

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on November 23rd, 2020

Via Go-To-Meeting

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

Present: Jean van Praet, Agathe Gaulin, Mike Hoeinghaus, Don Butt, Ivan Bullic, Andy Hunter, Elaine Pearce, Nigel Wells, John Bullas, Jude Briscoe, Bob Wood, Carole Lemieux.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 26th, 2020: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Agathe**, that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved**.

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Officers' reports: moved by **Andy**, seconded by **Don** that the reports be accepted. **Approved**. **Jean** thanked **Andy** for taking on the position of webmaster. **Andy** requested that the reports be submitted by the deadline given and, if the deadline is missed, the reports would not be put on the website.

Correspondence: **Carole** received a letter from Bob Derksen who resigned from the Nominating Committee.

Discussion regarding AGM date for 2021; the squadron will plan on an April meeting depending on COVID; **Mike** and **Jean** to meet as part of the Nominating Committee for 2021 AGM.

Squadron Bridge elected officers' roles: **Jean** outlined his expectations of the roles of the Bridge officers.

Courses offered by the squadron: **Agathe** did not have a report on the website but spoke of the courses continuing on-line. **Nigel** in charge of Blended B2+3 and **Agathe** in charge of Blended B4. **John** also teaching weather in B4 and John Lewis helping with 'heavy weather' and 'buoyancy'. The last session of 2020 will be December 16th to restart January 6th. **Nigel** briefly discussed his experience with B2+3 and stated that he finds it challenging to manage the meetings and present them even though they have been successful. Preparation for the review sessions takes several hours and **Don** stated that he was willing to assist. Discussion re best way to present.

Communications: **Jean** mentioned them in his report but also stated that the sandwich boards need repairing and **Mike** said he would look at them.

Financial: **Jude** discussed her report which is on the website.

Membership: **Elaine's** report is on the website. She stated her frustration in getting correct information from National. **Jean** will forward his e-mails from National to the Bridge.

Proposed Transport Canada changes to boat licensing: **Ivan** stated that currently every boat with HP of 9.9 or more needs a licence at no cost. But now all pleasure craft greater than 6 meters will require a licence and there will be a charge.

Shore clean-up: Don enquired whether the squadron should partner with The Lions for a shore clean-up. He will talk to them at their next meeting. He will ask Betsy Banford, President, to contact Jean.

Scuttlebutt: Don would like information on training, etc. by the week before Christmas. Agathe was wondering about what courses would be offered in the new year. Don has a bag of plaques which can be reused. He will give them to John. Our squadron flag which travelled the 5 capes with Bert is now framed and will be presented to National.

Next meeting: proposed for Monday, January 25th; 2021 @ 1500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1620.