

**Gabriola Island Power and Sail Squadron
Bridge Member Reports for the Executive Meeting
February 21, 2019**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Don Butt and I attended the January 13 Vancouver Island North District (VIND) Council Meeting at the Beban Social Centre in Nanaimo. Six of the eight squadrons that form the Vancouver Island North District were represented at the meeting. Directing the meeting was District Commander Ion Barnes. There were 15 members present.

A moment of silence was held for deceased member Ralph Hagen of Gabriola Island. The various squadrons presented their Commanders' reports. Gabriola Squadron Commander Mike Hoeinghaus' report was presented to the meeting by undersigned; the very successful Gabriola Squadron Christmas party was also reported. Mike's report follows:

"Gabriola Squadron completed its fall combined Boating 2 & 3 courses in December with 5 students, all passed. Our Spring courses started Jan 9th with PCOC and will be followed by Combined Boating 2 & 3. We will also conduct a one-day Maritime Radio course in February and a few one-day seminars later in the Spring.

Our Squadron membership is holding steady at 62 members and we are financially sound with just over \$4200 in the bank.

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work to put together a slate of Officers for the coming year to be inducted at our AGM scheduled for April 28th. As of this time, we have no candidate for Commander. We will also be replacing our Educational Officer.

*Respectfully submitted
Mike Hoeinghaus
Commander"*

Peter Bolton, National Executive Officer, informed the meeting of a number of issues. Some of these are:

- The new CPS IT System is not up and running yet. There are some Oasis Data problems. Volunteer System Testing is now going on.
- Marketing at the local and National levels has been recognized as an issue. Grant Thornton Marketing will provide marketing suggestions.
- CPS membership currently at 15969, down from 17076 in September 2018.
- The Squadron Challenge Award, last won by the Gabriola Squadron, was returned to the District Commander.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Van Praet
Executive Officer

Squadron Educational Officer

Student enrollment to date for Winter courses is as follows:

- Boating1: 3
- Boating2 and Boating3 - Intro to Cruising: 1
- Maritime Radio: 8 with 1 weather cancellation

A full slate of workshops is planned for the spring. However, given attendance trends, one, some or all of the workshops may be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted
Bert ter Hart
Squadron Educational Officer

Membership Officer

At the previous meeting we had 60 members. As expected, Bodil and Jerry Ellins renewed. Hence, we currently have 62 members. Fifty-nine are regular and three are lifetime members.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Pearce
Membership Officer

Financial Officer

January 2019 Opening Balance: \$ \$4139.53

Expenses: January 2019 (-)

Sure Signs: Course date sign	\$26.00	
Total Expenses:		(-) \$26.00

Deposits: January 2019 (+)

External Deposit CPS course/membership fees	\$11.52	
Interest	\$0.04	
Total Deposits:		(+) \$11.56

February 2019 Opening Balance: \$4125.09

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Briscoe
Financial Officer

Public Relations Officer

Set up sandwich board signs on Ferry Hill and at the Village centre for winter courses. I Spoke with Rick Mitchell – property manager Folklife Village about setting up our sign by the Gertie Stop on the corner but he said he would prefer if we only used this space for L'il Gabe and we were welcome to do so anytime. Consequently, I set the sign up across the road near the corner and it still gave us good visibility.

Worked with Don Butt to print and display posters for the courses at various locations (Roberts, Village Market, Ferry)

Regular posts on Facebook (Community Bulletin Board) advertising courses.

Respectfully submitted
George Myette
Public Relations Officer

Communications and Privacy Officer

Scuttlebutt: to be published end of this month. I will need the reports from SEO and acting Cdr as well as confirmation about proposed events for spring 2019, such as social times, AGM fun stuff, etc. Any articles are welcome.

Communications: No meetings have been necessary because I helped George with the publicity by developing the posters and he did the rest.

Privacy: No privacy issues to report.

Respectfully submitted
Don Butt
Communications and Privacy Officer

Nominating Committee Report

This report will summarize briefly the progress the Nominating Committee has made in listing nominees for the 2019-2020 Gabriola Island Squadron Bridge. It will also explain briefly what the NomCom is and what it has gone through this year, as there seems to be some confusion on that matter.

The 2018-19 NomCom started out as it normally did. The membership of the Committee is always 3 and they are Squadron members in good standing who hold that position not because they are elected or chosen, but by virtue of their current positions. The current Past Commander is both member and chair. The current Commander is a member as is the current Past Commander once removed. After the 2018 AGM the membership of the Committee, then, consisted of Ralph Hagen, Mike Hoeinghaus and Bob Derksen. When Ralph died on June 25, 2018, the vacancy needed to be filled and a new chair chosen. CPS rules state that in a case such as this, the Bridge appoints the replacement and the Committee members chose the new chair. The Bridge filled the position, appointing Elaine Pearce at its January 3, 2019 Bridge meeting. The NomCom chose Bob Derksen as its new chair at the Committee's first meeting on January 5.

The Committee has met four times, on January 5, 12 and 19 and February 4. Unfortunately, Commander Mike Hoeinghaus could meet with the Committee only once, on January 5. However, two out of three members present constitutes a quorum so that Elaine and I were able to carry on. By CPS regulations, the Committee is encouraged to consult with officers as needed and it has done so. Communications Officer and Privacy Officer Don Butt has been

invaluable in his insights and assistance. He has attended every meeting and we would not be where we are today without his help. Executive Officer Jean van Praet attended the February 4 meeting, provided lots of insights and questions regarding the workings of the Squadron and offered to stand as the Committee's nominee for Commander. The Nominating Committee accepted Jean's offer and is working with him to finalize the list of nominees.

As for the Committee's task, it is completed for the most part. We have a slate of nominees that will more than fulfill the CPS requirements of a fully functioning Bridge. In fact, the 2019-2020 list appears to be slightly larger than the current Bridge and will include some new faces, always a positive sign for the future of the organization. As per regulations, the Committee's report will be in the hands of the Squadron Secretary well before the four-week deadline of March 31, 2019 before the Squadron AGM of April 28, 2019. Before that, however, the Committee will share, for information purposes, its final report with the Bridge at its March meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Derksen
Chair
Gabriola Island Squadron Nominating Committee