



FRASER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT
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Meeting MINUTES Monday April 13, 2015 Ladner Yacht Club – 1935-2100

Attendees: Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Carolyn Duguid, Rick and Rose Easthom, Bill Hawryluk, Bob Juulsen, Peter Lefroy, Dave Mellis, Jan and Les Muller, Murphy Ni, Colin Redwood, Vidas Vitkus, Meredith Williamson.

Regrets: Bob Everson, Nan Lockie, Cleve Pryde, Jack Tang, Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood, Li (Tad) Xinhi.

Guests: Barb and John Dymond

Chair: Byron Buie

Minutes: Gouri Chinnappa

Call to order – 1940 hrs

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

The following was sent by email.

Well this is my last bridge meeting report as SC before the AGM, and I wanted to say that it has been a real pleasure to have such a great group of dedicated volunteers, and it is now time to pass the responsibility over to Dave and his new bridge which really has not changed much, but will have a few new faces.

In the past 2 years we have graduated many students from our Boating Basics, Boating Essentials, Boating Basics in Mandarin & our VHF Marine Radio Course. *Interestingly in 2014 we graduated 93 students from our Mandarin PCOC and 94 students from our VHF Marine Radio Course.*

We have also participated in several community activities in Ladner & Richmond to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Last year we also had several members of the bridge take the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check course or RVCC, and starting this year we will be doing several RVCC checks in Richmond.

We also had some great squadron cruises which for Donnie & culminated with the one last year to Desolation Sound, and some of us even got to practice our anchoring!

As in past years our Xmas parties proved to be the social event of the year, and we are looking forward to the next one.

Dave has already started to plan his activities as Squadron Commander, and has a fundraiser planned for John Horton's Canadian Lifeboat Society on April 24th, and his anchoring course on May 9th,

So I would like to thank the Past Commanders, and bridge members for their support & guidance in the past 2 years.

b) Executive Officer - (Dave Mellis)

- We have emailed a number of brochures on the AGM Event April 17th and the Graduation/Horton presentation April 24th.
- Anchoring class has 4 people signed up for it and more info has just been sent to other squadrons about this course and the Horton presentation as well.
- Are we doing a silent auction at the fund raiser? (***This was discussed. Dave, Peter and Byron will get some things together for the silent auction. If anyone else can contribute, it would be much appreciated.)
- I have sent the brochures to all the squadrons asking for support in attending the Horton presentation.
- I was thinking that we should solicit other squadrons to share newsletter articles.
- Flare disposal and fire extinguishers – spoke to Royal City Fire and their rep named Joe will get costs and delivery of replacement extinguishers.
- Do we want to have name tags for instructors and bridge members? Cost \$20 to setup and \$6.50 each with our burgee design. (*** Byron will check prices in Richmond – Seafair dealer.)
- I ordered 100 VHF stickers at a cost of \$147.
- The new bridge is formed and ready for swearing in. Thanks to everyone.

c) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)

- Byron will read Cleve's update:
 - \$15,690 in bank, minus \$3,000 in cheques outstanding.
 - We are fine financially.
 - It is also the time when people will renew their memberships.
 - The Gaming Account has been closed and the paperwork has been sent to Victoria.

d) Membership Officer - (Vidas Vitkus)

- Total members to date: 385
- Associate: 5
- Regular Lady: 24
- Regular: 336
- Regular Life: 20
- I would like to remind everyone to please renew your membership. You can get discounts at marina stores, C-Tow, Rona stores, and a subscription to Yachting West magazine. Members are also invited to various Fraser Squadron events.
- Check out our website for more details.
- (*** There was a discussion about how the payment of dues was coming. Vidas will check on that. Also, Murphy will talk to the Chinese members about renewing their membership. Vidas will let Murphy know how many have not paid their memberships yet.)

e) Secretary - (Gouri Chinnappa)

- Nothing to report.

f) Training Officer - (Paul Vanderwood)

- Regrets.

g) Admin Officer - (Meredith Williamson)

- How many people are expected at the AGM? (***Byron said between 40-50 people).
- There will be fruit squares, coffee and tea, free for everyone.
- People can also order from the pub menu.
- Will there be a screen and projector? (***Byron will bring those.)
- ***Bob Dymond asked if there will be simultaneous translation in Mandarin. Rick said that Jack will have someone do it.
- This same set up will be for the Horton presentation on April 24th, only there will be more tables.
- ***Donnie asked if an email can be sent regarding ordering food from the pub menu.
- ***Byron mentioned that Shirley Shae is retiring as District Commander, so can Meredith get a presentation for her?

h) Communications/Historian - (Colin Redwood)

- Nothing to report.

i) Cruise Master - (Peter Lefroy)

