

## FRASER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 2013

Buie Residence 19:00-20:00

### **Attendees:**

Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Kathleen Vanderwood, Paul Vanderwood, Vidas Vitkus, Bob Everson, Hill Hawryluk, Peter Lefroy, Les Muller, Jan Muller, Jack Tank, Fred Des Rochers, Rose Easthom

### **Regrets:**

Dave Mellis, Meredith Williamson, Cleve Pryde, Cindy Arbeau, Colin Redwood, Nan Lockie, Bob Juulsen, Rick Easthom

**Chair** Byron Buie  
**Minutes** Donalda Buie

- 1) **Call to order:** called to order by Byron at 19:00
- 2) **Previous minutes accepted of May 13, 2013** - Motion accepted by Peter F. and seconded by Paul V.

### 3) **Commander's Report**

Byron asked Paul and Kathleen to update us on Rick's condition in hospital. Rose came late to the meeting after visiting Rick in the hospital and updated us again on Rick's current condition. Rick would like to have visitors and if you have a book or magazine on boating it would help him pass the hours in hospital.

Introduction of new members - Past Commander Fred Des Rochers who will be Historian, Vidas Vitkas as Membership Officer and Colin Redwood as Communications Officer.

PMD Meeting: The new District Commander is Shirley Shea. At this meeting, the annual assessment for squadron regular and associate members will increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Associate family will remain at \$2.00. Fraser Squadron was the recipient of two awards: Best Training Aids (Chinese Study Guide) and the PMD Squadron with the largest increase in membership.

### 4) **Officers' Reports:**

**Executive Officer, Dave Mellis -**

**Training Officers, Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood -**

Paul and Kathleen will be testing some Asian students on Monday, June 24th. On June 7th the grad ceremony took place at Ladner Yacht Club. They had approximately 24 people attending the grad. Peter Larkins was the speaker who gave a very interesting presentation on boat surveys.

Paul has been doing the mini seminars which have been very well attended and will be continued in the fall.

Byron discussed the VHF Course and did an analysis across Canada and came to the conclusion that we should have a two-evening course. He also discussed this with Jerry Powers (PMD) and PC Norm Dyck who were in agreement that this may increase the roster for this course. After discussion, Fraser Bridge was in agreement that this would help to increase the number of students taking the course in the future. The course fee would be \$70.00 (\$90 for couple) for Squadron Members, \$80.00 (\$100.00 for couple) for nonmembers. Hours of attendance at the course will change from three evenings to two evenings with the students receiving the manual in advance of the first evening course once full payment has been received along with instructions of what must be studied before the first evening class.

**Public Relations Officer, Jan Muller** - Talked about putting up signs at the marinas.

**Cruise Master, Peter Lefroy** - reminded the Bridge of the three upcoming cruises which are discussed in the Fairlead - Montague Bay June 28-30, Ladysmith Maritime Society July 26-28 and Union Steamship Marina at Bowen Island August 16-18.

**Regalia Officer, Donalda Buie** - New shirts were modelled - Peter and Kouka modelled the golf shirts available from Elf's Embroidery in Steveston. Byron and Donalda modelled the 75th Anniversary shirts from CPS available online. There are a few shirts and one sweatshirt available for purchase and lots of insignia which were on display.

**Environmental Officer, Les Muller** - No report

**Web Master/WBAS Officer, Bob Everson** - reported that the Lifeboat Society have raised enough funds to pick up the new lifeboat in Europe and it is on its way to Richmond via Panama Canal for free. John Horton with some friends went to Europe to assist with the preparation for shipping this vessel.

**Supplies and Training Aids, Bill Hawryluk** - He has hats available which we discussed as gifts at the cruises. The Study Guide for Boating Basics was discussed along with the number of copies available. Paul and Kathleen will check into this.

**Historian, Fred Des Rochers** - Rick and Rose have old Fairleads which will go to Fred. Fred mentioned PC Brian Smith Lindsay will celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year. A card will be sent to them.

**Multicultural Officer, Jack Tang** - talked about the VHF Introductory Seminar that he wants to put on for the Asian students. Byron suggested that Jack might get his English speaking students to take the VHF Course this fall. Jack also mentioned that some Chinese members were interested in getting their Amateur Radio license. It should be noted that Canadian Coast Guard does not monitor Amateur radio

frequencies, CB frequencies, FRS and GRS. They only monitor Channel 16 and DSC 70.

#### **5) New Business**

-National Convention in Toronto - October 23 - 27. We have submitted names to the Nominating Committee for various awards as the deadline was May 31. We will be submitting three entries into the AGM Competitions; Fraser Squadron Website, Chinese Boating Basics Manual and our helpful Proctors' Assistant Book). Cutoff is July 31st.

- Alice Wong will meet with us to help us see how we can get the federal government to recognize what we have done in teaching safe boating to the Asian Community.

- Setting dates for fall and spring bridge meetings: Sept. 9th, October 14th, November 18th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th. It was suggested that we have our AGM in April; this will be discussed in the fall.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Les Muller at 20:00 seconded by Kathleen Vanderwood.