

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on November 16th, 2017

At Robert's Place

Call to order: 1905 by Commander **Mike Hoeinghaus**

Present: Mike Hoeinghaus, Elaine Pearce, George Myette, Bert terHart, John Van Praet, Carole Lemieux, John Bullas, Don Butt (arrived 1946).

Regrets: Jude Briscoe

Absent: Ralph Hagen, Bill Kalbfleisch

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 19th, 2017: moved by **John Van Praet**, seconded by **Bert** that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

Officers' Reports:

Commander: Mike – no report.

Executive Officer: John Van Praet – no report.

Educational Officer: Bert's report is on the website. **Bert** thanked the social committee for providing snacks. He commented that there were quite a few no-shows at the workshops, possibly because they are free. Discussion on what to charge and how to deal with no-shows.

Secretary: Carole – no report.

Financial Officer: Jude's report is on the website.

Membership Officer: Elaine's report is on the website.

PRO: George's report is on the website.

Webmaster: Bill – no report.

Communications/Privacy: Don's report is on the website.

Member-at-Large: John Bullas asked whether there were any squadron caps. **Mike** said there were. He urged people to complete the survey.

Old Business:

Christmas party: **Elaine** stated the party was on December 16th at the golf club. There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 and would **Don** please print door tickets. Discussion on where to find door prizes. Pot luck dinner and **Jude** will take care of the turkey and ham. Discussion on who to invite; **George** will invite the sponsors.

Pennants: **Mike** stated that the pennants are ready and there is \$506.83 left to pay. At \$22.00 per pennant the cost will be covered if all are sold. Discussion on what price to sell the caps. **MOTION:** moved by **George**, seconded by **Bert**, that the caps be sold for \$10.00 each. **Approved.**

Questionnaire: **Bert** said that the communications committee had come up with the format but that there are only 16 replies so far. Discussion on what to do with the information gathered.

New Business:

Merit marks – **Mike** would like them in as soon as possible.

Show and tell – **Elaine** found a box in her garage of old power squadron stuff – a folder of old information and trophies.

Social speakers – **Bert** stated that Ivan Bulic had 3 suggestions: (1) Sheila Malcolmson to talk about abandoned vessels; (2) Ivan knows someone in marine salvage law; (3) 'Freightened' a Netflix documentary. **Mike** would like **John Bullas** to give a weather seminar. These suggestions to be tabled for the January 18th meeting. **Bert** to talk with Ivan to firm up dates. **Elaine** to talk to the Rollo Centre to ascertain available dates in February for the social.

The next Bridge meeting will be on January 18th, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2016.