

GABRIOLA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on September 26th, 2022

In Person and via GoToMeeting

**Executive Officer Nigel Wells** called the meeting to order at 1506, with quorum determined achieved unanimously by those Bridge members present and online.

**Present:**, Agathe Gaulin, Li Decosas, Don Butt (via GTM), , John Bullas (via GTM), Nigel Wells, Jude Briscoe.

**Regrets:** Jean-Pierre van Praet, Gary Small, Bob Wood, Sean Lewis,

**Guests:** Charles Hawkswell, VIND Commander

**Minutes of the previous meeting of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022:** moved by **Li**, seconded by **Jude** that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved**

The Meeting Agenda was approved.

**Officers' Reports:** oral reports were made by the Executive Officer, Education Officer and Communications/Privacy Officer, and Financial Reports for May, June, July and August were submitted and will be put on the website. **Nigel** reported that his Webmaster permissions would be restored shortly, so both minutes and reports could be posted.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Education: Agathe** reported that the Squadron would be putting on both a Boating 2/3 combined Self-Study course in October 2022 to January 2023, a series of Wednesday Workshops on similar topics to April/May last year. Jude would enquire about dates for the workshops downstairs in the Community Hall. A budget for Hall rental and marketing of up to \$600 was approved without objection.

**Nigel** reported that he had purchased a replacement tent shelter for Li'l Gabe for \$450. A work party would need to be organised for the dismantling of the old structure and the erection of the new shelter.

**PRO: Li** reported that there were about 75 copies of the Guide to Boaters remaining, and it was decided that there was currently no need to reprint. She reported also on her attempts to find places to take expired flares, that the Gabriola RCMP Office had said that it would be able to on an individual basis, but that this would not be part of an advertised programme.

Agenda items concerning Membership Issues and Planning for the Fall/Winter Social were deferred to the next meeting, as Elaine was not able to be present.

**Nigel** gave a short report on the **Hakai Institute Light Trap Project** at Silva Bay, which had four squadron members among the 15 volunteers who checked the trap four times a week from mid April to the end of August. The project volunteers were scheduled and co-ordinated by **Jean-Pierre**. Its aim was to monitor the health of the waters of the Salish Sea by focussing on the presence in the trap of larval megalopae and juvenile Dungeness Crab.

**Li'I Gabe: Don** reported that we were able to bring Li'I Gabe to both the Concert on the Green and to the Salmon Barbeque events, and thanks were due to **Mike Hoeinghaus** for help with towing, and to **Li** for acting as ambassador during the event. It was decided that we should aim to have Li'I Gabe and volunteers in the Village Mall parking lot over the Thanksgiving weekend to maintain the Squadron profile. Jude would seek permission from the Mall manager.

**Nigel** reminded the Bridge of the need for a new Secretary.

**Financial: Jude** reported on a relatively quiet summer period following the intense activity in the late spring, and that the Account balance remains healthy.

Charles Hawkswell gave a brief report as the new VIN District Commander, which included information updates from the VIND meeting given by the Chief Commander.

**Next Meeting: proposed for Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1635.