

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting of April 4th, 2023

The Meeting was held both at the Commander's residence on Gabriola and by GoToMeeting.

Call to Order: 15:03 by Commander Jean-Pierre Van Praet.

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

Present via GoToMeeting: Agathe Gaulin, Don Butt, Sean Lewis, John Bullas, Paul O'Sullivan, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe.

Regrets: Gary Small, Li Decosas.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 2nd, 2023: moved by Agathe, seconded by Nigel, that the Minutes be accepted. Approved.

Reports: Reports submitted by Nigel Wells (Webmaster), Jude Briscoe (Financial), Elaine Pearce (Membership), J-P Van Praet (Commander) are on our microsite.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Educational: Agathe explained the Education Department's progress in courses and seminars which are proceeding well at the GRS classroom. There are already some registrations for the ROC(M) course, and two students have signed up to take the Boating 2 exam.

Boating Camp for Youth planning is proceeding, but we need some more volunteers to help with running it. Jude agreed to put in a request to The Lions for \$500 in funding, stressing that the camp provided a terrific opportunity for Gabriola youth.

Public Relations and Advertising: Jean-Pierre mentioned that the sandwich boards were up, and the information panels for the ROC(M) course should be put up as soon as they were ready. Jean-Pierre and Agathe had a meeting with Derek at the Sounder, and that should be turned into an article on April 12th

Easter presence of L'il Gabe at the Village: This was discussed, and it was realised that there would be insufficient Bridge members around to staff Li'l Gabe over the Easter Weekend, so it was postponed.

RVCCs: These were to be held on the weekend of the 5/6/7 of May, and Jean-Pierre would check with Bob about how many he had to perform the checks.

Membership: This stood currently at 46, which was down one from the previous month.

AGM and Social May 28th: There was discussion about whether this should be a completely outside event and it was decided that there should be an inside option, which would allow presentations to be made, Page's and the Community Hall were suggested as possible venues, and Jude would investigate their availability. There was no discussion of food and possible guests as planning was still in its preliminary stages. The Commander asked for nominations for the Windchime Award (outstanding proctor/instructor) and the Rudy and Frieda Bohm Award (Boating Excellence), but added that there was no obligation to award each year.

Financial: We currently have something over \$4300 in our account

Scuttlebutt will be produced at the end of April. Agathe said that Deb Erdos had agreed to volunteer her help with its production moving forward.

Hakai Light Trap Project will start on April 16, the day after Nigel has agreed to put the trap into the water at Page's.

Nominating Committee for Bridge 2023-2024

Jean-Pierre advised that the Committee is continuing its work.

Next meeting:

Friday May 19th, 3pm are agreed to as the date and time for the next Bridge Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was ended at 1600.