

PRE-MINUTES FOR FRASER SQUADRON A.G.M. Friday APRIL 25TH 2014

Held at ‘**Sundance Inn-Banquet Room**’, 6574 Ladner Trunk Rd, Delta, BC

Commander Byron Buie calls the meeting to order at 1900 hours

Good evening everyone and welcome to Fraser Squadron's AGM for 2014 - My name is Byron Buie & I am the Commander of Fraser Squadron. It is wonderful that we have such a great turnout, and so many new faces - This is a very special year for Fraser Squadron in that we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. While this is our annual AGM it certainly is the right place to start off this celebration with so many past commanders, past bridge members, members & guests in attendance. As a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting safe boating it is through your hard work and dedication that Fraser Squadron has graduated 1000's of boaters from our courses in the past 50 years.

We will start with the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a break for some light refreshments then we will award merit marks, trophies & special awards followed by our speaker.

Call to ORDER-1925h

Once their name is called have them stand up!

Commander Byron Buie welcomes PMD DC (SHIRLEY SHEA) and her partner Carlos

Commander Byron Buie welcome Past Commanders & Guests

PC Dave Bauer & his wife Margaret, PC Jim Bryant, PC Harry Cole & his wife Marilyn, PC Norman Dyck who also has brought his friend Betty Ewasiuk who is P/C of Burnaby Squadron, PC Rick Easthom & his wife Rose, PC Bob Everson, PC Bob Juulsen & his wife Jean, PC Edwin Lockfeer & his wife Nadjawojna, PC Rand Lutman & his wife Lisa, PC George Schurman & his wife Lois, PC Brian Smith & PC Lindsay Smith, & PC David Williams & his wife Daphne. I did have a note from PC Larry Terrick who lives in Kelowna who would have been here, but just had an operation.

Lets give a big hand for the Past Commanders

Several of our PC have been Past District Commanders - Dave Bauer, Harry Cole & Norm Dyck and Harry and Norm are also Past Chief Commanders! WOW !

Special Guests: (Get him to stand up)

We also have a very special guest with us today Robert Meggy and his wife Margaret. Robert has been a member of Fraser Squadron for 50 years. and his name is on the Squadron Warrant of October 31st 1964 as one of 16 members that formed the Squadron 50 years ago!

Introduce Guest Speaker: Jeff Engholm of Marine Service Network & Delta Search & Rescue

Seated at the Head Table are:

Commander Byron Buie - **Executive Officer** Dave Mellis - **Treasurer** Cleve Pryde - **Admin Officer** Meredith Williamson - **Secretary** Cindy Arbeau - **Membership Officer** Vidas Vitkus - **Communications Officer** Colin Redwood (regrets **Training Officers** Paul & Kathleen Vanderwood)

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Juulsen

Roll Call: Commander Byron asks Is there a quorum present ? _____
Sergeant at Arms Bob Juulsen responds - **There is**

(Quorum is 10% or 20 members)

(Only need this if extra nominees at proper time prior to the AGM)

Motion: That _____ and _____

Be accepted as scrutineers at this meeting.

Moved by _____ seconded by _____

Carried/defeated

Notice of Meeting: Cmdr Byron asks “Was the notice of meeting filed in accordance with Squadron regulation 11.3.1 in a timely manner?” _____

Secretary Cindy responds (It was)

The minutes of the April 19th 2013 AGM were circulated to the members via the website. (copy at each table)

Motion: That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Lindsay Smith

Rand Lutman

moved by _____ and seconded by _____

Carried/defeated

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as circulated/corrected

Bob Everson

Dave Mellis

Moved by _____ seconded by _____

Carried/defeated

Business arising from the minutes - **No new Business from last years meeting**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander: Byron Buie

This was my first year as Squadron Commander and I would like to thank PC Rick Easthom for his help and guidance. Thank you Rick!

We are faced with many challenges today with boaters going online to get their PCOC cards or take boating courses, and this is reflected in our course enrolment. In the past we have had full boating classes in both Richmond & Delta. This is not the case today. This year we only had classes in Delta for our Boating Basics and Boating Essentials.

We are having greater success with our Boating Basics for Mandarin students at WestCan Yacht Club and would like to Thank Jack Tang, and his proctors & instructors for teaching these students and his continued support of CPS & Fraser Squadron as our Multicultural Officer. Also PC Rick Easthom for his help as Multicultural Liaison Officer.

