



FRASER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT
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Meeting MINUTES Monday September 15th, 2014 Ladner Yacht Club – 1930-2100

Attendees:

Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Carol Duguid, Rick Easthom, Rose Easthom, Bob Everson, Bill Hawryluk, Bob Juulsen, Nan Lockie, Dave Mellis, Jan Muller, Les Muller, Murphy Ni, Cleve Pryde, Vidas Vitkus, Meredith Williamson.

Regrets: Peter Lefroy, Kathleen Vanderwood, Paul Vanderwood, Colin Redwood, Jack Tang

Chair: Byron Buie

Minutes: Gouri Chinnappa

Call to order – 1935 hrs

- 1) Roll Call** – Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) Previous Minutes**-motion to accept Meredith Williamson, seconded by Donalda Buie
- 3) Business arising from previous minutes** - none
- 4) Officer Reports**
 - a) Commanders report- (Byron)**

First of all I would like to welcome everyone back from their summer activities - I know many of you were out of the country visiting family and friends - and some like Kathleen & Paul send their regrets as they are still away on holidays. Then some of you did participate in the Squadron cruises this year which thanks to Peter were fantastic! The first cruise was to Granville Island, The second to Telegraph Harbour Marina and the big cruise of the year was to Desolation Sound. We were able to participate in all three cruises and had a great time especially at the Desolation Sound cruise as this was our first time there, and we were gone for almost 2 weeks.

Also on July 1st we participated in the Canada Day Celebrations in Richmond which was the Steveston Salmon Parade and would like to thank Bill & Linda for the use of their boat, and all those who walked the route - Bob Everson, Caroline, Donnie for putting it together and especially Murphy and his mother who were very helpful in distributing our Canada Flags, pins and course information.

On July 19th three members of Fraser Squadron - Peter L, Dave Mellis & myself took part in a half day course put on by Transport Canada called the RVCC or Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check program at Richmond Yacht Club. It was good course to take as we learned a lot about flares, fire extinguishers, life jackets etc - items on a pleasure craft that are needed in case of an emergency. We had a chance to practice in Telegraph Harbour, and the only boat that passed was a couple - Dave & Willina Collins - who were on their first Squadron Cruise. Everyone else failed!

On the same day July 19th there was a flare disposal program sponsored by Steveston Marine in Vancouver, and I would like to thanks Murphy for attending it.

Our Mandarin boating program had a very busy summer and we graduated over 28 students before Paul & Kathleen left for their holidays. We still have another 20 to test as soon as Paul & Kathleen get back. And then another 20+ who are taking the course right now. I think that we are looking at another 100+ students graduating from this program this year.

I will talk a little bit about our courses since Paul & Kathleen are away. Nan & Bob J. have been very busy trying to get our Boating Basics, Boating Essentials & VHF Courses together. I will let Bob & Nan talk about the Boating Basics and Essentials as they have been closer to it than I have.

The VHF Courses on Sept 27th is full with 20 students and the Nov 15th class all-ready has 10 students pre-registered with 2 months to go. So I anticipate that it will be full so we might have to run another class. Because of the class sizes we are going to be running them at Richmond Yacht Club which has kindly offered us the use of it facilities at No charge.

I attended the Pacific Mainland District or PMD meeting last week, and other squadrons are having trouble getting students for some of their courses especially Boating Basics as we are. The Boating Essentials courses seem a little more popular, but some only have 1 or 2 students registered. Fraser Squadron is the exception the rule and many are envious of what we are doing especially when it comes to our Boating Basics in Mandarin, and our one day VHF classes, and it looks like our Boating Essentials is going to be OK this year - I will let Bob & Nan talk about that.

b) Executive Officer – (Dave Mellis)

- Nothing to report

c) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)

- The Gaming Account has \$3,155 – this should be spent.
- The regular account has \$13,265.

d) Membership- (VidasVitkus)

- Nothing to report.

e) Secretary – (Gouri Chinnappa)

- Read aloud letter from CPS Foundation.
- This is our 15th Honour Roll (we give \$1 per member).
- (***) Bob mentioned that he believed that we are missing 2 years, and we need to catch up. Byron will find out if this is so).

f) Training Officer – (report submitted by Nan Lockie and Bob Juulsen)

- We have not got many calls – and those we got were mostly very general.
- There is some confusion about who is doing Basics and who is doing Essentials.
- Discussion about courses:
 - There is a lady who can't do a 1 day course (wanted to do 4 night course). Byron said that we will either give back her money or give her a credit toward other courses that she is going to take.
 - It was decided that the Boating Basics course (7pm, September 16th) will go ahead if a minimum of 4 students show up. Bill will go there in case. Bill asked for registration forms – Bob will give them to Bill. Bob and Byron will also pop in.
 - Bob Everson said perhaps we should wait until Kathleen returns.

