

## **MINUTES FOR FRASER SQUADRON A.G.M. Friday APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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 2015 - My name is Byron Buie & I am the Commander of Fraser Squadron.

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 speakers.

I would first like to welcome Shirley Shea who is the District Commander for the PMD.

We also have many Past Commanders, Past District Commanders & Past Chief Commanders with us, and when I call your name if you would please stand up.

Past Commander, Past District Commander & Past Chief Commander Norm Dyck and, accompanying Norm is Betty Ewasiuk who is PC of Burnaby Squadron

Past Commanders Brian & Lindsay Smith

Past Commander Rand Lutman

Past Commander & Past District Commander Dave Bauer & his wife Margaret

Past Commander, Past District Commander & Past Chief Commander Harry Cole and his wife Marilyn

Past Commander Bob Juulsen

Past Commander Bob Everson & his wife Lisa

Past Commander Rick Easthom & his wife Rose

Have I missed anyone? No

I also would like to introduce our guest speakers from the Vancouver Aquarium/BC Cetacean Sightings Network Centre - Tessa Danelesko & Bailey Eagan who will be talking about our aquatic neighbours - whales, dolphins, porpoises & sea turtles on the BC Coast.

### **Seated at the Head Table are:**

Commander Byron Buie; Executive Officer Dave Mellis; Treasurer Cleve Pryde; Admin Officer Meredith Williamson; Secretary Gouri Chinnappa; Membership Officer Vidas Vitkus  
Communications Officer Colin Redwood Training Officer Nan Lockie (who is sitting for Paul & Kathleen Vanderwood)

### **Commander Buie asked Sergeant at Arms Bob Juulsen to do the Roll Call.**

Commander Buie asked "Is there a quorum present?" (Quorum is 10% or 20 members)  
Bob Juulsen responded "Yes, there is."

There were no extra nominees for the AGM.

**Commander Buie asked Secretary Gouri Chinnappa** “Was the notice of meeting filed in accordance with Squadron regulation 11.3.1 in a timely manner?”  
Secretary Gouri Chinnappa responded “Yes, it was.”

The minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 AGM were circulated to the members via the website, with copies on the tables.

**Commander Buie said** “I would like a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.”

This motion was moved by Lyndsay Smith and seconded by John Dymond.

**Commander Buie said** “I would like a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated.”  
This motion was moved by Meredith Williamson and seconded by Donalda Buie.

Commander Buie asked “Is there any business arising from the minutes?”  
There is none.

The OFFICERS’ REPORTS were presented next.

**Commander:                      Byron Buie (Last report a SC)**

Two years ago PC Rick Easthom passed the Commanders flag to me at the 2013 AGM, and I am now very pleased to do the same thing and pass the Commanders flag on to our new Squadron Commander Dave Mellis. Dave has been our Executive Officer for 2 years, and in that capacity has done a great job, and has been a great help to me. Dave and his wife Meredith are very experienced boaters, and they bring a wealth of knowledge to this office.

Dave has all-ready planned several activities for the coming months including a fund raiser for John Horton’s Canadian Lifeboat Institute which will be part of our Squadron Graduation Ceremony on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at Sundance, and an anchoring course that will be held on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> (Dave will talk to you about both these events) . Dave has also put a great bridge together, and I look forward to being a member of this bridge.

Attendance at our Boating Basics & Boating Essentials Courses was not as good as in past years, but between the 2 courses we still managed to graduate over 30 students. The same cannot be said for our Boating Basics in Mandarin & VHF Marine Radio Course where we graduated almost 200 students! ... And these 2 courses continue to be our best source of income. In-fact last night I was at WestCan Yacht Club which is where we do our Boating Basics in Mandarin, and we had 14 students who successfully wrote the PCOC exam.

I would like to point out that as a National Boating organization last year we graduated 18,889 students, and this was accomplished by over 2000 volunteers who put in over 145,000 hours educating Canadians to be safe on the water

Last year several bridge members took the Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check course put on by CPS & Transport Canada, and this year we are going to be doing RVCC checks at 3 marinas in Richmond. This will give us an opportunity to promote membership in CPS, and our boating courses. If you are interested in helping with these courtesy checks please let us know.

Last year we had three very successful cruises to Telegraph Harbour, Granville Island & the big one of the year to Desolation Sound - Our biggest social activity of the year continues to be our Christmas Party and last year was no exception as we had 94 members in attendance.