Since changing our VHF classes to a one day format we have graduated over 70 students since the fall of 2013, and expect that in 2014/2015 we will graduate another 80-90 students. In-fact we have a waiting list of people that want to take the one day VHF course.

We also received several awards last year at the CPS AGM in Toronto including one for our Boating Basics Study Guide in Mandarin & for our Fraser Squadron Website designed by P/C Bob Everson. If you have not been on our website I encourage you to do so as it is in both English & Chinese. Colin Redwood & PC Bob Everson are continually updating it with Squadron History including old Fairleads and bridge minutes.

Our Cruise Master Peter Lefroy took us on three cruises last year to Granville Island, Ladysmith Maritime Society in Ladysmith and to Bowen Island - The Scavenger Hunt at Ladysmith was a lot of fun Peter!

Our Christmas Party was very well attended, and if you have not been to one I encourage you to come this year as we have one of the best DJ's in the lower mainland who plays great music and really gets everyone into the holiday spirit.

Fraser Squadron is financially stable, and this is a good time to say Thank you to Cleve Pryde as he has been the Squadron Treasurer for quite a few years and I know he puts a lot of time into balancing the books, Last year with Cleve and PC Rick's help we were very fortunate to get a gaming grant which has helped us buy some much needed equipment such as projectors, computers & training aids.

I would also like to mention that on May 9th we are having our Squadron Graduation Ceremony for our 2013/2014 students at Ladner Yacht Club in Delta at 1900 hrs. Light refreshments will be served and the price is 10.00 per person. We will also have a local knowledge presentation put on by PC Rand Lutman.

But none of these activities would have been possible without the help from the volunteers on our bridge & our proctors. Our bridge members lead very busy lives with raising families, babysitting grandchildren, working long hours, going to school, travelling and they still make time to help teach safe boating through our CPS Courses, help with our 50th anniversary celebrations, edit & publish the Fairlead, look after course registrations, help out with exams, proctor, emailing members, arrange our social functions, posting our course signs, look after squadron supplies & regalia - - So I would like to say a big thank you for all your hard work it is appreciated!

Executive Officer

Dave Mellis

It is the beginning of boating season and everyone is looking forward to a long season with clear skies and calm seas. But as part of preparation for the season everyone must prepare their boat properly to make the season as safe as possible. This means all dock lines, fenders, anchor lines, fire extinguishers, gas detectors and personal safety equipment including flares must be checked for function and reliability. Fire extinguishers must be checked annually and the number and type is different depending on boat length. Remember extinguishers last for only about 15 seconds so recommended minimums are may not meet every emergency.

Flares are only good from 4 years from date of manufacture and the date should be checked. Expired flares must be disposed of by the Coast guard or RCMP.

Approved PFD's are required for all persons on board. Carbon dioxide cylinders should be replaced and the PFD should be visually inspected.

These are just some of the safety issues that must be addressed BEFORE the boating season starts. Everyone wants to enjoy a safe and problem free season but it takes preparation to make it so.

If you have questions about safety issues with your boat or equipment, contact any member of the Fraser Squadron Executive for help.

Have a fun and safe season.

Training Officer

Kathleen Vanderwood (Nan Lockie)

Fall/Winter Boating Basics and Boating Essentials course Due to low registration, we did not run a course in Richmond. In Ladner, however, we enrolled 9 students (Sept 2012 – Dec 2012) and all were successful with the completion of their course.

Winter/Spring Boating Basics and Boating Essentials course (Jan – April 2013) Once again, due to low registration, we were not able to offer this course in the Richmond area. In Ladner, we enrolled 8 students in the Boating Basics, all of whom were successful with their course. Following the Basics, we had 9 students take the Boating Essentials course and their final exam was April 10.

As we did not offer a program in Richmond due to low registration, our Richmond instructors and proctors enjoyed a 'year off'. It should be noted that all of them were very willing to pitch in and help out with our courses as the need arose: Bill Hawryluk, John Oystenson, Peter Lefroy, Linda Hawryluk, Carolyn Duguid, Keith Milton and Donnie Buie. In Ladner, Bob Juulsen, facilitated and coordinated the instruction of the Ladner class. Many thanks as well to our proctors for the Ladner class: Bruce Bried and Peter LeFroy and to John Oystenson, Byron and Donnie Buie for their help with the Steveston Practical experience on March 22. Despite our low registration, our instructors and proctors were very willing to continue with these courses, providing wonderful support to our students. Thank you very much to Jan and Les Muller for their continuing help with the promotion of our courses.

