

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting
August 29th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Commander Van Praet at 1500. A quorum was deemed to be present with the following members absent: PRO George Myette, Ivan Bulic, Secretary Carol Lemieux.

Motion to accept Agenda made by John Bullas, second by Andy Hunter, approved.

Officer reports: Commander, Executive Officer, SEO, Financial, Membership, PRO, Communications/Privacy and Webmaster reports were submitted prior to meeting and are published on the website. Member – at – Large Bob Wood reported he has 19 reports from the Courtesy Boat Check program this summer to send in to District.

Old Business: Commander Van Praet reports the Squadron Policy Manual has been reviewed and revised and the new version is now on the Squadron web site. John Bullas reported that the Squadron Asset List is in progress. CDR Van Praet reported that the Safety and Flare Return Program will be put on hold until PRO George Myette returns at the end of September. He also reported that the possible PCOC course to be held at the Hope Center for teens is on hold until a schedule is worked out with them. Lil Gabe was set up for the Concert on the Green on Aug 8th and for the Salmon BBQ on Aug 10th. Cdr Van Praet thanked all who assisted in getting her moved to the venues and setting her up.

New Business: Finance Officer Jude Briscoe suggested that since the Squadron has about 100 burgees on hand that a burgee be given to boating students who pass the course and join the Squadron. Discussion held and Comm/Privacy Officer Don Butt made a motion that a burgee be awarded to students who complete and pass the Boating 2/3 courses or beyond and join the Squadron and that the award be made at the AGM when certificates are passed out. Seconded by SEO Agathe Gaulin, Approved.

SEO Agathe put forward the proposed fall course schedule and fees for discussion and approval. No PCOC to be scheduled in September, Radio course on Saturday Oct 5th, and Boating 2/3 combined course to run from October 16th to December 11th. Fees were proposed as Radio: \$85 mbrs, \$95 non-mbrs; Boating 2/3: \$220 mbrs, \$240 non-mbrs. There was discussion of allowing members who have previously taken the course to sit in on selected modules which they want to revisit. Don Butt made the motion to approve the schedule as presented and discussed, Bob Wood seconded, approved.

The Social Committee will start planning for a Fall Social in October and Mbrshp Officer Elaine Pearce requested suggestions be sent in for a guest speaker. Cdr Van Praet suggested a representative from BC Ferries to speak on plans for construction and upgrades to the Gabriola and Duke Point terminals. He will pursue a point of contact. Agathe reported that the SBYC Commodores Ball and AGM is scheduled for November 30th at the Surf Lodge.

Advertising for the fall courses was discussed. A mockup of an ad in the Sounder was presented and discussed with several wording changes proposed and accepted. The condensed 3.25” X 2.00” ad will be placed in the Sep 18th edition of the Sounder and an expanded version will be placed on the Squadron website. Cdr Van Praet will retrieve the sandwich sign boards from PRO George Myette’s house to be set up in late September.

Webmaster Bill Kalbfleisch reported via Facetime that updates to our website are ongoing and that Nigel Wells is actively studying to assist in managing the website. Bob Derksen is also assisting Nigel with his studies and CDR Van Praet reported Bob was willing to participate in the IT Committee.

Nominating Committee Chair Mike Hoeinghaus reported that he will start up the committee in early October.

Nanaimo Boat Show was discussed. The Nanaimo Squadron has invited Gabriola Squadron to share their booth with material and personnel. Don Butt, John Van Praet and Bob Wood volunteered to spend some time at the booth and Don will print up some handouts to take along. The Shoreline Clean-up day was discussed and decided to hold in the Spring. Tabled for the March Bridge meeting.

Lil Gabe Tent repairs were discussed and suggested that rather than a new cover which we just installed a couple of years ago, that a tarp of sufficient size be purchased and placed over the tent. Andy Hunter volunteered to measure the tent and Bob Wood volunteered to pick up a tarp at Midland Tarps when he is next in town. Andy also suggested that the sign placard on the port and starboard sides be reworded to say "Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron" vice the current "Gabriola Power Squadron". Approved. Lil Gabe's trailer license and insurance comes up for renewal in October. It is currently registered to Past Cdr Mike Hoeinghaus and he will renew the registration.

The next Bridge Meeting is set for Thursday Sep 26th at Roberts.

Commander Van Praet adjourned the meeting at 1620.