But none of what we do as a squadron would be possible if it wasn't for the help of the volunteers members on our bridge, past commanders, and other squadron members who help make it happen. Many of these members have full time jobs, and are raising families others are going to school or are retired and are travelling the world, but they all seem to find the time to help with squadron activities - So I would like to say THANK YOU for your hard work & dedication it is really appreciated!

I also would like to thank District Commander Shirley Shea for her support as she has always made herself available for so many of our Squadron functions - Thank you Shirley!

But first and foremost, I would like to thank my wife Donnie for her help and support - Thank You!

**Executive Officer:**           **Dave Mellis** - Will address the members later as the new SC.

**Training Officer:**           **Kathleen Vanderwood (read by Nan Lockie)**

*Fall/Winter Boating Basics and Boating Essentials course* (Sept 2014 – Dec 2014) In Ladner, we had 3 students for the Boating Basics course and 10 students for the Boating Essentials course. In Richmond, we had 3 students for Boating Basics and 7 students for the Boating Essentials course. All were successful with the completion of their course.

*Winter/Spring Boating Basics and Boating Essentials course* (Jan 2015– April 2015) In Ladner, we enrolled 3 students in the Boating Basics, all of whom were successful, and 2 students in the Boating Essentials course and their final exam was April 9. In Richmond, we had 4 students in the Boating Essentials course, and their final exam was April 14.

As always, we thank our Richmond instructors and proctors: Bill Hawryluk, Peter Lefroy, Linda Hawryluk, and Carolyn Duguid, In Ladner, we thank Bob Juulsen, Bruce Bried and Collin Redwood. Despite our low registration, our instructors and proctors continue to be very willing to present 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* During 2014, we have continued to work 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. Between May and Dec of 2014, 93 Chinese students were successful with their PCOC's.

*VHF course* (with DSC endorsement) This program has continued to have a very good student turnout with Byron Buie as instructor and with Donnie Buie, Carolyn Duguid and Peter LeFroy helping out. Our one-day course concept preceded by the two week guided home-study program continues to be a very successful approach. Since April of 2014, 94 students have been successful. This has been a 100% success rate.

\*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, for our Richmond classes and the Richmond Yacht Club 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.

We want to close by thanking Byron Buie for his generous time commitments as Commander of our Squadron over the past two years. It has been a sincere pleasure working with him. We look forward to working with Dave Mellis, as our new Commander.

**Treasurer:           Cleve Pryde**

Once again, Fraser Squadron had a very successful year from a financial point of view. The financial status continues to be very stable; the result of the hard work that went into all of the past year's activities.

Our year-end net balance (cash less non-cleared commitments) at Mar 31 was \$11,092. Receipts amounted to \$36,100 while our disbursements totalled \$32,300. Last year's closing net balance was \$7,262.

We were fortunate this past year to have been able to take advantage of the BC Government Gaming grant that allowed us to purchase equipment that was essential for the training programs we are providing. The upside is we are now enjoying a healthy financial situation while at the same time our training equipment is essentially new and up to date.

The Gaming account is now closed and the final report has been submitted to the Gaming agency.

I'll submit our financial records to the audit process and after, with the approval of the Commander, I'll go ahead and submit the financial report to the CPS head office.

**Membership Officer:           Vidas Vitkus**

Total Members to date: 385  
Associate: 5  
Regular Lady: 24  
Regular: 336  
Regular Life: 20

**Secretary: Gouri Chinnappa (No report)**

**Communications Officer: Colin Redwood (No report)**

**Commander Buie said** "I would like a motion that the Officer's Reports be accepted by the membership and filed with the Secretary."

This motion is moved by Bob Everson and seconded by Non Lockie.

**Commander Buie asked** "Is there is any unfinished business?"

There is none.

**Commander Buie said** "If there is no unfinished business, then the Election is conducted.

I would like to call on Past Commander Bob Everson to conduct the election, and ask that all the officers to clear the bridge except for Secretary Gouri Chinnappa."

**P/C Bob Everson** stated 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, Gouri Chinnappa** confirmed that there have been no further nominations filed in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Sq. Regs.

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

Commander	- Dave Mellis	Executive Officer	- John Dymond
Training Officer	- Paul & Kathleen Vanderwood	Treasurer	- Cleve Pryde
Administration Officer	- Meredith Williamson	Secretary	- Gouri Chinnappa
Membership Officer	- Vidas Vitkus	Communications	- _____

There is not more than one candidate for each of office.