- Recreation Vehicle Courtesy Check.
 - Jerry Powers is running it for PMD.
 - They have 6 dates around Vancouver.
 - We will do 3 dates:
 - May 23rd, Shelter Island
 - June 13th, Vancouver Marina in Richmond
 - To Be Determined, Milltown Marina in Richmond
 - We will need 2 of us at each of these events.
 - You can go to www.smartboater.ca/rcvv, watch the video and sign a declaration that you have watched the video to become an RVC checker or assistant. (***Bob Juulsen said that Jerry Powers thinks that watching the video is not enough – you should do the 4 hour course.)
- Regarding Regalia: Maybe “The Dog’s Ear” in the mall in Richmond can do 1 or 2 items at a time, just like Elves did.

j) Regalia Officer - (Donalda Buie)

- Elves is gone.
- The lady at Seafair can get us the disc (with our images).
- The embroidery on the cap – they said it needs to be made bigger.
- Sales have gone up due to new members on the bridge. Otherwise sales are flat.

k) Environmental Officer - (Les Muller)

- Discussed the oil spill in English Bay.
- Also mentioned that tanker traffic will increase by 400% soon.

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

- During Rick's absence, Jack got very busy where WestCan and Asia Pacific Yacht Clubs are, plus the involvement in the government of China. So he only did 1 class in December.
- Jack is back now and has full classes.
- Jack expects that at the end of May, the first of the mainland China students will come for their study. They are looking for a Canadian grant for this.
- Jack is also bringing on 2 more instructors.

m) Multicultural Officer - (Jack Tang)

- Regrets.

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

- Is helping Meredith.

o) Supplies and Training – (Bill Hawryluk)

- Supply report given.
- \$8,205.40 spent last year (better than it has been for awhile).
- Inventory:
 - 25 Chinese Boating Basics
 - 60 VHF manuals
 - 30 English Boating Basics
 - 3 Boating Essentials Kits (secondary course)

p) Port Captain - (Bob Juulsen)

- Peter will be taking over.

q) Webmaster/WBAS - (Bob Everson)

- Regrets.

r) Public Relations - (Jan Muller)

- Will post anchoring course brochure around the marinas and also at the Horton presentation.
- ***Meredith said that she wrote to the Optimist regarding the Horton presentation. If there is space, it will be in this Wednesday's paper. If it is not in this Wednesday's paper, she will try for the next issue.

5) New Business

a) Byron:

- Flare Disposal Program: Transport Canada and CPS are sponsoring it. The co-ordinator is Jeff Booth from the Vancouver Squadron. It will take place May 2nd 0900-1700 at the Steveston Marina location.

- There is money available for advertisement (don't know how much or how it will be allocated).
- Last year – got rid of 11 or 12 big boxes of flares.
- We have to let them know if we are going to be involved.
- ***Peter: Does that mean that if we don't get involved, it won't happen?
- ***Byron: Yes.
- ***Rick: Someone needs to go there.

- Byron will talk to Shirley Shae, then Jeff about this as there is some confusion. He will see what is going on.
- ***Peter: Told Byron that he can go to Steveston Marina on May 2nd for this. Also suggested that Vidas should send out a flash.
- Byron will let Peter know once he has talked to Shirley and Jeff, then Peter will tell Vidas to send out a flash.

b) Bob J:

- Enquired about the script for the AGM.
- ***Byron will bring it.

c) Dave M:

- Showed the presentation for the Practical Boat Anchoring course on a projector.
- May 9th, \$150.
- Dave wanted input on the presentation.
- ***Byron suggested a course certificate, and to let the students know to bring their own lunch.
- ***Meredith suggested that we supply coffee, tea, etc. Also suggested that someone else is there to keep Dave on time, as this is a 4 hour course only.
- ***Jan asked where the boat will anchor, and suggested that Dave check the tide.
- Dave said that it will anchor on the reach by Westham Island, and that he would check the tides and sandbars too.
- ***Peter asked if there are 10 life jackets/PFDs on the boat.
- Dave said that he would ask the students to bring their own.
- ***Peter suggested that Dave prints out this presentation and sends it to the students ahead of time, like Byron does on his course.
- ***Les reminded Dave to be careful of liability (eg. if someone falls).
- Dave has already checked that out.
- ***Carolyn mentioned that this should include women (encourage women to take this course too).
- there was general discussion about how to do the wording for this, etc.
- Dave will email the brochure to Jan (who will print it out to put in marinas) and to Vidas (for a blast).
- ***Donnie suggested that Dave copyright this.
- ***Barb Dymond said that he can copyright this with his name and date.

b) Byron:

- See you all at the AGM at 1900 this Friday.
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6) Adjournment

- **Time:** 21:00hrs
- **Motion By:** Meredith Williamson **Seconded by:** Peter Lefroy.

