

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on September 14th, 2020

Via Zoom

Call to order: 1505 by **Commander Jean van Praet**.

Present: Jean van Praet, Don Butt, Elaine Pearce, John Bullas, Agathe Gaulin, Bob Derksen, Nigel Wells, George Myette, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Bob Wood, Andy Hunter, Jude Briscoe.

Absent: Mike Hoeinghaus.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 21st, 2020: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Agathe**, that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

Approval of the agenda: unanimous.

Correspondence: **Jean** received a letter from the Gabriola Island Veterans Association stating that a regular Remembrance Day ceremony will not be conducted this year because of the pandemic. However, the Association will lay out the wreaths and the flag will be at half-mast between 1030 and 1530 and people can make their own Act of Remembrance if they choose and lay a poppy on the Cairn.

Courses offered by the squadron: **Agathe** is to lead B4; **Nigel** to lead B2+B3 combined. Further details are outlined in the Commander's report. **Jean** is asking for assistants to be part of the 'instructor team'. The assistants will be conducting reviews and not instructing. B4 will start in mid-October on Wednesdays and B2+B3 will be on Tuesdays. The courses will run for 6 weeks before Christmas and for 6 weeks after the New Year. **Don** volunteered to help as did **John** with a weather module.

Go-to-Meetings: **Agathe** stated that the Canadian Recreational Yachting Association has purchased a Go-to-Meetings app which they are prepared to share with us for the on-line courses. It would be \$150 for unlimited use. **MOTION:** moved by **Don**, seconded by **Bob**, that we accept **Agathe's** proposal to share the Go-to-Meeting app with CRYA at \$150 for the duration of the teaching season and for reviewing our courses and our meeting needs. **Approved.**

Socials: **Jean** considers them important and is disappointed that Bert terHart's epic journey has not been publicized locally. **Don** stated that he sent the information to the Sounder but to no avail. Discussion on a possible venue or virtual gathering for a presentation by Bert. **Elaine** to discuss with **Jude** and **Ivan** how 'Concert on the Screen' was handled.

AGM: **Jean** outlined in his report his efforts to ascertain whether an AGM would be possible, whether it was needed and how it could be brought about. CPS-ECP website states how an AGM should be held. **Bob** stated that we need an AGM but was uncertain what form it should take. He suggested we follow all the rules as if it is a 'proper' AGM. Discussion. **Jean** asked who would be in favour of a virtual AGM and five Bridge members agreed so there will be a virtual AGM. **George** mentioned that, due to several other commitments he would like to resign from the Bridge at the AGM. **Ivan** wondered if it could be combined with a social. A possible date for the AGM to be ascertained.

RVCC's: **Jean** stated that **Bob Wood**, who could not attend this meeting, had personally done three boat checks for friends of his.

Officers' reports: those which were submitted are on the website.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th @ 1500.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1637.