

Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron

Minutes of Bridge Meeting of Thursday March 2nd, 2023

Held at Commander's residence and via GoToMeeting

Present: Commander Jean-Pierre van Praet, Nigel Wells and Agathe Gaulin.

Via GTM: Bob Wood, Paul O'Sullivan, Sean Lewis, Li Decosas, Jude Briscoe

Regrets: Elaine Pearce, Don Butt, Gary Small

A quorum was determined, and the meeting was called to order at **1505**

The minutes of the meeting of January 26th were approved, moved by Paul, and seconded by Agathe after agreeing to a correction from Li.

The meeting agenda was approved.

Officers' reports except for the Membership and Privacy/Scuttlebutt have been posted on the microsite. These will be posted later.

There was no correspondence to report.

Agathe outlined her Educational Report and expanded on her Qualicum Beach ROC(M) teaching sessions, saying that all 24 students passed with excellent oral scores, and that the success of these sessions had led to a request for another session with 11 students at a nearby school.

Agathe requested that a \$250 payment should be made to the instructor for the Seminar on Marine Electrical Maintenance scheduled for March 15th.

Li expanded on the items in her PRO report, and in the discussion that followed it was agreed:

- that the Sponsorship Renewal letter content was good, but that it needed tidying up before it was sent out. Jude and Li would liaise on this, and we would add several other local businesses to the list.
- that the Squadron would not seek any further local discounts on services but would pursue sponsorship of events and would continue with its \$250 sponsorship of the SBYC Logbook. Motion for this was moved by Agathe, seconded by Jude and agreed unanimously.
- that we would continue with updating the Pamphlet to include any new sponsors since its last print run. Agathe reported that Deb Erdos had agreed to help with the graphic design, at no cost.
- Advertising Courses and Seminars would continue with the Sounder adverts, Facebook posts, and the use of the Sandwich Boards, which had been refurbished and painted.

Membership was reported as being at **47**, including 2 life members

There was discussion of the date and location of the AGM, and it was provisionally agreed that the AGM should be combined with an outdoor Social Event, and that the date should be **Sunday May 28th at Pages Resort**, time and format to be agreed. Jude will confirm that the date is available.

The sum of \$250 was agreed as payment to advertise in the Silva Bay Yacht Club Logbook.

The Gabriola Squadron Awards for 2023 were discussed:

The Arthur Nielsen award was awarded posthumously to Harold Johnson last year. Jean-Pierre was not sure where the plaque was but undertook to find it.

Agathe will find out the student with this year's highest mark and report that to Jean-Pierre.

There was no discussion of candidates for the Windchime award, although it was noted that Agathe won the award in 2022.

The Rudy and Frieda Bohm Award was made last year to Ivan Bulic. Jean-Pierre revealed that the plaque had no space left for new recipients, and that a new one should be organised from Bastion at a cost of about \$175. Agreement to this was moved by Agathe, seconded by Nigel, and approved unanimously. Agathe asked that a full membership list be provided to Bridge members, so that a list of candidates for this award could be compiled.

The HAKAI Light Trap Project will continue in 2023, and Jean-Pierre reported that there were a respectable number of returning volunteers. Heather Earle was giving a talk about the Project on Friday 10th March at the Rollo Centre and was giving a briefing and training session to volunteers on Saturday 11th at 0900 at Pages dock.

The Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 is continuing its work.

It was agreed after discussion that the RVCCs would take place on the weekend of the 5th, 6th and 7th of May. Bob Wood reiterated that he would need help from Gary and others for this to go ahead.

The next meeting was proposed after discussion for **Tuesday April 4th at 1500**.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at **1630**.