So the **Secretary, Gouri Chinnappa** cast one vote for the election of all the Officers as nominated.

**P/C Bob Everson** then declared 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 appointed Les & Jan Muller to act as Auditor for the 2015/2016 year.

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**P/C Bob Everson called upon District Commander Shirley Shea to administer the pledge to the new Commander.**

Past Commander Byron Buie & New Squadron Commander Dave Mellis exchange flags & caps.

**After Commander Dave Mellis has been pledged, he read the list of appointed Officers, and asked District Commander Shirley Shea to administer the pledge to all elected and appointed Officers:**

The Elected Officers (above) and following appointed Officers came up to be pledged:

Nan Lockie	Assistant Training Officer	Bob Everson	Webmaster/WBAS
Carol Duguid	Assistant Training Officer	Rick Easthom	Multicultural Officer
Bob Juulsen	Peter Lefroy	Bill Hawryluk	Supplies & Training Aids
Peter Lefroy	Doug Coulter/Willina Collins	Les Muller	Environmental Officer
Jan Muller	Public Relations	Donalda Buie	Regalia Officer
Li (Tad) Xinhe	Asst. Multicultural Officer	Murphy Ni	Asst. Multicultural Officer
Byron Buie	P/C, Fairlead Editor	Rose Easthom	Special Projects
Barbera Dymond			

**New Squadron Commander Dave Mellis addresses the assembly:**

Thank you everyone for coming tonight. As your new Commander I will try my best to build on the success of my predecessors Byron Buie and Rick Easton.

Byron was tireless in his work for the Squadron. He had two very successful years of guiding our squadron through many challenges and today we find our squadron is one of the few that has increased in members. In addition, our Commander had secured for us the Gaming Grant which significantly aided to update our computers and presentation equipment. Through our Award winning Mandarin CPS Training program, which was initiated by Jack Tang and Rick Easton, we have trained over two hundred Chinese students which has significantly added to our membership and coffers.

I will do my best to increase the success of the Fraser Squadron and I know that with my new Bridge that can happen. This bridge brings very experienced and capable members to our team. I know that with their help we can make the coming two year term a safe, fun and successful one.

We have a very busy season ahead of us. Next Friday we have grad night and the John Horton presentation, The Fraser River, the last 10,000 years. This presentation will include a fund raiser and silent auction for the Canadian Lifeboat Institution. It will help raise needed funds to rebuild one of the SAR boats damaged while on exercise last October.

We have a very busy schedule this spring! Some of the dates to remember are:

May 2nd - Saturday - Flare Day at Steveston Marine

May 4th - Monday PMD at Willingdon Church

May 4th - Monday testing at WestCan with Peter & Carolyn & maybe Bill H

May 9th - Saturday Anchoring Class - Dave & Les & students

May 11th - Monday Fraser Squadron Bridge meeting

May 16th - Saturday - RVCC Check at Milton Marina - Byron & Dave

May 18th - Monday - Testing again at WestCan - Byron & probable Peter/Carolyn or Bill

May 22nd & 23rd - PMD AGM at Executive Inn in Burnaby - Dave, Meredith, John & Barbara

May 23rd - Saturday - RVCC Check at Shelter Island Marina - Peter & Bob J

June 13th - Saturday - RVCC Check - Vancouver Marina - Peter & Byron

So as you can see we have a very full schedule!!!! In addition, Byron and I are planning a remote monitoring course this fall. So stay tuned.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their past and future support in my term as Commander of the Fraser Squadron.

**New Commander Dave Mellis asks** "Is there is any New Business for the good of the Squadron?"

There is none.

**New Commander Dave Mellis** entertains a motion to terminate the A. G. M. Formal Meeting. This motion is moved by Rand Lutman and seconded by Brian Smith.

The AGM Formal Meeting is terminated at 1955 hours

Officer Meredith Williamson announces that the food is ready

**MERIT MARKS given out by DC Shirley Shea & Commander Dave Mellis & Read out by PC Byron Buie.**

- ☐ Cynthia Ann Arbeau - 4 years
- ☐ Bruce Bried - 1 year
- ☐ Byron Buie - 8 years
- ☐ Donalda Buie - 3 years
- ☐ Carolyn Duguid - 6 years
- ☐ Norm Dyck - 39 years