- Byron said we will advertise again in the New Year.
- The Boating Essentials course will go ahead as there are 6 registered. Questions about some - 2? – who have not taken the Boating Basics course yet.
- Byron had some questions for Murphy. Byron has a list of people interested in the VHF course from the Mandarin course, so he will send it to Murphy to translate. Once translated, Murphy can send back the information to the interested students, letting them know that they have need a good command of English.
- There are 10 spaces available in the November 15th VHF course.
- Carolyn will help teaching the Boating Essentials course.

g) Admin Officer –(Meredith Williamson)

- Nothing to report.

h) Communications – (Colin Redwood)

- Regrets.

i) Cruise Master – (Peter Lefroy)

- Regrets.

j) Regalia Officer – (Donalda Buie)

- Nothing to report.

k) Environmental Officer – (Les Muller)

- Nothing to report.

l) Multicultural Officer – (Jack Tang)

- Regrets.

m) Supplies and Training – (Bill Hawryluk)

- Supplies of Boating Essentials manuals.
- (**Byron said to get 10 more manuals).

n) Port Captain – (Bob Juulsen)

- Nothing to report.

o) Webmaster/WBAS – (Bob Everson)

- No information received about training on the website.
- Would like stories about the cruises this summer.
- WBAS is at the Richmond Yacht Club now (not WestCan).
- (** Byron asked if Kathleen and Paul had sent any course information. Bob replied no).
- (** Byron mentioned that the dates for courses are on the Ladner Yacht Club and WestCan websites (?))

p)Public Relations – (Jan Muller)

- All the signs that we have are up.

q) Fairlead Editor & Multicultural Liaison Officer (Rick Easthom)

- Nothing to report.

- However, Jim Poirier is back from sailing next week or so (after his 1 year spent sailing). It might be nice to have him give a talk.
- So Rick will have Jim's wife Donna give Byron a call.
- Need to get the Fairlead out as soon as possible. Needs reports from Byron, Vidas, cruises, training – everyone really – by this weekend at the latest.
- Are we planning any functions this fall?
- Dave mentioned we could maybe have an “Anchors Away” party to wind down from the summer cruises (slideshow, etc.).
- Byron/Bob will check if the Legion (Army Navy Air Force Club) is available for Saturday, October 18th for this event.

r) Multi-Cultural Liaison Officer – (Rick Easthom)

- Not much to report.
- Jack has been going steady through the summer with classes. It has been busy and successful - with classes finished - but they are waiting for their exams.
- We need others, not just Paul and Kathleen, to be able to do the testing and exams.

5) New Business

a) Gaming grant balance of \$3143.61

- We have money to spend by November 30th. If we don't use it all, we have to return what is left.
- Things to be bought:
 - 2 iPads
 - VHF training equipment
 - ***Dave Mellis suggested box for new anchors.
 - *** Rose suggested a portable printer that can work with iPads. However, Dave said that this is not practical with current technology.

b) National AGM, Quebec City, Oct. 22nd - Oct. 26th

- Dave, Meredith, Byron and Donalda will attend.
- Next year, it will be held at Niagara Falls – Dave will be commander.
- They will discuss the new not-for-profit act, which will change membership.

c) Enrolment down in Boating Basics Course, but OK in Mandarin courses, VHF Radio and Boating Essentials

d) Xmas Party

- Meredith will look after the party.
 - Saturday, November 29th at Sundance.
 - Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.
 - There will be door prizes. If you would like to donate items for the door prizes, please give the items to Meredith at least one week in advance, even earlier if possible. (*** Rose mentioned that in the past \$400 was given by the squadron to buy gifts. Meredith asked if this could be done again. Byron/Cleve said that OK).
 - 50/50 draw
 - Perhaps some casino type games.
 - Cost \$45 per person
 - Will print 100 tickets. Vidas will design tickets and Bob Everson will make up a poster.
 - Everyone should try to bring 1 extra person if possible.
 - Rick mentioned that maybe we should invite other squadrons (Burnaby, White Rock). Byron thought this was a good idea and so will talk to them at the PMD and give out an open invite.

e) RVCC (Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check)

- Byron would like to start doing this next year.
- Dave will contact Dolphin Insurance to see if they will give a bit of a break if in full compliance.
- Byron said that it is only a courtesy.

- RVCC is a half-day course (Jerry Powers co-ordinates it and Transport Canada runs it). In case anyone else wants to do this course, Byron will let us know when the next one is.
- Bob Everson has approached someone he knows who does marine insurance, re: flare disposal.
- Carol mentioned that there is someone on Anacis Island who will check fire extinguishers for free. She will check into it.

f) Dates for future Bridge Meetings (conflicts)

- Next meeting is supposed to be on October 6th, but there is a PMD meeting.
- So, the future Bridge meetings agreed upon (7:30pm) are:
 - October 20th
 - November 17th
 - December 15th
 - January 12th
 - February 16th
 - March 9th
 - April 13th
- AGM will be held on April 17th at 7pm at Sundance.

g) WBAS Officer Access sheet

- Given to all by Byron.
- It tells you what you can access on the national CPS website (www.cpc-ecp.com).
- Ask Bob Everson if you have any questions regarding the WBAS website.
- Bob Everson said that there is a “team view” – where everyone can see the meeting and participate (remote access).
- Next year, it will be held at Niagara Falls – Dave will be commander.
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h) Mosquito Boat Show (Sept. 18th-21st)

- Jack will have people there. We should support his efforts.
- Jack will have a boat there with our banner, and we will give out our information.
- Rick will be there Friday, and Murphy and Dave Mellis will be there Sunday.
- It will cost us, but will be worth it.

6) Correspondence

7) Adjournment

- **Time:** 9:20pm
- **Motion By:** Rose Easthom **Seconded by:** Dave Mellis