

**GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON**

**Minutes of the Bridge Meeting**

**Held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**At Robert's Place**

**Call to order:** 1900 by Executive Officer **John Van Praet**

**Present:** John Van Praet, George Myette, Elaine Pearce, Don Butt, John Bullas, Bill Kalbfleisch (via FaceTime), Carole Lemieux.

**Regrets:** Jude Briscoe, Bert terHart, Mike Hoeinghaus.

**Absent:** Ralph Hagen.

**Minutes of the previous meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** moved by **Don**, seconded by **John Bullas**, that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

**Officers' Reports:**

**John Van Praet** thanked **Bill** for putting the reports on the website. He will keep the Squadron Challenge Award which is to be displayed at the AGM on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Don** stated that the merit marks were to be submitted to **John Van Praet**.

**Don** mentioned that squadron money was not our own but that we were custodians of it for National.

**Elaine** stated that the next social was scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and that the public is invited.

**Don** requested material for Scuttlebutt and for the yacht club newsletter.

Discussion on joining squadron without taking a course by having an 'equivalency'. **Don** to talk to Peter Bolton.

**Old Business:**

We have more pennants than ordered. **Don** suggested that a pennant be given to anyone who passes the PCOC while **John Bullas** suggested that costs be recovered before free pennants are given out.

**Awards:** **Bert** to be given the Windchime award. At present no recipient of the Rudy Bohm award and **John Van Praet** to speak to Agathe Gaulin, the Commodore of the yacht club as to whether she knows of a worthy recipient as there are many squadron members who are also yacht club members. The Arthur Nielsen award to be determined by **Bert**.

**George** stated that Lil'Gabe needs repairs and paint before the end of June. Suggested it be present at the April 7<sup>th</sup> social.

The next Bridge meeting will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1950.