

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on March 1st, 2021

Via Go-To-Meeting

Call to Order: 1505 by **Commander Jean Van Praet**.

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

Absent: Jude Briscoe.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 25th, 2021: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Bob**, that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

The agenda was approved.

The officers' reports were approved and on the website. The XO had no report.

As per **Jean's** report, the VIND meeting was attended by **Jean, Agathe, Nigel** and **Don**. Discussion on the report and of the CPS-ECP presentation to inform of the new business model which is not finalized. **Nigel** stated that it will include a new name and logo, but the main issue is the financial condition of National and their proposal to take a percentage of funds from local squadrons. **Don** stated that the money does not belong to the squadrons but is held on behalf of National. Discussion on the boating course market and on-line presentations and **Mike** suggested we need a budget. **Ivan** questioned whether there was any feedback on National's proposals and how are members being consulted on the new name and logo.

RVCC: will CPS-ECP have any this year? **Ivan** suggested a virtual model for RVCC's. Discussion. **Don** gave a brief summation of COVID-19.

Social Committee effort: **Elaine** is collecting for PHC during the month of March. She will have a donation box in front of her house and, at month's end, a donation will be made to PHC on behalf of the squadron.

Jean reminded Bridge members of the importance of communication.

Merit marks: **Jean** must enter them individually when the new CPS-ECP system is ready.

CPS-ECP Microsoft 365: **Jean** briefly discussed the e-mail addresses for officers. Discussion on how to use different methods to communicate, e.g., Teams and/or Zoom.

Shore clean-up will probably be done in conjunction with the Lions. No date as yet designated but possibly a Sunday afternoon in May – 9th or 16th. **Jean** to talk to Doug Cavill.

PRO: the squadron still needs one. **Nigel** is currently taking care of Facebook and **Mike** will fix the sandwich boards.

Article in the Sounder: **Jean** would like assistance and suggested an advertisement as well. **Don, John** and **Agathe** agreed to help.

Scuttlebutt is on the website.

Nominating committee consists of **Mike, Jean** and **Elaine**. A slate of officers has been drawn up which includes 3 extra members-at-large.

AGM: date proposed for April 18th @ 1400 on Zoom. Discussion on guests.

Vancouver International Boat Show seminars were a great success.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 29th @ 1500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1646.