- ☐ Rick Easthom - 8 years
- ☐ Rose Easthom - 7 years
- ☐ Bob Everson - 16 years
- ☐ Bill Hawryluk - 31 years
- ☐ Linda Hawryluk - 6 years
- ☐ Bo Hu - 2 years
  - ☐ Bob Juulsen - 20 years, 20 year life membership, 20 Year Pin & Appliquéd Flag. -  
The presentation of this award will be done by Past Chief Commanders Norm Dyck & Harry Cole
- ☐ Peter Lefroy - 13 years
- ☐ Xue Lin
  - ☐ Nan Lockie - 5 years plus 5 year pin
  - ☐ Rand Lutman - 35 Years - 35 year Pin & 4 Merit Marks (BB will talk about this)
- ☐ David Earl Mellis - 4 years
- ☐ Janice Muller - 11 years
- ☐ Les G. Muller - 8 years
- ☐ John Oystensen - 14 years
- ☐ Cleve Pryde - 8 Years
- ☐ Colin Redwood - 6 years
- ☐ Fanghong Shan - 2 years
- ☐ Jack Tang - 3 years
- ☐ Kathleen Vanderwood - 10 years
- ☐ Paul Vanderwood - 10 years
- ☐ Vidas Vitkus - 2 years
- ☐ Meredith Williamson - 4 years
- ☐ Cynthia Qing Zhang - 2 years

### **Fraser Squadron Awards to be presented by [Commander Dave Mellis.](#)**

### **Special Awards & Trophies**

#### **Name:**

#### **Brimble & Curran Trophy “For Outstanding Service in our Training Department” (Bruce Bried)**

The member who is going to get this award has been proctoring & helping Bob Juulsen with our Boating Basics & Boating Essential courses in Ladner. So it is with great pleasure we give this trophy to Bruce Bried.

#### **Marep Trophy “For Best Individual Effort” Carolyn Duguid)**

This member has been proctoring & helping Bill Hawryluk with our Boating Basics & Boating



Essentials in Richmond, and also has helped us with our VHF classes. So it is with great pleasure we give this trophy to Carolyn Duguid

**John Murray Award "For Excellence on the Water" Les & Jan Muller)**

These members have been boating for a very long time, and have shown their expertise on the water in so many ways. Last year at our cruise to Desolation they instructed one of us on how to anchor. Then on the way home to Point Roberts they came in after Dark, and it took a great deal of skill to weave their way through the fishing boats and finally make it home to their moorage. Also this year our New Commander has developed an anchoring course which this member will be helping with. So I would like Les & Jan Muller to come up and accept this award.

**Special Awards For Service & Dedication To Fraser Squadron (Jack Tang, Rick Easthom)**

Several years ago when Rick was Squadron Commander he had the foresight to see an opportunity for CPS & Fraser in promoting safe boating in the Asian community. Rick teamed up with Jack Tang of WestCan Yacht Club, and together they produced the first Simplified Chinese Study Guide. Jack spent 100's of hours translating our PCOC guide, and the result is this manual. Since doing this we have graduated 100's of students, and anticipate that we will graduate 100's more in the coming years. Jack & Rick have also received several National Awards for this initiative. So I would like to ask Rick & Jack to come up and receive this award from Fraser Squadron.

**Special Award For Their Service & Dedication to Fraser Squadron in the Training Dept. (Hawryluk, Bill - Juulsen, Bob)**

In our training department besides Kathleen & Paul Vanderwood I do not think we have 2 individuals who are more dedicated to promoting safe boating than our 2 senior instructors Bob Juulsen & Bill Hawryluk .... and I am sure many of you here tonight had either Bob or Bill as your instructor. So I would like to ask Bob & Bill to come up and receive their awards.

**Special Award For his service & Dedication To Fraser Squadron (Lefroy, Peter)**

This squadron member is always there to help whether is at the Boating Basics, Boating Essentials or VHF Radio or Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check etc - He is the first one to put his hand up!!! This year he also has the new responsibility as Port Captain - So I would like to ask Peter to come up and receive this award. - He gets the Port Captain's Flag Also!

**Special Award For his Service & Dedication to Fraser Squadron (Cleve Pryde)**

This year has been a bit busier for this member as he has had to do double duty, as many of you know we did receive a gaming grant from the province of BC which enabled us to purchase some much needed equipment. So he had to keep 2 sets of books, and then the government requires that we submit a detailed report once we have spent the funds. So I would like to ask Cleve to come up, and receive this award.

**Admin Officer Meredith Williamson** presented gift to Shirley Shea

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**End of AGM for 2015**

**Time: 2100**