

FRASER SQUADRON BRIDGE MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 11, 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	Absent	Lt. Cruise Master	Alan/Alberta Rudolf	Absent
			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	present	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

Errors and Omissions

NOTE- the PCOC examination was postponed to 12/07/06 due to the weather.

The national Conference item was left on the November minutes by mistake please delete.

Old Business

There were no items brought forward

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

Proposed Ellis Knowlton

Seconded Alan Eldred

Carried All in favour

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Officers Reports

Commander

FRASER SQUADRON Commander's Report

Fellow Bridge Members;

The year 2006 is quickly drawing to a close. All too soon we will be looking at the end of the year for Fraser Squadron. At this time I need to ask you to help me select a bridge for the coming year. Suggestions for bridge positions would be greatly appreciated. I don't intend to quit my involvement with Fraser Squadron but I would like a breather and time to pursue the things that interest me, such as instructing.

On Monday December 4, 2006 I attended the PMD bridge meeting. The highlights of the meeting are included below.

- The only course that PMD regulates the price on is Basic Boating. Squadrons are free to charge as little or as much as they want on all other courses.
- The Vancouver Boatshow is scheduled for February 7 – 11.
This year, the emphasis of PMD will be on advanced and elective courses. We should forward any information regarding courses we are planning or considering to Dave Peebles.
- On January 22, PMD will be hosting a volunteer training night at Willingdon church beginning at 1930. Anybody can attend.
- Hurley Zook wants the squadron cruise schedules no later than mid-March.
- Poop report! (read PMD Gvt Liason report for full details)
 - Many of the onerous requirements are being lifted or rephrased.
It looks like we won't have to keep a poop log either!
 - As these changes are being introduced for "Gazette 2" this marks an almost unprecedented change of direction by the beaurocrats. This is almost certainly due to public response on the issues.
 - There is another public hearing on the matter scheduled for December 15, at the Holiday Inn, downtown Vancouver.
 - There will be a new boat licensing scheme introduced. New boats will have to be "re-licensed" every ten year. Existing boat will be grandfathered to use the current method of licensing.
 - PCOC examinations are going to get tougher.

One of the next issues facing the districts and national is a proposed restructuring of the Governing Board. In a nutshell, the current proposal to reduce the number of people making decisions at the national level (currently 43) is to add another layer of beaurocracy to CPS. The new layer would be called regions and districts would report to regions

This proposal was soundly turned down by the commanders at the PMD bridge meeting. A better idea might be to define districts on a province wide basis. Why do we need two districts on Vancouver Island? (because it was "too far" to drive from Cambell River to Victoria for meetings). Why are there two squadrons in Metro Toronto . . . and five in that general area of the province? (politics).

Respectively submitted,
Cdr. Bob Everson
Fraser Squadron

Fairlead Editor	No report
Environmental	No report
Past Commander	No report

Training Officer	
Asst Training Officer	No report
Cruise Master	

Regretfully I will be unable to attend this mtg- I have been ordered by my commander to attend with her a Xmas social function.

Cruise master reports only that Alberta and I will re offer our services for one more boating season(2007) if everyone agrees. If so, will draw up a tentative cruise schedule in January.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great Christmas and new year.

respectfully submitted Alan Rudolf

Secretary No report

Membership

Here are the November numbers:

Regular: 254

Family: 46

Junior: 0

Associates: 11

New Associates: 9

Life: 20

Total: 340

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Oliynyk

Membership

Lt. Supply Officer Training aids

I am getting ready for the up and coming courses and getting the certificates for the students. Bob indicated that he had the binders for the new students.

Web Master No report

Lt. Regalia No Report

Treasurer No Report

MAREP Officer No report

Lt Programmes

1 A spoof "Report from the Fraser Intelligence Agency" was presented at the Christmas Dinner Dance in support of the Pleasure Bent Trophy Award.

2 BOATING SAFETY

Arising from the above, it was felt we should learn from our mistakes.

Also, a few weeks ago a report was circulated about the alleged hazards of having a cell-phone switched on while refueling a vehicle. The circulation stimulated two responses, namely "it was an urban legend" with no validity and a second from Debbie who looked up the Shell web-site. The Shell statement stated that while there were no recorded refueling fires due to cell phone use, it could happen. It continued, more importantly, that the use of cell-phones could lead to diminished attention during refueling, thus leading to hazards. It concluded that cell-phones should be not be used during refueling.

Some garages in Vancouver and Point Roberts have "no use of cell-phone" notices.

Both the cell-phone story and the Pleasure Bent winner are examples of the "Dangers of Distraction" as a root cause of accidents.

It is suggested we could discuss the topic in a little more depth and decide whether to take any action, at our next meeting.

respectfully submitted.

Admin Officer 60 people joined us for the festivities of our Christmas social and everybody appeared to have a good time. The Hotel called the next day the hotel called up and thanked us for paying them.

Port Captain No report

Motion to adopt the officer's reports as read

Proposed Kim
Seconded Ellis
Carried All in favour

New Business

- 1) Treasury – I received an earful at the PMD Bridge. Fraser has not submitted the year end statement (due the end of May). Additionally I was put on the spot for Fraser being one of the latest squadrons to pay bills to PMD and had a matter of a cheque for \$424.50 that stales dated once.
 - 2) Selection for new bridge members – We need names for all possible positions. We need to fill the positions and the more new people we have the better.
 - 3) Boat safety (Ellis) – Ellis indicated that it would be a good idea to build upon the bend prop etc stories, to learn from our mistakes. Perhaps a by line in the Fairlead.
 - 4) Boat tickets Bob will let us know when they are available. Bob indicated that he will purchase a bulk buy again and we can purchase them form him, but he will need to have an idea how many we need.
 - 5) Merit marks - This is the last reminder for those submitting the names and hours of those who have earned merit marks this year.
 - 6) Fall Grad ceremony - held at the Airport Yacht club 01/24/2007
- Food – sandwiches and veggies
PMD member
Speaker
Receptionist
19:00 we need a work party
use the reminder for the function

Motion to terminate the Meeting at 20:46

Proposed Ellis
Seconded Kathleen
Carried All in favour

Next meeting January 15th, 2007 – 1930 hours