

Bridge Meeting January 18th, 2018

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Commander Hoeinghaus at 1903. A quorum was determined to be present with 9 Bridge Officers in attendance (Webmaster Bill Kalbfleisch via FaceTime).
Regrets: Ralph Hagen and Carole Lemieux.
2. Minutes of the Bridge meeting of November 16th, 2017 were approved. Don Butt moved, John Bullas second, passed.
3. Officers Reports:

Commander gave a short verbal report thanking the Social Committee for the excellent Christmas Party.

Executive Officer: No report.

Squadron Educational Officer: Both students in the fall combined Boating 2 & 3 course passed. No students registered for the Boating 1 (PCOC) course starting January 10th so it was cancelled. We have 1 student registered for Maritime Radio as well as a student from the fall course who could not attend the test. Bert felt that there was insufficient advertising prior to the course and that the A-frame signage should be more specific about the course. Communication Committee will discuss ways to improve our advertising including new inserts for A-frame signs and posters for posting at the Village and Ferries. Bert reported on a discussion with Agathe Gaulin, Commodore of the Silva Bay Yacht Club (SBYC), concerning an organization she is involved with that teaches on the water boating courses and that maybe the Power Squadron could provide them with a one-day Maritime Radio course during their week of training. They also discussed SBYC attendance at courses and seminars.

Secretary: No Report

Financial Officer: Report filed and posted on Website.

Membership Officer: Squadron has 66 members, up 3 from November 2017.

Public Relations Officer: George reported he has been keeping up postings on the Gabriola Facebook page concerning upcoming courses. He has also contacted the donors of door prizes for the Christmas Party to thank them. He will be contacting Jared Hooper of Sure Signs about new course descriptive inserts for the A-frame signs per discussion on improving advertising.

Webmaster: Report on website.

Communications/Privacy Officer: Report on website.

Member-at-Large: No report.

4. Old Business:
Pennants were turned over to Jude along with the money from sales at the Christmas Party.

Member Survey Results: The summary of the survey results was discussed. The Communications Committee will meet to come up with specific action items for the next Bridge meeting.

Christmas Party: Elaine stated it was a “wonderful success” with lots of good food and socializing. Leftover food was taken to the PHC for their “soup kitchen” and was greatly appreciated.

5. New Business:

Merit Marks: Commander requested all merit marks be turned in. He will compile them and submit to District for forwarding to National.

AGM Date: April 22nd was proposed as the date of the AGM. The Social Committee will check with the Golf Club and other appropriate venues for availability. Carrie Raglan was proposed as our Financial Reviewer: Don moved, John Van Praet second, passed. As Bert knows her, he will ask her.

Awards: Commander requested nominations to the Bridge for this year’s awards presentations at the AGM. Don will put out an email to membership soliciting nominations and the Bridge will decide on recipients by the March meeting.

Spring Social: Ivan Bulic and Bert have had discussions for a series of socials featuring our MP Sheila Malcomson talking on legislation concerning abandoned vessels; a weather seminar concerning effects of global warming and a presenter concerning boating insurance issues. The evening with MP Sheila Malcomson would also include SBYC members, Ratepayers, GAFA (Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages) members, and Island Trust representatives.

6. Next meeting will be at Robert’s Place on February 15th. John Van Praet to chair if available, otherwise Bert terHart will chair.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 2032.