

FRASER SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 13, 2006

Location: Ladner CoPS

Present and Regrets

Title	Name	Present	Title	Name	Present
Commander	Bob Everson	Present	Lt. port Captain	Bob Juulsen	Present
Lt/C Training Officer	Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood	Present	1 st Lt. Secretary	Kim Narraway	Present
Lt. Asst Training Officer (LAD)	Jim Bryant	Present	Lt. Editor – Fairlead	TBA	
1 st Lt. Treasurer	John Moir	Absent	Lt. Assistant editor	TBA	
1 st Lt Membership	Debbie Oliynyk	Absent	Lt. Regalia	Alan Eldred	Present
1 st Lt Administration	Cleve Pryde	Present	Lt Programmes Officer	Ellis Knowlton	Present
Lt. Supply Officer Lt. Training aids	Bill Hawryluk	Present	Lt. Cruise Master	Alan/Alberta Rudolf	Present
			Past Commander	Ross McCutcheon	Absent
Lt/C Executive Officer	TBA		Lt. Comm. Officer	TBA	
Lt. Asst Training Officer-RMD	TBA		1 st Lt. PR Officer	TBA	
1 st Lt. MAREP	Victor Weizmann	Absent	Lt Historian	TBA	
Lt. Environment	TBA		Lt. Web Master	TBA	

New Bridge members: None

Guests: None

Meeting called to Order by Bob at 19:34

Minutes if the Previous Meeting

Errors and Omissions:

Septembers minutes were distributed to Bob only so all the bridge did not read for errors and omissions.

October minutes were checked for errors and omissions –

-Ellis did not propose to accept the bridge officers someone else did. Bob to advise on who

-Ellis questioned the email reminder in respect of the AGM, it was pointed out that the notice of events is in the newsletter and the email is just a reminder on top of the official notice.

Motion: To accept the reading and adoption of the October Minutes

Proposed Ellis Knowlton

Seconded Alan Eldred

Carried All in favour

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

National Conference

A reminder that the CPS National Conference is coming soon. October 25 – 28.

Christmas dinner and Dance, the room and DJ is already booked. We discussed the music and agreed that 50's, 60's and a little rock and roll would go down very well. We agreed that Bob would draw the door prize # for which table would go and eat and in which order. The person at the door would collect the tickets possibly Lisa and Alberta. Kim and Alain will do the 50/50.

Bob showed a full colour picture of the advertisement for the Fairlead. The fairlead was distributed early to ensure the information about the Christmas dance was available early. We discussed the tickets and ensuring that if anyone arrives at the door we should be able to accommodate them. We discussed the trophy's Bob is looking for fishing stories for the fishing trophy. We discussed the buckets, the tickets and the door prices. Bob introduced the idea with for a party game.

Ellis noted that the Fairlead is far more entertaining than it used to be.

BBQ went well thanks to Cleve Pryde and those helping.

Alan mentioned that we have had the best cruise year this year and the Bridge thanked Alan and Alberta for their hard work.

Emailing of Reminders and Notifications

It was discussed that in order to better notify our members of Fraser events that it would be advantageous if e-mailings went out 1 – 2 weeks prior to the event. When Fraser squadron originally started the web site and electronic newsletter distribution this was generally not accepted.

The general consensus of this meeting is that this is a good idea. In future we will use this as a medium to better keep our members up to date on Fraser happenings.

Officers Reports

Commander's Report

Fellow Bridge Members;

On Saturday October 28, I attended the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron National Convention at the Marriot hotel.

During the course of the entire weekend there were two sessions that I dearly wanted to attend. The first was a Squadron Commanders meeting which was held on Friday October 27. Work commitments precluded my attending. The second session was a Training meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon. By whatever means the organizers had woefully underestimated the popularity of this session. Before I arrived there was a stream of attendees leaving the room. The room was crowded to the point of standing room only with many delegates in the hallway.

Highlights that I did come away with are:

- National is in the planning stages of a web based squadron member administration system. What this should mean is that we only have to type names into the system once. After that, all forms and reports can be filled by selecting names from a list. The plan is to have it up and running for the next major member renewal cycle.
- There is a new course in the works "Electronic Charting" the books are at the printers now.
- The position of national Membership Officer is being re-instated. The role of the Port Captain will be revitalized.
- Currently CPS is seeing an 85% membership renewal rate.
- William Nash, the Director General for Maritime Safety, Transport Canada was pleased to inform us that the new Canada Shipping Act is almost in place. They are trying hard to bring in the vessel regulations for early next year. (as a major effect of the new regulations will be the disposal of sewage, I was amazed to see William survive unscathed when he told us that this was largely due to the effort of organizations like CPS)
- There were numerous other speakers. Too numerous to mention here.

