

FRASER SQUADRON
BRIDGE MEETING
MINUTES

Date: January 14, 2008

Location: COPS

Title:

Commander	Robert Everson	Present
Executive Officer	Cleve Pryde	Present
Secretary	Marilyn Mitchell	Present
Treasurer	Rick Easthom	Present
Public Relations	Margo Whyte	Absent
Administrations Officer	Jan Muller	Present
Training Officer	Kathleen Vanderwood	Present
Asst. Training Officer	Jim Bryant	Present
Membership Officer	Byron Buie	Absent
MAREP Officer	Victor Weizmann	Absent
Editor Fairlead/Webmaster	Paul Vanderwood	Present
Port Captain	Bob Juulsen	Present
Communications Officer	Denis Whyte	Present
Training Aids/Supplies	Bill Hawryluk	Present
Programs	Ellis Knowlton	Present
Regalia Officer	Alan Eldred	Present
Historian/Past Commander	Fred Des Rochers	Present
Past Commander	Ross McCutcheon	Absent

Meeting called to order by

Bob Everson **at 1930**

Minutes of December reviewed for errors and omissions.

Fishing Trophy given to Fred Des Rochers at Christmas party.

Pg. 4 Margo Whyte; 'Discussed the December ads; local papers only **after Christmas**.

Change to 'after' in minutes. Corrected.

Motion: To accept the amended December 2007 Bridge meeting minutes.

Proposed: Ellis

Seconded: Alan

Carried: All in favour.

Business arising from the minutes – January Grad Ceremony. Reported by Jan Muller:

. Peter Vassilopoulos is the speaker.

. January 23rd. at AYC.

. Door will be open at 6:45 ; set up slide show; (Bill H.) Code is 723. Paul and Bill discussed laptop and projector.

- . Plaque – Peter has already received a plaque. Jan will check whether another plaque is appropriate; Also whether he is bringing his wife.
- . June Eldred will be receptionist. Allan will be bringing flags. Also 40 member flags to be given to grad attendees.
- . PMD member to attend.
- . Alan Eldred and Paul V volunteered for working party; Ellis is bringing the plates, cups and 50/50 tickets, and cash box.
- . Cost \$5/person; Grads and squadron guests are free (PMD and speaker and wife).
- . Kathleen V – 31 qualified grads with guests, squadron members and guests; expect 50-60 people.
- . Fred will be photographer and reporter.
- . Tide – Bob reports that high at 5:00 will be 13' and low at 10 p.m. will be 4'.
- . Fred will do 50/50.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

FRASER SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORT – Bob Everson



FRASER SQUADRON

Commander's Report

Fellow Bridge Members;

Welcome to 2008. I bring you news from the PMD bridge meeting held on January 7, 2008.

However first a few loose ends. The contract for Richmond Yacht Club, which I had not received prior to last bridge meeting was received, signed and faxed back. The wording and conditions were the same as the previous agreement.

Dave Peebles has acknowledged our schedule of events but as of today I do not have the name of the PMD representative who will be attending our grad ceremony.

At the PMD bridge meeting there were two topics of interest. One almost side note was the possibility of a "repatriation officer", who's role would be to convince new members to maintain squadron membership.

We also discussed the format of the PMD AGM. Currently the AGM consists of a Friday night dance, the AGM on Saturday and Commanders Ball Saturday evening. The expense, both of attending the Friday night event as well as potentially a hotel room for Friday night was examined. Also discussed was the cost of putting on the event. (Really the Friday night event is a holdover from a time when travel to the outlying squadrons consisted of hours of driving). Friday nights may be dropped from future AGMs. We also talked about what the squadrons wanted to see as part of the AGM. Re-instating officer training was a popular suggestion.

Misc

- Executive Officer, Dave Peebles, reminded commanders that the Cowan Insurance program is one of the greatest benefits to CPS members. Local insurance brokers Dolphin Insurance and Johnson Meier sell Cowan plans. Dolphin Insurance has two fellows who are available for speaking engagements about insurance.
- Admin Officer, Eleanor Hashimoto gave us an update on the boatshow. This years boatshow is Feb 6-10. Squadron price for tickets this year will $\$6.50 + \text{GST} = \6.83 . Although details were not mentioned, the procedure this year should be the same as last year. I will order a stack of tickets. I suggest we can sell them for the round figure of \$7.00

As usual PMD is looking for volunteers to man the CPS booth. Shifts on Sat/Sun are 3hrs and will net you a free admission to the boatshow. Contact me or Eleanor if you are interested in volunteering.

. . . Then comes the Sportsmans show at the Tradex in Abbotsford . . .