PCOC for Mandarin students Since the spring of 2012, we have worked with Jack Tang, to facilitate the boating operator's course (PCOC), also known as the Boating Basics, in Mandarin for Chinese students. These courses are ongoing and we continue to work with Jack to enable these students to attain their operator license.

VHF course (with DSC endorsement) October 2013 - enrolled 12 students at the WestCan Yacht Club, with Byron Buie as instructor; Donnie Buie and Cindy Arbeau helping out. In January 2014 - 18 students took this course which was held at the

Britannia Heritage Shipyard with Byron Buie instructing, and Donnie Buie and Cindy Arbeau helping with the marking. This was the first time that a one-day course was offered. Our instructor, Byron, guided the students on the pre-reading and studying that was required in order for them to be ready for their one-day course. The concept of the one-day course was very successful, and very well received. The next one-day VHF course was held on Saturday, April 12, again at the Britannia Heritage Shipyards. This time, students who wanted the full VHF course (with DSC endorsement) came for the day, and those who wanted DSC only came for the afternoon.

*Many thanks as always to Bill Hawryluk for securing the text materials for the VHF course as well as the materials necessary for the Boating Basics and Boating Essentials classes.

*With respect to 'facilities', we would like it to be noted that we very much appreciate the continued generosity of the Ladner Yacht Club for the use of their facility, for our Fall and Winter Boating classes. We also appreciate the use of the WestCan Yacht Club, and the Britannia Heritage Shipyards for our VHF classes. Whenever, we need to use a facility in Richmond, we are always welcomed at the WestCan Yacht Club, current home of the Mandarin program, and, as always, we very much appreciate Jack Tang's hospitality in providing space for our programs.

*It should also be noted that aside from the individuals named above, there are many individuals who have helped make these courses happen and who have played a part in the success of the different programs that have been offered. Our thanks to all of them and, of course, our sincere thanks to the Bridge for their support and guidance throughout the year.

Treasurer

Cleve Pryde

- Current balance – 8400.00; after AGM \$8263.00

Membership Officer

Vidas Vitkus

Membership Type:

Associate Junior:	1
Lady Associate:	24
Regular:	230
Associate:	83
Regular life:	<u>10</u>
Total:	357

Secretary

Cindy Arbeau

This has been a great year for the Fraser Squadron, especially as we celebrate 50 yrs. Congratulations to all for such success and comradeship over the years.

Communications Officer

Colin Redwood

Motion: That the Officers' Reports be accepted by the membership and filed with the Secretary

Moved by _____ seconded by _____

Carried/defeated

Unfinished Business

(There shouldn't be any)

If there is no unfinished business, then the Election is conducted.

Commander clears the bridge except for Secretary, and calls on PC Bob Everson to conduct the Election

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ELECTION

Clear the Bridge

Commander Byron calls for all officers except for the Secretary to clear the Bridge, and calls upon Past Commander Bob Everson, in his capacity as Nominating Committee Member, to conduct the election.

P/C Bob Everson states that the Notice of AGM has been properly given to the membership along with the report of the Nominating Committee which accompanied it.

The Secretary confirms that there have been no further nominations filed in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Sq Regs.

OR

That there have been further nominations filed in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Squadron Regulations.
(If there have, then a ballot vote must be conducted for that/those position(s)) **None filed**

P/C Bob Everson reads the list of Nominees for the Respective Offices:

Commander	- Byron Buie	Executive Officer	- Dave Mellis
Training Officer	- Paul & Kathleen Vanderwood	Treasurer	- Cleve Pryde
Administration Officer	- Meredith Williamson	Secretary	- Gouri Chinnappa
Membership Officer	- Vidas Vitkus	Communications	- Colin Redwood

If there is not more than one candidate for each office, the Secretary casts one vote for the election of all the Officers as nominated.

OR

If there is more than one nominee for any of the offices, then a secret ballot must be held. **none**

P/C Bob Everson then declares all Nominees duly elected to serve until the next AGM in accordance with Article 11.6.1 of the Squadron Regulations.

The Nominating Committee also appoints Les & Jan Muller to act as Auditor for the 2014/2015 year.

