

GABRIOLA ISLAND POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Minutes of the 27th AGM

Held on May 28th, 2023.

At the Gabriola Community Hall

Members present: Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Nigel Wells, Robert Erdos, Don Butt, Agathe Gaulin, Jude Briscoe, Elaine Pearce, Bob Wood, John Bullas, Gary Small, Li Decosas, Georgette Duhaime, Paul & Heather O'Sullivan, Jude Briscoe.

Other attendees: Denise Mitchell, PC/C Peter Bolton, D/C Charles Hawkswell, SBYC Commodore Debbie Erdos, D/EO Alexa Stochmal, D/Secr. Jim Pittendreigh, Mr., and Mrs. Ivan Bulic, Edie Wood.

Commander Jean-Pierre Van Praet called the meeting to order at 1410. He introduced the honoured guests, PC/C Peter Bolton, D/C Charles Hawkswell, SBYC Commodore Debbie Erdos, D/EO Alexa Stochmal, D/Secr. Jim Pittendreigh.

A moment of silence was then observed for members who had passed with special mention of Bob Derksen, Past Squadron Commander who until recently was active on the Bridge.

The awards were then announced by the Commander:

The **Arthur J. Nielsen Award** was given to **Denise Mitchell**, who achieved a perfect score on her PCOC exam.

The **Windchime Award** was given to **Agathe Gaulin** for her relentless efforts in teaching Gabriolans, Gabriola Youth and students on Vancouver Island.

The **Rudy and Frieda Bohm Memorial Award** went to **Gary Small and Li Decosas**, for their four-year sailing trip including their attempt to sail the Northwest passage.

District Commander Charles Hawkswell then awarded:

A **District Commander's Citation** to **Bob Wood**, for his years after years organizing and carrying out **RVCCs**, regularly resulting in very high numbers of boat safety checks.

The Commander continued announcing:

A Gabriola Power and Sail **Squadron Commander's Commendation** to **Bob Wood**, for the many years that he has been active in **bringing CPS-ECP** and the Gabriola Squadron **closer to the public** and to other marine organizations.

A special **Thank You** to **Don Butt, AP**, for **25 years** of **publishing** the Gabriola Squadron's newsletter, **Scuttlebutt**, and

A special **Thank You** to **Elaine Pearce**, for **20 years** of **service** on the **Gabriola Squadron Bridge**.

A **Gabriola Power and Sail Squadron Commander's Commendation to Bert ter Hart**, in recognition of his outstanding efforts and perseverance in **Canoeing and Portaging from Canada's Pacific Coast to the Atlantic**.

District Commander Charles Hawkswell then handed out **the CPS-ECP Merit Marks** to the Gabriola Squadron Members. This included 26 Merit Marks to Don Butt and **20 Merit Marks to Elaine Pearce**, who is now a **CPS-ECP Life-time Member**.

Jean-Pierre then invited DC Charles Hawkswell of VIND to speak to the attendees. Charles mentioned the "Gabriola Spirit" making the Gabriola Squadron so dynamic. This was followed by Peter Bolton, Past Chief Commander. He mentioned that the Gabriola Squadron "punches above its weight" as a small Squadron that can achieve more than other, larger ones as a result of the dynamism of its Bridge.

The actual AGM meeting then commenced at 1445.

Commander Jean-Pierre informed the meeting that Nigel Wells, XO, is acting as Secretary during this AGM.

Commander Jean-Pierre declared that a quorum was present.

It was established by the secretary, **Nigel**, that proper notification of the meeting had been sent out.

There was no correspondence.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on April 24^h, 2022: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Agathe**, that the Minutes of the 26th AGM be accepted. **Approved.**

Officers' Reports: MOTION: moved by **Ivan**, seconded by **Jude**, that the Officers' reports be received as posted on the Squadron's microsite. **Approved.**

Financial Report: MOTION: moved by **Li**, seconded by **Jude**, that the financial report be accepted as posted on the Squadron's microsite. **Accepted.**

MOTION: moved by **Jude**, seconded by **Ivan**, to appoint Sandi Winter as the Financial Reviewer. **Approved.**

Nominating Committee Report: the committee comprised **Past Commander Mike Hoeninghaus, Elaine** and **Jean-Pierre**. Mike was unable to attend this AGM. Jean-Pierre did read the Nominating Committee's Report. As there were no further nominations, **Nigel** cast the single ballot in favour of the Nominating Committee Report's nominated Bridge Members. **Jean-Pierre** mentioned a secretary was required as well as a webmaster. These responsibilities of these two positions will temporarily be carried out by the Past Commander (Secretary) and the Commander (Webmaster).

Jean-Pierre then invited D/C Charles Hawkswell to pledge in the Commander and the Officers.

Commander Nigel stated that **'the watch has changed'**.

New Signing Officer: MOTION, moved by **Jean-Pierre**, seconded by **Jude**, that **New Commander Nigel Wells** be appointed as Signing Officer. **Approved.**

Commander Nigel addressed the attendees. He shared his thoughts on the way forward for the Gabriola Squadron, a small Squadron with big ambitions. Experience and enthusiasm keep the Gabriola Squadron going. The main objective remains promoting Boating Safety in a way that is fun. He thanked all the Bridge Members for their efforts over the last several years.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1510.