- Hurley is looking for squadron cruise schedules by mid-March.
- Shirley Shea will be e-mailing squadrons requesting a summary of the years events for the PMD historical records.
- Vancouver Police Marine Division has a speaker available for events (Jamie ???). Contact Anne McDonald for more information.
- Vancouver Squadron "Bilgewater Bash" will be March 8 at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. \$70/person. Contact Ruth, 604-294-5310 for tickets.

MAREP

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Training

- DTO Nancy Gibson says that many squadrons are still choosing to pledge new members.
- If CPS-2 forms are to be used as membership forms it is imperative that we ensure the regular/family information is correct. While this will not affect the Boating class or first year it will affect renewal information.
- Fraser was one of three squadrons with no failures during the latest exam cycle (although there were 5 DNWs). Congratulations to the training department.
- Exams for RADAR and Navigating With GPS must currently be ordered directly from national.
- Supplies Officer, Don Griffin, mentioned that we should soon be receiving 2 instructor and 2 student CDs for evaluation. Full distribution is slated for early Feb.
- Apparently a number of supplies (regalia) can now be ordered online.
- *** Recreational vessels >15 tons no longer need to be registered. This of course means changes to both the Boating student notes and the Coast Guard safe boating pamphlet. Make instructors aware of this change.
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Respectively submitted,
Cdr. Bob Everson
Fraser Squadron

Training Officer – Kathleen Vanderwood

Accomplished

- Boating classes are underway: 16 students for each of Richmond and Ladner classes. Thank you to Don Guggisberg for offering to teach the Richmond class and to Bill Hawryluk for mentoring him.
- Piloting course to begin this Wednesday; at the Ladner COPS. It looks like we have 6 students for this course.
- VHF course is planned for Wed. April 9, 16, 23
- The navigating with GPS course is planned to begin Feb. 12 and the Electronic Charting course is planned to follow in April. Thanks to Paul Vanderwood who will be instructing.
- The Boating course 're-write' is scheduled for Thurs. Jan. 17 at 7pm at Delta Secondary School.
- Several RSVP's have been received for the grad night on Wed. Jan. 23.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Vanderwood

Comments: - emails coming in for information on the GPS and Electronic Charting courses. Paul Vanderwood will be teaching these courses. Bill Hawryluk will get the correct books once we establish number of students. Cost – rough calculations based on supplies and materials and decided on \$50.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-members. It will be similar for both courses.

Treasurer - Rick Easthom

Opening Balance	\$14,756.59
Credit	170.00
Debit	<u>3,842.97</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$11,083.62</u>

Executive Officer – Cleve Pryde – no report.

Administration Officer – Jan Muller – No report . See earlier report of grad. Preparations.

Supplies & Training Aids – Bill Hawryluk – no report.

Port Captain – Bob Juulsen – No report

Communications – Denis Whyte

Distribution of Boating Course brochures – Made some small changes; Difficulty with libraries; Needed to clarify that collecting money doesn't mean we are making a profit. Explained that we are under the B.C. Society Act. Flyer – Add Address and phone number as well as web site and include that Fraser Squadron is a unit of Canadian Power & Sail Squadron. Logo 'Safe boating through Education' effective . Bob mentioned that National Web Site has lots of good art work etc. available. Distribution to libraries, Safeways, Thrifty, Marine Stores. all community newspapers (with exception of Richmond News) , Radiograph and Channel 4.

Bob suggested that brochures in a plastic container in sporting goods stores and marine stores is a neater way of displaying.

Webmaster/ Fairlead - Paul Vanderwood – No report

Fairlead – early February. Early March to give the official announcement of our Change of Watch and AGM.

Regalia Officer – Alan Eldred

He has an adequate supply of flags for members and also for Change of Watch.

Programs - Ellis Knowlton

Submitted an article for the Fairlead.

The first half of this report covers part of the Fall Grad Party and is prepared on behalf of the Admin. Officer, as well as the Programmes Officer. The second part covers the rest of the Grad Party and is written in a format suitable for the "Fairlead".

JOINT REPORT

The Fall Graduation Party was held at the Airport Yacht Club on the 23rd January, 2008. It was attended by 20 Graduates, 19 Squadron Members, 8 Graduate Guests and 4 Squadron Guests. Graduate attendance was 74% of those eligible, double the usual proportion. The Event

Manager was Jan Muller who catered with unprecedented accuracy (forecast 50, actual 51). The Receptionist was June Eldred and the 50/50 was handled by Fred Des Rochers. Once again the Speaker was Peter Vassilopoulos whose presentation will be described in the second half. The Speaker's aids were handled by Bill Hawryluk.

The room layout was as usual for a Grad. Party except the Receptionist's work station was located beside the cloaks cupboard to keep clear of the draft from the door. Due to the large number of attendees, the Regalia table had to be pressed into service for the audience. The new format for the Grad. party meant that the table reserved for the Bridge was no longer required. Guidance is needed on whether this will be the case for future Grad. Parties, as it will simplify the room layout.

