

GABRIOLA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on March 21st, 2022

Via Go-To-Meeting

Commander Jean van Praet called the meeting to order at 1500.

Bridge members present: Jean van Praet, Gary Small, Li Decosas, Ivan Bulic, Nigel Wells, Don Butt, Bob Wood, Agathe Gaulin, Elaine Pearce, Carole Lemieux and prospective Bridge member Paul O'Sullivan.

Regrets: Jude Briscoe, Andy Hunter, John Bullas.

Prior to the actual Bridge meeting, a presentation was made by Heather Earle on the Hakai project and the possible involvement of the Gabriola squadron. This was also attended by Christy Wilson who spoke to the presentation. Discussion. This terminated at 1545 with the date and time of April 7th @ 1700 suggested for training. Those interested in participating in the training session were **Ivan, Jean, Don, Nigel** and **Gary**.

The actual Bridge meeting then commenced.

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 21st, 2022: moved by **Nigel**, seconded by **Don**, that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved**.

The meeting agenda was approved.

Correspondence: **Carole** received the Nominating Committee's report.

Officers' reports submitted and to be put on the website were Financial, Communication/Privacy, Commander's, Education and Webmaster.

RVCC boat checks to be May 27, 28 & 29. **Bob** spoke on the checks and **Jean** to arrange advertising in the Sounder. **Li** has sandwich boards to advertise it as well.

Membership: **Elaine** complained that National were dropping off members' names including herself. **Jean** stated the need to attract new members.

Sounder: **Jean** met with Sarah and Derek with the proposal that the squadron submit 2 articles every month at a cost of \$100 per month. Discussion. A suggestion was made to use the Community Bulletin Board in lieu of the Sounder and it was resolved that **Li** and **Don** would use the Community Bulletin board instead of the Sounder.

Educational: **Agathe's** report outlined a boating camp for youth and a boating skills workshop. She added that there are 2 ROC(M) sessions with exam and 2 PCOC sessions with exam. She stated that the sandwich boards seem to be effective. Discussion on the simulator. It was decided not to have the simulator at the AGM as **Nigel** would not be present. Discussion on Agathe's report.

PRO: A double-sided insert in the Sounder would cost \$457. **MOTION:** moved by **Agathe**, seconded by **Li**, to proceed with a 1-page, double-sided insert in the March 31st Sounder promoting the squadron's boat camp for youth and series of workshops for a total for \$457. **Approved.**

Guide to boaters pamphlet: **Li** commented that this has been very well received and she has lots of sponsors lined up. When she has a complete list, she will send it to **Don** and everyone in the squadron. Discussion.

Return of expired flares is confirmed for Cabela's in Nanaimo on April 30th. **Gary** mentioned that pyrotechnics are not allowed on the ferry. He has had no response from the ferry regarding hand-held emergency flares.

AGM is planned for Sunday, April 24th @ 1400 at the Community Hall upstairs. Awards were discussed and **Jean** would like suggestions for nominees.

Social: there will be a formal social following the AGM organized by **Elaine, Jude** and **Jean**. An informal social is proposed for May 28th @1600 at the food truck at Page's Inn following the boat checks.

Attracting new members: discussion on possible no fees for new members for one year.

Nominating Committee report was received by the secretary. **Ivan, Carole** and **Andy** are not standing again.

Jean would like the merit marks as soon as possible.

Bert ter Hart's next challenge is to canoe across Canada and will begin on April 1st. **Don** will write articles about it in the Sounder.

Next meeting to be April 11th @ 1500.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1708.