

Notes on the Discussions of the Executive Meeting of March 20, 2014

Call to order by Commander Ralph Hagen at 19:00.

Roll call, regrets, quorum

Regrets: Don Butt, Bill Kalbfleisch, Steve Kitchen, Christine Purfield, Rufus Churcher, Elaine Pearce
Present: Ralph Hagen, Walter Berry, Bob Weenk, Oliver Woolcock, Bob Derksen

The Secretary established that the criteria for a **quorum** had not been met and hence this was not an official Executive meeting. The group, under Ralph Hagen's leadership, decided that it was worthwhile to address some of the items on the agenda and proceeded to discuss them.

Boat Launch Ramp Committee

Walter Berry observed that rather than looking for venues, we need to look for organizations and individuals who can take on the task of making effective proposals to the Regional District. It was also observed that we should see what interest there is in a ramp among the many owners of small boats on the Island.

Squadron Sunday Series

Ralph presented a summary of the three events held between January and March. The fourth planned event, the RCMP Coastal Watch programme talk, has been postponed to the fall. There was a general consensus that the Series had been successful and that next year's Executive should plan to do another series in the winter of 2015.

Ladysmith RCM-SAR

Ralph reported on his meeting with representatives of the Ladysmith RCM-SAR Station 29. He expressed our support of that organization but also conveyed to Ladysmith that our squadron could not take part in their planned May 3 event on Gabriola. Nonetheless, he informed them that our squadron would look into making a monetary donation at the May 3 event.

Bob Weenk's motion to the effect of our squadron donating \$300 to the Ladysmith RCM-SAR was seconded by Oliver Woolcock. The motion will come up again at the next Executive meeting.

Our 2014 AGM and Graduation Ceremony

Ralph reported on the decisions made by the ad hoc AGM committee, consisting of Ralph Hagen, chair, and Bob Weenk, Don Butt and Bob Derksen. The committee decided that a change in format was in order as well as a change in the date. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 14:00 to 16:00 at the Rollo Centre. Non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee and tea will be served along with some light foods. The AGM portion of the meeting will follow, for the most part, the traditional patterns of years past, but there will be several small changes to make the event less formal. As usual, guests will be invited and awards presented. A major part of the meeting will involve, aside from it being a social, a welcoming of our new grads from our Basics, Essentials and Radio courses.

VIND Assessment Increase

Ralph reported that there were no new developments concerning this proposal. The general feeling was that we are opposed to a roughly 30% increase in the assessment. Several questioned whether, with the new course material distribution process and advances in communications technology, there is a place for district organizations in CPS.

Next Meeting

In the absence of a quorum, a new date was set by Commander Hagen, Thursday, April 10, 19:00, Robert's. The group ended its discussions at 20:00.