P/C Bob Everson calls upon DC Shirley Shea to administer the pledge to the new Commander.
After Commander Byron has been pledged:

Commander Byron reads list of appointed Officers, and asks DC Shirley Shea to administer the pledge to all elected and appointed Officers:

Call all the Elected Officers (above) and following appointed Officers to come up to be pledged:

Nan Lockie	Assistant Training Officer	Bob Everson	Webmaster/WBAS
Carol Duguid	Assistant Training Officer	Jack Tang	Multicultural Officer
Bob Juulsen	Port Captain	Bill Hawryluk	Supplies & Training Aids
Peter Lefroy	Cruise Master	Les Muller	Environmental Officer
Jan Muller	Public Relations	Donalda Buie	Regalia Officer
Li (Tad) Xinhe	Asst. Multicultural Officer	Murphy Ni	Asst. Multicultural Officer
Rick Easthom	P/C, Fairlead Editor MCO	Rose Easthom	Assistant Fairlead Editor

I would like to say a few words about our new Bridge Members - Before Shirley does pledge

I am very that Gouri Chinnappa has agreed to be our new secretary. Carolyn Duguid has been a proctor & helped our instructors for many years and has agreed to help out in the training department. As a very diversified squadron with boaters from many different ethnic groups it is very important that they be represented on our bridge. And we are so pleased that Tad Xinhe and Murphy Ni are now part of our bridge executive.

Commander Byron Buie addresses the assembly.

Commander, Byron asks:

1. Is there is any New Business for the good of the Squadron?

Bob Everson puts forth a motion to approve \$1.00 per member for the
Seconded by Rick Easthom

2. Entertains motion to terminate the A. G. M. Formal Meeting.

Moved by **Rand Lutman** seconded by **Dave Mellis** To terminate the meeting at 2005 hours
Carried/defeated

After the Election, Admin Officer Meredith Williamson will announce the food is ready!

(Allow 10 – 15 minutes for the audience to get their food & beverages prior to the next presentation)

MERIT MARKS will be given out by DC Shirley Shea & PC Rick Easthom

Making special announcements and or plaques for 1ST, 5TH, 10TH, 15th and Life Membership.

Fraser Squadron Awards to be presented by Commander Byron Buie and Executive Officer Dave Mellis

- **John Murray Award** for helping those in distress & on the water - Jack Tang
- **Brimble & Curran Award** - For outstanding Service - Rick Easthom
- **Stuart Church Award** - For the Squadron member who has gone above and beyond call of duty - Bob Juulsen
- **Marep Award** - For best individual effort - Colin Redwood

Fraser Squadron Special Awards* presented by D/C Shirley Shea & S/C Byron Buie

There are two awards: Letter of Commendation to Robert Meggy & Letter of Appreciation to PC Jim Bryant & copies to PC

Colin Redwood Is going to give a brief history of the Squadron

Letter of Commendation:

This is awarded by the Chief Commander Joe Gatfield to Robert Meggy in recognition of his longtime membership in Fraser Squadron, and also being one of the founding members listed on the Squadron Warrant dated Oct 31st, 1964.

Colin & I had a chance to sit down with Robert at his office. And Robert started boating at a very young age, and when he joined Fraser Squadron he was still in his teens. The other members on the squadron warrant were probably in their 30-50's. Besides being an avid boater Robert is a hiker and many of the trails in Desolation Sound are a result of his initiative to get them built. Robert has also just purchased a 73ft yacht. WOW

Robert is also the President & CEO of The Great Little Box Company which is recognized as one of the best employers in Canada.

So Congratulations Robert on receiving this "Letter of Commendation"

Letter of Appreciation: We had a problem when we received this award as it is addressed to the Squadron and it's officers so who do we give it to. We do not have a clubhouse ! So the Bridge and Past Commanders on the bridge suggested we give it to a PC who they felt exemplifies the spirit of the Squadron so it will be presented to Jim Bryant , We are also but going to give each of you a professionally produced copy, because you all exemplify the spirit of the Squadron.

Letter of Appreciation:

"This is awarded to FS by the Chief Commander Joe Gatfield on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Squadron and it was decided by our bridge that it be given to: P/C Jim Bryant - I am going to get PC Bob Juulsen to step up here and say a few words. Note we also have professionally produced copies for each P/C.

* I am going to suggest we get a picture of Robert with all the P/C, P/D/C & C/C's in attendance. It will be great for the Fairlead etc.
Admin Officer Meredith Williamson will announce the speaker.

Jeff Engholm of Marine Service Network & Delta Search & Rescue

Admin Officer Meredith Williamson will present a gift to the guest speaker at the end of his presentation.

End of AGM for 2014

Time: 2140