Lastly, PMD Executive Officer Glen Blake would like us to confirm as early as possible the dates in 2007 that we need a PMD officer to attend. This will include the Fall Grad (January 22), PMD AGM (April 14), and Spring Grad (May 24).

Respectively submitted,
Cdr. Bob Everson
Fraser Squadron

Fairlead Editor	No report
Environmental	No report
Past Commander	No report

Training Officer

1. Approximately 9 students are registered for the VHF course.
2. The Boating course in Ladner has 23 students who are scheduled to write their PCOC examination in November 30 and their Boating final in December 14. The graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007.
3. The following courses are scheduled for January, 2007: Boating (Ladner and Richmond), Piloting, and Instructional Techniques. A VHF course is to be scheduled for later in the spring.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood

Asst Training Officer	No report
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Cruise Master

I do have one question when will the fairlead be printed next? As there are some people are looking for early dates for the cruises so that those working it may help them arrange their vacation times. Bob indicated that if Alan could give him the early dates he would tie that information into the early Fairlead.

Expenses for 2006 Cruising Season
Receipts attached. Total submitted herewith \$307.93
Advance cheque given to the Cruise Master \$400.00
Expenses \$307.93
Balance owing to Fraser Sq. \$92.07 (cheque submitted to the treasurer)
Respectfully submitted

Alan Rudolf

Secretary

There has been a new Bridge elected at the Airport Yacht Club. Karen Cunningham is the newly elected entertainment officer. The intercom well be connected but it is not yet.

Membership

Here are the November numbers:

Regular: 255

Family: 45

Junior: 0

Associates: 11

New Associates: 9

Life: 20

Total: 340

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Oliynyk

Membership

Lt. Supply Officer Training aids

We are up to date on all the courses with the books, Bob has the IT books. He mentioned that he was talking about the Power Squadron to some people and they were asking to have a business card, which we do not have at this time. It was agreed that this was a very good idea and Bob indicated that we should look into doing that. We discussed the content and agreed that a simply card with the web address and the training officers # as they don't change.

Web Master

The web has been updated with the Christmas dinner information

Lt. Regalia No Report

Treasurer

We have \$17,649.47 in the bank and the PMD statement has not been submitted yet, but John did admit it is in the works.

MAREP Officer No report

Lt Programmes No report

Admin Officer

The BBQ went well 32 attendants we were in the red by \$33.00. This was interesting as there were those who remarked that they thought the BBQ was expensive but in fact it appears that the expenditure and the charge were pretty much, break-even. Ellis made the point that everyone who commented favourably indicated that there must have been a lot of preparation and that everyone must have worked very hard. Some people indicated that it was a bit expensive at \$15.00 when normally it has been \$5.00 per person. Another comment was that there was too much food.

Port Captain No report

Motion to adopt the officer's reports as read

Proposed John

Seconded Alan

Carried All in favour

New Business

It is Merit marks time Bob indicated that he needs to have everyone's merit in before the end of the year. Bob asked Paul for the names of the instructors and proctors so he can submit those names for the merit marks. Also could you email the names of those who have put in 20 hours or more on the social events and the cruises, because this is how Bob makes up his reports.

Ellis brought up the indication that Les indicated that he did most of the cooking and was unable to socialise. He also indicated that the BBQ was left unattended and some of the food was over cooked. We need to ensure that the BBQ is not left unattended. Ellis also indicated that perhaps the Bridge was putting too much onto Bob and that the Bridge members should turn out, and therefore not to leave Bob alone to represent us. Ellis also indicated that a possible way to reduce the cost was to not include a soft drink, it was decided that including the soft drink was a good idea. Ellis also suggest that we should also look at the amount of food that we provide to see if we can reduce the costs by using smaller plates and giving less food. Bob indicated that he will talk to Les and thank him for his BBQ'ing work.

Ellis also indicated that the document he devised was not just for the entertainment officer but also included other positions as well.

Bob introduced the idea of agreeing on the agenda before the meeting and sticking to it. He asked that when the secretary sends out the minutes she is also to include a reminder that Bob needs the agenda items prior to the meeting otherwise they will not be brought up in new business.

Between the National AGM and a public speaker at the Lyons club, it was brought to Bob's attention the following. Communications is the key to success. We need to get the word out about what we do at the Power Squadron and how do we get more members involved. How can we involve the media and get the work out.

Motion to terminate the Meeting at 21:14

Proposed Ellis

Seconded John

Carried All in favour

Next meeting December 11th, 2006 – 1930 hours