



# FRASER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT  
LADNER POSTAL OUTLET, P.O. BOX 18528, DELTA B.C. V4K 4V7

## Meeting MINUTES Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> , 2014 Ladner Yacht Club – 1930-2100

### Attendees:

Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Carol Duguid, Rick Easthom, Bob Everson, Bill Hawryluk, Bob Juulsen, Peter Lefroy, Nan Lockie, Dave Mellis, Jan Muller, Les Muller, Cleve Pryde, Colin Redwood, Kathleen Vanderwood, Paul Vanderwood, Vidas Vitkus, Meredith Williamson.

**Regrets:** Rose Easthom, Murphy Ni, Jack Tang, Li (Tad) Xinhi

**Chair:** Byron Buie

**Minutes:** Gouri Chinnappa

### Call to order – 1931 hrs

- 1) **Roll Call** – Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) **Previous Minutes** - Motion to Accept: Dave Mellis; Seconded by Vidas Vitkus
- 3) **Business arising from previous minutes** - none
- 4) **Officer Reports**
  - a) **Commanders report- (Byron)**

First I would like to mention that District Commander Shirley Shea lost her friend & companion Carlos Fuenzalida who some of you knew as he was the WBAS support officer for PMD. I did not know Carlos that well, but some of you did know him as he was the National IT Chair and looked after WBAS for the district. There will be a memorial service for Carlos, and it will be held after Shirley gets back from the AGM in Quebec City.

It has been a very busy Sept/October for Fraser Squadron training officers & instructors. We have graduated almost 30 students from our Mandarin Boating Basics, and another 19 from our first fall one day VHF course. K & P will have a lot more to say on what is happening with all our courses.

At the PMD meeting 2 weeks ago the implication of the new membership rules were discussed, and they will be approved at the AGM in Quebec City later this month.

PMD, and North Van are thinking of purchasing a Virtual Boat Trainer (see literature). This is something that Rick & I have talked about, and I think we should consider getting one. They are not cheap (about 13-14K), but if we can get funding from the CPS Foundation and Canadian Safe Boating Council (up to 2500.00) then we would only have to come up with 6-7K. .... We would then develop a boating course that would utilize this equipment, and of course charge for it. So in time we would recover our investment. I think that WestCan would find this equipment very useful for the new boaters that they are instructing!

(\*\*\* Dave mentioned that it is a single screw only. Also, it would be important to look into maintenance costs.)

One of the items that I did bring up at PMD was the Anchoring Course that Dave M has spent a lot of time to put together, and several squadrons did express interest including Valley Squadron - Cmdr Sandra Clow - I think that it would be a good idea to send an email out to all SC that we are thinking about putting on this course in the spring and if they send students to us we will give them X dollars per student similar to what Rick has suggested we do with PMD Squadrons that send Chinese students to WestCan for the boating basics course - Rick will have more to say on this.

Dave, Meredith, Donnie & I will be going to the AGM in Quebec City tomorrow, and hopefully the weather will be agreeable.

**b) Executive Officer - (Dave Mellis)**

- Spoke to Dolphin Insurance following up on Carolyn's suggestions regarding fire extinguisher inspections. Was told that there would not be a discount if you are up to date on your fire extinguisher and safety gear – this is expected in order to qualify for getting insurance if you have a fire.
- (\*\* Colin mentioned that in Spring the Point Roberts marina would be having flare and fire extinguisher checking.)
- (\*\* Rick mentioned that it would be important for instructors to tell students that if flares or fire extinguishers are absent or not up to date, insurance is null.)

**c) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)**

- The Gaming Account has \$2,300 (\$3152.66 minus the cost of iPads that were bought).
- (\*\* Byron mentioned the need to buy a laptop for the VHF course – the laptop used by Jack was stolen. Byron will also buy some radios.)
- The regular account has \$17,816.87 (\$13,116.87 plus \$4,700 made primarily from the Mandarin and VHF courses). However, we do owe CPS some money.

**d) Membership Officer - (Vidas Vitkus)**

- 404 members in total.
- Suggested that we should send monthly bulletins to members (re: cruises, courses, events).
- This was agreed upon, so will put together a 1 page "Information Bulletin" to email once per month to members.

**e) Secretary - (Gouri Chinnappa)**

- Nothing to report.

**f) Training Officer - (Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood)**

• On Sept 23 and on Oct 8, we had 14 Chinese students per class successfully complete their PCOC. Many of these students accomplished very good marks, thanks to Jack Tang's excellent instruction. Many thanks as always to Paul, Byron, Donnie and Rick for their help with the exam procedures and marking.

• We had five students take part in the home study program for Boating Basics starting in September. This is a first for Fraser to offer a home study program. The all-day Saturday program was not suitable for all students due to various home and work responsibilities. The three students in Ladner were offered an evening for a review and a Q&A session - thanks

to Bob Juulsen for facilitating this. This was much appreciated by these three students. The two students in Richmond were also offered this extra support but were unable to make the evening. These two Richmond students would have preferred a classroom scenario. It turned out that all five students were successful with their PCOC exam. The general feeling among these students is that they would appreciate having some in-class support so the process that we followed with the Ladner group will be one we would like to suggest for the winter program.

- Our Boating Essentials course is now underway in both Ladner (at the LYC) and in Richmond (at the WestCan Yacht Club thanks to Jack Tang). We have 11 students in the Thursday night Ladner class and 7 students in the Tuesday night Richmond class. Bob Juulsen is coordinating the instruction for the Ladner group, with Colin Redwood and Bruce Bried helping as proctors. Bill Hawryluk is coordinating the instruction for the Richmond group, with Linda Hawryluk, Carolyn Duguid, and Peter LeFroy helping as proctors. As always, we appreciate this ongoing generosity of time and energy of our instructors and proctors. It is interesting to note that of the 18 students, there were 3 who chose to register and pay in person; the rest registered online.

