

Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013 Ladner Yacht Club – 1930-2100

Attendees:

Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Rick Easthom; Cindy Arbeau, Colin Redwood, Bill Hawryluk; Cleve Pryde; Bob Everson; Rose Easthom; Peter Lefroy; Nan Lockie

Regrets:

Kathleen Vanderwood, Paul Vanderwood, Fred Desrochers, Bob Juulsen, Les Muller, Jan Muller, Dave Mellis, Meredith Williamson, Vidas Vitkas, Jack Tang

Chair: Byron Buie
Minutes: Cindy Arbeau

Call to order

- 1) Roll Call-meeting called to order 1936
- 2) Previous Minutes-approved by Rose and Cleve
- 3) Business arising from previous minutes.
- 4) Officer Reports
 - a) Commanders report- (Byron)

PMD Tuesday October 7th (Highlights)

- 1) **Decline in course attendance** Most Squadrons have had a decline in boaters registration for Boating Basics, Boating Essentials. We have noticed this decline as we had no registrants for Richmond. It would appear that the VHF courses has had better attendance in-fact one squadron has put 82 students through this course!
- 2) Members in PMD is about 4430 which is a 6% decline Several clubs have partnered with their local yacht clubs to retain their membership with some success. Maybe it is something we should look into. Certainly our membership has not changes much and ranges between 360 380 members, but this is due to our Asian members and if Rick had not recognized this group of boaters as potential members our numbers would be down! There is a power point presentation put out by PMD called "Thriving to Survive & Prosper" which addresses the challenges CPS is having with the decline in membership A few pertinent facts: 57% are sixty and over, 30% are 50 59 so 87% are over 50! If anyone is interested I can email the presentation to them.

- 3) Vancouver boat show PMD is looking for volunteers
- 4) **AGM in Toronto** and the resolutions which will be voted on. In particular the "Not for profit Corporation" which will necessitate changes to our governance structure. There also is a "Notice of Motion" NM3 to acknowledgement of course contributors to include their names on the copyright page of the test. I would think that our Chinese Study Guide would be included in this?
- 5) **EXO Dave Magnusson is scheduling visits to Squadron's bridge meeting** Fraser may be in Nov (I will let you know).
- 6) On the water program PMD has several active individuals who have chosen to pursue this. But it may be squashed by National because of insurance concerns.

ACTION: Byron will email the presentation to Bridge as a FYI

ACTION: Byron to connect with Sunshine coast to see how they have initiated the partnerships with the yacht club

b) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)

Balance – \$12,258.14; has expenses of about \$2500 Majority of monies comes from course registration Bulk of monies from registration is coming from the Chinese members Chinese class turns over every 2 weeks

c) Membership- (Vidas Vikas)

- Total Membership 369 consisting of: Junior Associate 1, Lady Associate 26 Regular Members 233 Associate Members 89 Regular Life Members 20
- How do we retain members after the first year
- Fraser squadron members have stayed static

d) Secretary – (Cindy Arbeau)

No report

e) Training Officer – (Kathleen Vanderwood)

No report-not present

f) Admin Officer – (Meredith Williamson)

No report-not present

g) Communications – (Colin Redwood)

Haven't been able to meet with Vidas and Dave

Wanting to develop a process regarding membership information and keeping it current

Maintaining an email list is critical and \$\$ saving instead of paying for postage

h) Cruise Master - (Peter Lefroy)

A discussion amongst members, should we do a longer cruise? Where would people want to go? Going south you are going into a lot of marinas, which is a lot of planning; going north, less planning-mostly anchoring.

Need to have a CDN Station licence when travelling in the USA (American requirement) (Bryon has applications, just need to complete and send it in)(not sure of cost)

i) Regalia Officer – (Donalda Buie)

No Report

Have birgies on hand

j) Environmental Officer – (Les Muller)

No Report-not present

k) Multi-Cultural Officer – (Rick Easthom)

12 students graduated early October

Very successful mosquito creek attendance

Weather was poor on the Sunday

Any signs/posters should have a balance of English/chinese (a criticism of a PMD officer)

Should we do something for Chinese New Years?

ACTION: Rick will talk to Jack about how we could put on a Chinese NY party

Supplies & Training Aids – (Bill Hawryluk)

Have 2 dozen boating basics in stock

Have a dozen Boating essential kits; National is cutting back on supplies such as binders etc

Have 12 VFH materials

m) Port Captain - (Bob Juulsen)

No report-not present

n) Webmaster/WBAS – (Bob Everson)

Individual email has been set up

Will help with the historical aspects of the squadron; great for storing the information

Will like to have all the old Fairleads scanned in

o) Public Relations – (Jan Muller)

No report-not present

p) Fairlead Editor (Rick Easthom)

Starting to compile everything for the end of the month Need a page on Regalia; Instructions to where to obtain Squadron items Reminder to send pictures to Paul for the photo contest

q) Historian (Fred Desrochers)-Regretfully is unable to continue in the role of historian at this time due to personal reasons

r) Gaming sub-committee-awaiting outcome to further develop the wish list; need to consider media advertising;

5) New Business

- a) Christmas party
 ACTION: Please bring any donations to the next Bridge meeting for Meredith
- b) 50th anniversary of Fraser Squadron-a parade float for Richmond (Salmon Festival) and Ladner May Days hand out course guide, as walking by. Decorate a boat with power squadron information-in new year will start to plan. **ACTION:** Will get application for Richmond (Donalda) Ladner (Rose)
- c) Storage of equipment for Ladner-we need some place to store items such as coffee etc. The Ladner coffee supplies have not been found? It is believed they were taken late spring by a member for storage over the summer, but no one has the bin.
- 6) Adjournment: 2049 (motion passed by Rick and Peter)

NEXT meeting - NOVEMBER 18, 2013