

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on November 17th, 2016

At Robert's Place

Call to order: 1900 by Commander **Mike Hoeinghaus**

Present: Mike Hoeinghaus, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe, Bert terHart, George Myette, John Bullas, Don Butt, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Ralph Hagen, John Van Praet, John Woods, Bill Kalbfleisch.

Minutes of the previous meeting on October 20th, 2016: moved by **Don**, seconded by **George**, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

Reports:

Commander: **Mike's** report is on the website. He added that VIND has a new slate of officers and that Peter Bolton is the new National Administrator. **John** asked about the new boating simulator. Discussion on the twelve scenarios the simulator is capable of presenting and its benefit to students.

Executive Officer: not present.

Squadron Educational Officer: **Bert** gave a summary of the courses which are on the website.

Secretary: **Carole** – no report

Financial Officer: **Jude** stated that November's opening balance is \$3,444.04. Beginning of July to beginning of November statements are on the website.

Membership: **Elaine** stated that there are seven new members for a total of seventy-five.

Public Relations Officer: **George's** report is on the website plus he stated he is going to post the sponsor board on facebook.

Webmaster: **Bill's** report is on the website.

Communication and Privacy: **Don's** report is on the website. He added that Balenas is no longer a squadron and that Nanoose has absorbed most of its members.

Members-at-Large: **John Bullas** attended Remembrance Day service on behalf of the squadron. He will conduct half of the weather course with **Bert**. He is also conducting mooring inspections.

MOTION: moved by **Bert**, seconded by **George** that **John** buys rope up to an amount of \$200.00 to facilitate courtesy boat moorings at Pages, Silva Bay and the Boatel. Approved.

Old Business:

Elaine said the golf club had confirmed December 17th for the Christmas party and **Don** agreed to print up tickets.

Squadron pennants: **Mike** to look into it in Victoria – price to be determined.

New Business:

George to purchase a new replacement cover for the shed.

MOTION: moved by **Don**, seconded by **John** that **George** purchase a boat shed cover for up to \$200.00 plus tax. Approved.

Bert: proposed dates for the winter and spring courses are on the website. December 14th is the proposed date for the Boating 2 &3 exam. Proposed cost for Boating Maintenance is \$115 for members and \$125 for non-members. Proposed cost for the Intro to Celestial Navigation is \$215 for members and \$235 for non-members. Looking for dates for a splicing workshop, man-overboard and docking. **Bert** commented that there are several talented people on the island to assist with teaching courses.

Don to print out certificates for the students to be distributed at the Christmas party.

Mike said a tentative AGM date is April 22nd or 23rd and will check for availability at the Rollo Centre. He said the Nominating committee is actively working to put together a slate for the AGM and it needs to be ready one month before.

Mike stated that the Policy Manual review should be done every year in September and he will do a quick review of it.

Merit marks are required for the 1st week of December.

Don said a donation was required for the CPS Foundation prior to the end of the year at an amount of \$1:00 per member.

MOTION: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Bert** that \$1:00 per member be forwarded annually on behalf of the squadron for the CPS Foundation. Approved.

Elaine stated that the next social is on November 27th and the subject is flags and burgees.

There will be a Communications committee meeting in early December and there will be no monthly meeting on December 15th. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2017.

There being no further business the Chair terminated the meeting at 20:18.