

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON
Minutes of the Bridge Meeting
Held on March 16th, 2017
At Robert's Place

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Commander Mike Hoeinghaus.

Present: Mike Hoeinghaus, John Van Praet, Elaine Pierce, Bert terHart, George Myette, Don Butt, John Bullas, John Woods, Ralph Hagen.

Absent: Bill Kalbfleisch, Carole Lemieux, Jude Briscoe.

A quorum was determined to be met.

Minutes of the February 16th, 2017 Bridge meeting: no additions or changes were brought forward. Commander asked for a motion to approve. Bill moved, John second, all in favor. Passed.

Officers Reports:

Commander: Verbal report.

Executive Officer: no report.

Squadron Education Officer: Bert terHart reported that the Introduction to Celestial Navigation has 11 students signed up and will held Fri/Sat/Sun, March 17th – 19th at Rollo Center. The Boat Maintenance course has 6 students signed up, and no one for the Splicing seminar as yet.

Membership: Elaine reported we have 66 members. Agate Collins has joined the Squadron, Chuck McMann has transferred his membership to Gabriola from the Langley Squadron, and Diane Appee has transferred to Gabriola Squadron from the Victoria Squadron. Elaine will follow up on the membership of Les Johnson.

Public Relations Officer: George reported that replacing the boat shed covering is in abeyance due to weather. He has the new cover, but needs some volunteer help and dry weather to take the old cover off and put the new one up. He will advise of a date to complete the work. One of the "A" frame signs was damaged by the snow plows this winter and needs some work. He will get with Mike H. to get it repaired. He will again be soliciting sponsors for \$50 dollars.

Communications/Privacy Officer: Don reported that a "Lil Gabe" article with pictures will be in the summer edition of "Porthole" magazine. Two other articles, one by John Bullas and one by Bert terHart will appear in the next issue of "Porthole".

Members-at-Large: John Woods reported on the progress of developing a small boat ramp on Gabriola. Discussions are still in progress and there may be a B.C. grant possible for development. No other action expected until June.

John Bullas reported on the courtesy mooring line check program. He and Don Butt will make up laminated cards to be placed on the lines of a boat which has been checked/re-moored. He also reported the Silva Yacht Club would be hosting their upcoming social at Bob Woods' house vice the Golf Course.

Old Business:

Social Committee: Chair Elaine Pierce reports that the AGM is booked at the Golf Course for Sunday April 23rd at 1300. Elaine and Jude are putting together a buffet lunch. The cost for the club will be \$30/hr with a minimum of 3 hours charged. The date/venue is posted on the web site.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Ralph Hagen reported that the committee report will be in to the secretary next to meet the 4 week deadline prior to the AGM and will also accompany the "Notice of Meeting" being sent out by Don Butt.

Awards: Commander requested nomination for this year's awards to be presented at the AGM. He will need to get the plaques into Bastion Trophies in the next two weeks for engraving.

Financial Report: Alex MacConnell to conduct a review of the years' financial report. Commander to contact him and Jude to get the material to him. Last year's report will need to be approved at this year's AGM.

Next meeting: April 20th. This meeting may be cancelled if no pressing business due to AGM 3 days later.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.