike will conduct the research and Don will look after the printing.

Of the three **awards** to be presented at the AGM, the Arthur J. Nielsen award will go to the student with the highest marks over the last year in the Boating Essentials course. Bert terHart will be asked to provide that information. The Rudy Bohm and Windchime award winners were decided unanimously by the Bridge. The winners will be announced at the AGM.

Don Butt reported that Alex McConnell has been confirmed as the **Squadron Financial Review Officer** for 2016-17.

Jude Briscoe reported that the **RVCC programme** will be started in April with a meeting of all those concerned. Boat checks will take place in early May.

As this was the Secretary - Webmaster's last meeting, Don Butt thanked Bob Derksen for his service to the Squadron over the last eleven years. With that Commander Hoeinghaus adjourned the meeting at 2113.

The next meeting will be the AGM on April 24, 2016.