FINANCIAL

REVENUE

19 members @ 5\$	\$95.00
8 Graduate Guests @ 5\$	40.00
50/50 profits	<u>72.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$207.00</u>

EXPENSES, PROGRAMMES OFFICER

Rent of room	\$60.00
Plates etc. (Costco)	<u>38.50</u>
subtotal	<u>98.50</u>
Returned to Treasurer	\$108.50

DUE TO ADMIN OFFICER (food)	\$173.20
Loss on Event	<u>\$33.80</u>

COST ANALYSIS

Food per attendee	\$3.39
Accommodation per attendee	<u>1.17</u>
Total " "	\$4.56

Other aspects of the Event are covered in the second part of this Report which follows : -

PACKED HOUSE FOR THE FALL GRADUATION PARTY

The Fall Graduation Party was held in the Airport Yacht Club on January 23rd. Most of the Fall Graduates attended. The total, including members and guests was 51, which filled the ground floor of the Yacht Club. The new Graduates were welcomed by the Squadron Commander, Bob Everson and the PMD Representative Glen Black who, together with the Squadron Training Officer, Kathleen Vanderwood, helped present the Graduates with their certificates and flags. The Graduates were congratulated, as all those who took the examination, passed. The Event was managed by the Administrative Officer Jan Muller. After the speeches and meal the Squadron once again welcomed the well-know author and speaker, Peter Vassilopoulos.

The title of his presentation was "CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND BY THE SQUARE ROUTE"

The title accurately describes the actual route taken by Peter and his wife, Carla in their 27ft. cruiser "Balladeer II"

Initially they traveled North on the inside passage to Port Hardy. The boat was then trailered to Winter Harbour on the West coast. They then traveled South to Bamfield, turned east to Port Alberni. The boat was trailered again to Nanaimo and finally back to Ladner. The talk was illustrated by photographs projected on to a screen, together with a large map of Vancouver Island.

Although the talk was titled "circumnavigation", the presentation largely concentrated on the Western Littoral between Winter Harbour and Bamfield. As the odyssey was carried out in a 27 foot boat it was essential to keep the open water sections to the minimum. This was achieved by what could be called a series of outside, "inside passages" with the boat in protected waters

behind islands and barrier islands, punctuated by sections where the Island mainland coast was exposed to the unprotected Pacific such as the Brooks Peninsula. These sections required very careful attention to the weather forecasts and this strategy was so successful that on only one occasion was there splashed of spray on the boat's windshield.

The pictures displayed a spectacular wilderness of mountains, calm waters and remote anchorages with a sprinkling of boater-friendly oases such as small marinas and clubs, restaurants and even a full size boating store.

Although Peter and Carla planned on traveling alone, on one leg they found themselves leading a small flotilla of boaters who wished to exploit Peter's knowledge and equipment. The audience listened fascinated as Peter described the micro-climates of the Littoral in which one could be in calm waters and a light wind while simultaneously, a few miles to the west on the coast, there could be gale force winds and a raging sea.

Peter's low key delivery made the whole enterprise "do-able" by the average boater with sizable but trailerable boat. However the success of the trip depended on meticulous planning and flawless execution.

The presentation was enthusiastically received. Afterwards Peter and Carla answered questions and sold copies of their books at reduced prices.

Those who missed this Event, missed a treat.

Ellis Knowlton

Respectfully submitted

Secretary - Marilyn Mitchell - No report

Historian – Fred Des Rochers – No report

Motion to adopt the officer's reports as read.

Proposed	Fred
Seconded	Kathleen
Carried	All in favour.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Boat Show Tickets – Bob will be getting these. Bob will be presenting the tickets to the classes and acknowledges this is the first opportunity he has had to address the classes. \$7 will be the price.
- 2) AGM – Cleve and Fred to be involved with Bob in planning the new Bridge. The date for the AGM will be April 14th. Elected positions and appointed positions need to be done hopefully by the February Bridge meeting.
- 3) Venue for AGM – Jan scouting different hotels. Used in past- Town & Country, The Golf Club in Tsawwassen, Green Acres in Richmond, Airport Yacht Club, and Tug Boat Annies.
- 4) Auditor needs to be arranged prior to AGM; Needs to be a non-member. Now classified as a reviewer not an auditor.

- 5) Any new motions for the AGM must be given the same window of time as the date of the AGM.
- 6) Possible speaker for the AGM – Ellis suggested speaker from Ocean Falls.

Motion to terminate the meeting at 2050

Proposed Ellis
Seconded Cleve
Carried All in favour.

The next Bridge meeting will be Monday, February 11,2008 at COPS.