- At this time, we would recommend that the winter boating basics begin on Tues Jan 13 (Richmond) and Thurs Jan 15 (Ladner). We also recommend that the Basics program be offered as a combination home study program, with the option of one or more evening classes for additional student support, review, Q&A, etc. We further suggest that the Essentials program begin on Tues Feb 10 (Richmond) and Thurs Feb 12 (Ladner).

- Byron's Sept 27 VHF class at the Richmond Yacht Club was completely full with all students doing very well. His upcoming Nov 15 VHF class is already full. Byron plans to hold another 4 classes in the winter/spring.

(\*\*\* Byron mentioned that only 1 student failed, and that was because of language difficulties. We must insist to Jack that the students have good English skills. Also, need help with registration on Nov. 15 – Peter and Dave volunteered to help).

- Thanks again to Nan for continuing to monitor the Squadron phone.

#### **g) Admin Officer - (Meredith Williamson)**

- Christmas Party:
  - thanks to Byron and Bob E. for designing the tickets.
  - Byron will print the tickets.
  - Most present tonight indicated that they will attend.
  - Tickets can be bought by calling Meredith. The tickets can then be picked up either at Byron's house in Richmond or Meredith's in Ladner.

- (\*\*\*) Rick asked if anyone is going to phone members to sell tickets. Byron said no, but maybe a shortlist of people who come every year can be compiled, and Byron or Meredith will phone them.)
- (\*\*\*) Byron will talk to Squadron Leaders, especially from Burnaby and Royal City, to invite them. Other squadrons are having their own Christmas parties. Byron also invited Shirley and Norm.)

#### **h) Communications/Historian - (Colin Redwood)**

- Nothing to report.
- Has a box of Fairleads, etc. from Bryan and Lindsay Smith that will take some time to go through.

#### **i) Cruise Master - (Peter Lefroy)**

- Nothing to report.
- Had 3 great cruises, especially the last one to Desolation Sound.
- Will be stepping down next year as Cruise Master. Dave and Willina Collins to be Co-Cruise Masters.

#### **j) Regalia Officer - (Donalda Buie)**

- Nothing to report.
- Please let Donalda know if anyone wants her to look into anything while in Quebec City at the AGM.

#### **k) Environmental Officer - (Les Muller)**

- Recently a US tug had to help a Russian tanker in Canadian waters as Canada does not have an ocean going tug.
- People need to be aware of what's going on and what could happen.

#### **l) Fairlead Editor & Multicultural Liaison Officer - (Rick Easthom)**

- Multicultural:
  - Made an announcement at PMD that we will take any Mandarin student from anywhere in the valley (17 squadrons). We will train them and give their original squadron \$25 back (we end up with \$100 - \$25 of which is for the book and \$75 profit).
  - Also at PMD there was a discussion about squadron manuals on regulations (policies and procedures). If our squadron doesn't have one, we will need to make one up. Bob J. said that there was a manual about officer responsibilities in the past and that he would look for it.
- Fairlead:
  - The Fairlead will be put out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. Its will focus on Christmas.
  - Will need something by October 30<sup>th</sup> from Byron, Donalda, Meredith, Paul and Kathleen.
- Other:
  - Rick and Rose will be gone January to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - So Paul and Dave M will put out the Fairlead to announce the AGM by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March, 2015. Or, conversely, a notice can go out to everyone regarding the AGM on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### **m) Multicultural Officer - (Jack Tang)**

- Regrets.

#### **n) Fairlead Editor & Special Projects - (Rose Easthom)**

- Regrets.

**o) Supplies and Training – (Bill Hawryluk)**

- Everything is going pretty well.
- There are only 2 books of Boating Essentials left, so more are being ordered.
- (\*\* Paul mentioned that Boating Essentials is being split in 2).
- There are enough Boating Basics and VHF books.
- (\*\* Byron, Donald and Carolyn were talking about a weather course. Paul will look into it. Byron mentioned that maybe weather could be integrated into the anchoring course.)
- (\*\* There was also some discussion on advanced courses.)
- (\*\* Byron asked whether it is noisy for students at WestCan. Bill said that it is not disrupting classes. Byron mentioned that we have a microphone and wireless system if needed.)

**p) Port Captain - (Bob Juulsen)**

- Dredging is going on in Captain's Cove and here as well.
- Can we get Radar Reflectors with the Gaming grant? (\*\* Byron agreed that we should get 2. Bob will look for them – perhaps at Dunbar Lumber.)

**q) Webmaster/WBAS - (Bob Everson)**

- Two iPads were bought – given to Bob and Bill. Everything is loaded through iTunes. Power Point presentations can be done on them. If there are any questions regarding anything to do with the iPads, please call him.
- Bill gave his iPad to Byron for his VHF class.
- (\*\* Paul mentioned that there are 2 older squadron laptops, if anyone needs one. Rick suggested giving them to Jack.)

**r) Public Relations - (Jan Muller)**

- Nothing to report.

**5) New Business**

**a) Christmas Party**

- Already discussed. Please email Meredith if you are coming to the Christmas Party and also if you are bringing friends.

**b) Gaming**

- Already discussed.

**c) AGM in Quebec City**

- Carolyn asked if any other squadrons are doing Multicultural training. Byron said that CPS currently supports just Mandarin, French and English.

**6) Adjournment**

- **Time:** 20:51hrs
- **Motion By:** Paul Vanderwood **Seconded by:** Les Muller