

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on November 24th, 2022

The Meeting was held both at a physical location (Commander's residence on Gabriola) and by GoToMeeting.

Call to Order: 15:08 by Commander Jean-Pierre Van Praet.

Present at Commander's Residence: Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Agathe Gaulin and Nigel Wells.

Present via GoToMeeting: Don Butt, Li Decosas, John Bullas, Paul O'Sullivan, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe.

Regrets: Sean Lewis, Gary Small.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 25th, 2022: moved by Don, seconded by Agathe, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

Reports: Reports submitted by Don Butt (Scuttlebutt and Communications), Li Decosas (PRO), Jude Briscoe (Financial), Elaine Pearce (Membership), J-P Van Praet (Commander) are on our microsite.

Correspondence: No correspondence

CPS-ECP AGM

- Congratulations and Thanks to Agathe Gaulin, SEO, who won the CPS-ECP Howard G. Peck Volunteer of the Year award.
- Congratulations to our Squadron for receiving the CPS-ECP "Squadron of the Year" award, jointly with North Shore Squadron.
- Congratulations to the SV Seaburban Support Team (John Bullas, Don Butt, Nani ter Hart and Leah ter Hart) for receiving an updated version of the 2020 CPS-ECP Chief Commander's Commendation.

Commander's Comments

- Jean-Pierre put out an **appeal to the Bridge Members for some help**. The Squadron does need a secretary. Ninety percent of the secretary's work is taking notes during Bridge Meetings and preparing the Minutes of these Meetings. We are also looking for an assistant webmaster to take over at some time from Nigel, as Nigel does have other Squadron responsibilities as well.
- Jean-Pierre thanked Nigel, Gary, and Sean for installing the new tent that is already housing Li'l Gabe and also Jude, for offering to have Li'l Gabe parked in the new tent on her property.

Discussion on Boating Courses, Seminars, Boating Camp: what do we want to offer?

Agathe explained the Education Department's proposal for courses and seminars.

- Right now, an in-person course just ended, with 5 people attending, 3 taking the exam (the other two already have their PCOC), of which 1 passed already, 2 have deferred.
- To date there are no registrations for the ROC(M) course which is scheduled to start next week.
- It is proposed to run a blended (self study with weekly on-line review meetings) Boating 2+3 starting in January 2023. Nigel will manage this course. This course will take 10 weeks.
- It is also proposed to run an in-person Boating 2 course. This course will take 3 sessions and Agathe will run it.
- It is also proposed to run an on-line ROC(M) course after Christmas 2022.
- And a PCOC in person (after Easter 2023)
- Agathe and Nigel are also considering 2 or 3 seminars, for example "Boat and Engine Maintenance" (Agathe will try to contact a person on Gabriola who had offered to assist in teaching this subject), "Weather" (John Bullas indicated that, if this is planned closer to summer, he may be able to run it), and maybe "Electrical Trouble Shooting on boats".
- Finally, a Boating Camp for Youth is planned. It would take place on May 12 (1 day) or on May 12 and May 13. (2 days). Friday May 12 is a professional development day for teachers at GES. Saturday 13 would be good for a second day, but there is a conflict for Agathe and maybe others: the SBYC Sail Past is on that day. The decision to go "1 day" or "2 days" will be made later.

Discussion took place during and after Agathe's explanation, Paul asked which courses are being taught (elsewhere), and specifically which courses that are being taught in Nanaimo. Nigel pointed out that Nanaimo is offering a B2+3 course right now, which is why our Squadron is waiting until January to start this course, thereby avoiding competing for local students.

Another discussion related to the Sandwich Boards, and the best way to advertise specific course on the Sandwich Boards. It was concluded that the Sandwich Boards are not a good place to provide information about the content of the B2+3 course, or any course. John Bullas suggested that the website address might go on the Sandwich Boards, but it was recognised that the URL for the squadron's site is too long to fit easily on to a SB, and that it is in the Sounder adverts and can be in Facebook ads as well.

Socials: what do we want to offer?

The following were suggested for possible socials for the year 2023:

- A Sunday picnic at Drumbeg, with kids' games etc.
- A social focused on Gary and Li's trip to the Arctic
- A social focused on the Hakai Light trap project
- A social focused on Bert's crossing of Canada by canoeing and portage

Nominating Committee for Bridge 2023-2024

Jean-Pierre advised that the Committee very soon start its work again.

Don explained the rules regarding the composition of the Nominating Committee. A copy of these rules is attached below.

7.1.6 The Squadron or District Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, being the current Commander, the immediate Past Commander and one (1) other Past Commander all of whom shall hold their position by virtue of their office and will not require election or appointment.

- (a) The Chairman of the Committee shall be the immediate Past Commander.
- (b) In the event that two (2) Past Commanders are not available the vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the Squadron or District Council.
- (c) If the position of Chairman of the Committee becomes vacant, the members of the Nominating Committee, including the appointee, shall choose one (1) of their numbers to be Chairman.
- (d) A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be two (2) persons.
- (e) All questions shall be decided by ordinary resolution. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair of the Committee shall be entitled to cast a second, deciding vote.

Board Regulations, revised Oct. 2015, p. 20

Merit Marks

Jean-Pierre explained that volunteer hours contributed during the calendar year 2022 lead to 2023 Merit Marks. Don explained that sufficient Merit Marks eventually lead to free CPS-ECP membership.

Don asked when Squadron members should submit the number of the hours, they volunteered in 2022. Jean-Pierre would like to receive these prior to January 31st, 2023. The submission should be accompanied by an explanation as to what work for the Squadron or District was actually performed. Preparatory time is to be included.

Next meeting:

Thursday January 26, 3pm are agreed to as the date and time for the next Bridge Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was ended at 4:15 p.m.