

GABRIOLA ISLAND POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Minutes of the 26th AGM

Held on April 24th, 2022

At the Community Hall

Commander Jean van Praet called the meeting to order at 1410. He introduced the honoured guests, Peter Bolton and Ion Barnes.

A moment of silence was then observed for members who had passed with especial mention of Russ Pearce.

The awards were then announced: the Arthur J. Nielsen Award was given posthumously to Harold Johnson; The Windchime Award was given to **Agathe Gaulin**; the Rudy and Frieda Bohm Memorial Award went to **Ivan Bulic**.

Other recognitions included **Carole Lemieux, Ivan Bulic and Andy Hunter** – all three of whom are leaving the Bridge. **Jean** especially recognized the hard work of **Li Decosas**.

Jean invited **Don** to say a few words about Bert ter Hart's latest venture of canoeing across the country.

Jean then invited D/C Ion Barnes of VIND to speak to the attendees. This was followed by Peter Bolton, the Chief Commander. He stated that although we deal with education, there is also a social side which has been missing the past two years. He spoke of trying to enlist members and the lack of volunteers. He also spoke on the 'special project fund' of CPS-ECP National.

The actual AGM meeting then commenced at 1455. It was established by the secretary, **Carole**, that a quorum was present and that notification of the meeting had timely been sent out.

Bridge members present: Jean van Praet, Don Butt, Agathe Gaulin, Jude Briscoe, Elaine Pearce, Ivan Bulic, Bob Wood, John Bullas, Gary Small, Carole Lemieux. Other attendees were Georgette Duhaime, Erin Drake, Peter Gerencher, Elaine Johnston, Hetty Coccia, Paul O'Sullivan, Heather O'Sullivan, Paul Giffin, Andre Lemieux, Danielle van Praet, Eddie Woods, Diane Bolton.

There was no correspondence.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on April 18th, 2021: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Agathe**, that the Minutes of the 25th AGM be accepted. **Approved.**

Officers' Reports: MOTION: moved by **Ivan**, seconded by **Bob**, that the Officers' reports be received as circulated. **Approved.**

Financial Report: MOTION: moved by **Jude**, seconded by **Don**, that the Financial report be referred to the Squadron Bridge and that said Bridge report to the next general meeting for approval. **Accepted.**

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

Nominating Committee Report: the committee comprised **Elaine, Mike Hoinghaus** and **Jean** and the report was by **Elaine** and **Jean**. As there were no further nominations, **Carole** cast the single ballot in favour of the new Bridge which included **Paul O'Sullivan** as a new inductee. **Jean** mentioned a secretary was required as well as a webmaster. Bert ter Hart is to be an emissary bridge member.

Jean then invited C/C Peter Bolton to pledge in the Commander and the Officers.

Jean stated that 'the watch has changed' and he thanked everyone present.

The next Bridge meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, 2022.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1520.