

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on June 16th, 2016

At Robert's Place

Call to order: 19:02 with Commander **Mike Hoeinghaus** presiding.

Present: Mike Hoeinghaus, Bill Kalbfleisch, Elaine Pearce, John Woods, George Myette, Bert terHart, John Bullas, Carole Lemieux. Don Butt (arrived 19:53).

Regrets: Jude Briscoe, Ralph Hagen, John Van Praet.

Minutes of the previous meeting on May 4th, 2016: moved by **Bert**, seconded by **Bill**, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

Agenda: Acceptance moved by Bert, seconded by Bill. Approved.

Reports:

Commander: Reported attending the VIND Rendezvous at Rathrevor Provincial Park this past weekend. A good turnout and good weather. Along with PRO George Myette, took Lil' Gabe to the Oceans Day event at Descanso Bay Regional Park. As usual Lil' Gabe was enjoyed by all who attended.

Executive Officer: no report

Squadron Educational Officer: **Bert** stated that the workshops had been rescheduled for the 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th of June. 27th – man overboard; 28th – docking in the morning and anchoring in the afternoon; 29th – sail handling; 30th – weather. The workshops to take place on Bert's boat with a starting time of 1400. Exception being that the weather workshop will be at Orlebar Point. If no one from the Power Squadron signs up a week prior, an invitation will be extended to the yacht club. An upcoming event on July 16th will be an introductory workshop to boating safety for kayakers and paddlers at a cost of \$69 per person or \$89 per couple. It will run from 10:00 - 16:00. A possible splicing course to be held on August 9th or in the fall.

Mike said that the boating courses would be every Wednesday starting on September 14th, at the Rollo Centre. Boating 1 for the first four weeks, followed by 2 and 3 (otherwise known as Boating Essentials). Discussion on course name and registration.

Secretary: Carole – no report.

Financial Officer: Jude – report is on the website. **Mike** commented that we are doing well financially.

Membership Officer: Elaine stated that there were 68 members, lost around 14 with a possibility of 4 returning and 2 new members. Elaine agreed to give a talk to the students on the benefits of membership as requested by Bert.

Public Relations Officer: George said there had been a good response to the sponsorship of signs which would cost @\$50.00 each. Jared Hooper will charge @\$215 for the sign board which does not include the stand. Mike produced a stand which can be used for other purposes as well. \$200 of the \$215 has already been collected. **Motion:** moved by Mike, seconded by John Bullas that we go ahead with the layout as shown up to an amount of \$250.00. Approved.

Webmaster: Bill said the website is updated with everything except the courses. Bert to give Bill the information by Friday, June 17th.

Communications/Privacy: Don Butt: report on the website.

Member-at-Large: John Woods said he had a discussion with Randy Young on the boat launch ramp proposed for Bell's Landing. Discussions ongoing with RDN and MOTI.

Member-at-Large: John Bullas spoke about being new and unaware of squadron activities. He questioned the marketing of activities and related his experience on the RVCC day. George mentioned activities were on the squadron facebook page and two community facebooks. Discussion on benefits of sandwich boards. Bert wants a communication committee for sandwich boards and Mike asked Don to set it up. **Motion:** moved by John Bullas, seconded by Bill, that the next time RVCC is set up that a small kiosk be arranged for information and registration. Approved.

Old Business:

Elaine stated that the Christmas party is arranged for December 17th at the golf club and would be a pot luck with turkey and ham provided by the Village Food.

New Business:

Signage and course schedules already discussed.

There is a possibility of a meeting on August 18th, otherwise it will be on September 15th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 20:12.