



FRASER SQUADRON MINUTES of BRIDGE MEETING

Date: 2012-Jan-16
Location: Rick & Rose Easthom
Time: 1930

POSITION	NAME	ATTENDANCE
Commander	Rick Easthom	X
Executive Officer	Byron Buie	X
Secretary	Bob Everson	X
Treasurer	Cleve Pryde	X
Public Relations	Jan Muller	X
Administration Officer	Rose Easthom	X
Training Officer	K Vanderwood	X
Membership Officer	Dave Mellis	
Webmaster	Bob Everson	X
Fairlead Editor	P Vanderwood	X
Communications Officer	Les Muller	
Supplies/Training Aids	Bill Hawryluk	X
Regalia Officer	Meredith Williamson	X
Asst. Training Officer	Nan Lockie	
Programs Officer		
Cruise Master	Peter Lefroy	
Port Captain	Bob Juulsen	X
Past Commander	P Vanderwood	

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1950 by Commander Rick Easthom.

Rick misplaced the CoPS key thus the meeting was moved to the Easthom residence and thus the late start time.

2) Roll Call

Bridge members and guests as noted on page one were in attendance.

3) Previous Minutes

The minutes of the November bridge meeting were available on the Fraser Squadron website.

There were no December bridge meeting minutes as that meeting was an gathering at Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood. Some final points about the upcoming Christmas party were discussed but no minutes were kept.

4) Business arising from previous minutes

None.

5) Officer's Reports

Supplies Officer (Bill Hawryluk)

Bill reported that we have plenty of supplies on hand with about 16 sets of Boating books. It was noted that attendance was down and that we may have books sets to return.

Bills report brought about some general discussion about the National request to push the PCOC course.

Executive Commander (Byron Buie)

No report.

Training Officer (Kathleen Vanderwood)

Electronic report attached.

The Ladner boating class has just begun. There are currently five students enrolled in the class with two more expected this week.

The Richmond class begins Tuesday Feb 7. And there are already four registered (3 online registrations!)

There was at this point some discussion about Boating kit contents. Every class there are skews in the plotters and in homework answers. Confusing to the students.

Secretary Bob noted that he had spoken with a Richmond Yacht Club member and the RYC

was quite interested in a VHF course in their facility. Byron and Kathleen to pick three dates and decide on one for the VHF course. Connect with the RYC for possible dates. Commander Rick is going to look into confirming dates for GPS/VHF for LYC.

Fairlead Editor (Paul Vanderwood)

Looking for articles for the upcoming Fairlead.

Reminded Commander Rick that it was time for them to sit down and begin assembling a list of nominations for the bridge for the upcoming AGM.

Secretary (Bob Everson)

No report

Regalia (Meredith Williamson)

Went to Hubcaps (located in a BIG COLD building) and discussed options for Fraser squadron branded apparel.

Still looking to get all regalia items we carry added to the website

Membership (Meredith filling in for Dave Mellis)

From his many conversation with people (eg. Christmas Party), Dave believes one way to market the power squadron is to offer mini training sessions (small gatherings in the form of how to buff your boat, how to do your bottom, yacht brokers, ...)

Perhaps a employ a barn raising style of working.

Discussion opened about what topics to present and who we could get to present them. We need to come up with a firm list of presentations.

It was decided that the upcoming Vancouver Boat Show would be a good venue to hit up potential speakers and presenters. Rather than have multiple members query the same vendors it was decided to split up the discussions.

Electronics – Byron

Brokers- Brokers

Engines – Bob

Bottom Paint

Finishing

Charter Fishing – Rick

Surveyor – Bob

Heating/Hot water – Paul

Treasurer (Cleve Pryde)

Cleve reported that we have a balance of \$6785.53 in our bank account.

The brought up discussion of venues for upcoming events and the fact we need to charge to make up for our costs. Throughtout most of last year we were just on the short side of covering event costs.

For example: It is believed the legion charges \$75. Bob will be eating lunch there tomorrow

and will check. The Sundowner is free but we need to purchase a meal. Sandwiches, squares. Probably hold the AGM at the Sundowner.

Commander (Rich Easthom)

In preparing to insure for this season Rich has discovered that Lynn Valley Insurance Agency offers kickbacks to the squadron for members who insure with them. Rick will be looking into more insurance offerings from other companies.

Vancouver Boat Show, we just got the information. Rick to order 20 tickets. Kathleen to contact potential Richmond students for reduced price tickets.

6) New Business

We realize that we have space to offer for advertising in both the Fairlead and Website, however we have no idea about what rates to charge. We need to use whatever resources we have to discuss advertising resources with the people we know.

We need to set a date and advertise for our Pub Crawl. It was suggested for Mar. 19 or Mar 30. Several venues were discussed ranging from the Sundown Inn to the Rusty Anchor. No decisions were made.

A discussion of business cards for was made. Rich motioned we go ahead with the purchase. Paul seconded. Unanimous. Bob to look at having Fraser Squadron business cards made.

"**Suddenly in Command**" - a course held in Pt Roberts that was met with excellent enrolment and was in fact full. Meridith to look into putting this on or similar on as part of the marketing plan Dave Mellis want to institute.

There was interest by several members regarding the upcoming Bilgewater Bash put on by Vancouver Squadron. It appears that Fraser will be fielding three or four couples.

7) Termination of Meeting

At 2200 Treasurer Cleve Pryde moved to terminate the bridge meeting.

The motion was seconded by Fairlead Editor Paul Vanderwood.

- carried (but not before it was mentioned that more bridge meetings should be held at Commander Ricks residence on account of the cookies, cake, coffee, tea ...).

8) Electronically Submitted Reports

Fraser STO Report for January 16, 2012

- Our Ladner Boating class has just begun and currently has 5 people registered. Another 2 students are expected to register. The class is taking place at the Ladner Yacht Club; the classroom booking at Delta Secondary School has been cancelled effective immediately. Thanks to Bob Everson for coordinating the instruction.

- The Richmond Boating class will begin on Tuesday February 7 (at the Richmond Yacht Club). We currently have 4 people interested in this course – 3 of whom have registered online. We are contacting the Richmond Yacht Club to advise them of our intended starting date.
- Certificates for the grads of the fall boating students have been received, and are being mailed to them.
- We have just had a recent announcement from CPS-ECP that the basic boating course/operator's license is now offered online.
- Just a reminder, that the boating cruises have been reduced to 3 from 6, and are no longer password protected. Also, as a reminder, GPS is referenced throughout the text and the cruises.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vanderwood
STO, Fraser