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Monday, January 11th, 2016
Ladner Yacht Club – 1900-2045

Attendees: Byron Buie, Donalda Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Carolyn Duguid, John and Barb Dymond, Bob Everson, Bill Hawryluk, Bob Juulsen, Peter Lefroy, Nan Lockie, Dave Mellis, Jan and Les Muller, Cleve Pryde, Colin Redwood, Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood, Vidas Vitkus, Meredith Williamson.

Regrets: Dave & Willina Collins, Rick and Rose Easthom, Jack Tang.

Guests: Bruce Bried

Chair: Dave Mellis

Minutes: Gouri Chinnappa

Call to order – 1900 hrs

- 1) **Roll Call** - Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) **Previous Minutes** - Motion to Accept: Donalda Buie; Seconded by: Meredith Williamson
- 3) **Business arising from previous minutes** - None.

4) Officer Reports

a) Commanders report - (Dave Mellis)

The following was sent by email:

Hello Everyone and as my dear old Mother in law sternly requires me to say “have a Happy, Helathy and Properous New Year!”

We begin this boating season right out of the starting gate with new classes for Boating 1 & 2 , the VHF course and of course the Mandarin classes as well.

I look forward to your reports.

January is the start of the big boat shows in Vancouver and Seattle. The Vancouver Boat show starts on Januuary 20-24th at BC Place and Granville Island Maritime Marina. There are several boating presentations that look very interesting and the outdoor boat show is always great fun! Inside BC Place there are hundreds of vendors with some great products you should check out such as fibreglass and plastic chip repair kits, new AIS units and so on.

We are heading down Friday morning to spend the day there or as long as our feet will carry us.

Isabela Booth is requesting anyone who would please help manning the CPS Booth for a few

hours to contract her plus you get a free pass for the tickets. Contact Isabela at izia@me.com

Hours that she is needing help with are:

Wednesday, January 20 5pm-8pm

Friday, January 22 2pm-5pm

Friday, January 22 5pm-8pm

Saturday, January 23 5pm-8pm

Sunday, January 24 1am-2pm

Speaking of tickets, please contact me for Boat Show Tickets at a reduced rate of a few dollars and I will arrange for pickup or drop off.

I have signed up for an Intermediate Diesel Engine course sponsored by the Blue Water Cruising Club. Bruce Bried had kindly sent me a notification on this course and I signed up right away as they only accept 16 people. You can get more information at: vaneducation@bluewatercruising.org

The Seattle boat show is January 29-Feb 6th. This is the largest boat show on the West Coast. There are a number of very interesting courses and events taking place there as well as the outdoor boat show. I think the numbers of Canadians will be down this year because of the dollar but if anyone is interested in going down for the day, let me know as I would like to attend some of the seminars and have a look around. We could car pool it.

This year I would like our squadron to include a cruise with a local squadron like White Rock, Langley or SurDel. We can discuss that with the cruise directors. The idea is to interact more with local squadrons to pool resources and increase boating experiences with likeminded people. Let's discuss that under new business

Of great concern to me, is the dwindling membership numbers and our loss of revenue. I would like to discuss this under new business Monday night and work with the marketing committee within the next few weeks to evaluate how we can reverse the trend or find new way of generating revenue including looking at fees and sponsors.

Old Business:

Merit Marks are coming due and I will be contacting people about their volunteer hours for this year.

There is a competition being held by CPS to name the new computer system taking over from the much maligned WABAS system. It was due to be rolled out in January 2016 but there are a number of problems they are addressing which keep moving that date back. At this point they are only saying expect it early 2016. I hope the new name is not going to be WABAS II.

b) Executive Officer - (John Dymond)

- Nothing to report.

c) Treasurer - (Cleve Pryde)

- The current balance is \$7,694. This is up from last month.
- Will lay out what are recurring costs, etc.
- Wondered whether we are making any money from our courses?

- * Some discussion on this matter. It seems that on the VHF course we net between \$60-\$70 per student and on PCOC we net about \$80 per student.
- * Byron will look into increasing the fee for partners to \$50 for the VHF course (it is currently \$25) as this is the fee for partners who take the PCOC course.
- * Byron will look into the processing fee that we get (about \$18 currently) when we get someone to sign up for a CPS membership. Can this be increased?
- * Some discussion on the cost of the CPS Convention.

d) Membership Officer - (Vidas Vitkus)

The following was sent by email:

Associate: 6
 Regular Lady: 24
 Regular: 287
 Regular Life: 19
 Total: 336

* also some discussion on fundraising: BBQ on Tsawwassen Beach? Auction of boat stuff? Garage sale of boat stuff?

e) Secretary - (Gouri Chinnappa)

- Nothing to report.

f) Training Officer - (Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood)

The following was sent by email:

- At this point, Transport Canada requires a number of corrections to the translation and layout of the mandarin PCOC exams. A USB is being priority shipped back to us and we will then be arranging to meet with Jack Tang to finalize this.
- The new English version of the PCOC exams has been printed, and we now have them for any students wishing to write their PCOC.
- Our first course for this winter season will be starting Tues Jan 12 in Steveston, and Thurs Jan 14 at the Ladner Yacht Club. We currently have 5 students registered for the Richmond class and 2 students registered for the Ladner class. Thanks again to our instructors and proctors for helping these students.
- The first VHF course for this year will be Jan 23 to be held at the Richmond Yacht Club. Six students have paid; another 5 are planning to register as well.
- Here are our planned courses:

VHF – Maritime Radio - Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 26, Apr. 23

Boating Basics (PCOC) – Steveston, Jan. 12, Ladner, Jan. 14

Boating 2 (Beyond the PCOC) – Richmond, Feb. 2, Ladner Feb. 4

Boating 3 (Introduction to Navigation) – Richmond, Apr 5, Ladner, Apr 7

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

g) Admin Officer - (Meredith Williamson)

- There is a talk coming up by a long time sailor Rob O'Day who is a member of Orloc Society (wooden boats). It will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 28th at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. You can check on this online. There are a limited number of seats, so contact Rob at rob@terrahousing.ca if you would like to attend.

h) Communications/Historian - (Bob Juulsen)

- Nothing to report.

i) Cruise Master - (Dave & Willina Collins)

- Absent.

j) Regalia Officer - (Donalda Buie)

- Burgee prices have gone up by more than \$7 each. They are \$19.75 US each, which is still less than the cost in Canada.

- Perhaps instead of 25 burgees, we will order 12?

* Some discussion on this subject – whether the price included shipping, etc. Dave will get his purchaser to contact Donalda regarding shipping prices.

* We need to start charging (more?) for hats, burgees, etc.

* Meredith mentioned that we should check with other squadrons to find out where they get their burgees made. Dave will bring this up at the PMD meeting.

* The decision was made to not order any caps or burgees until we figure this out.

k) Environmental Officer - (Les Muller)

- We are having a King Tide (one of the highest tides) starting Wednesday 8:30am.

* Dave showed an article on dredging.

l) Fairlead Editor(s) - (Paul Vanderwood/Byron Buie)

- Fairlead will come out by end of January.

- We need to get some more information out to members.

- We need more input, so send Paul anything that needs to go out (eg. cruise dates, etc.)

* Dave asked for suggestions for cruises. The responses included Otter Bay, Genoa Bay, Roche Harbour, Port of Sydney, Todd Inlet, Victoria Harbour, Ganges, Desolation Sound, and Pender Harbour.

* Dave will see if any other squadrons are interested in joining in with our cruises.

m) Multicultural Officer & Assistant Officer - (Jack Tang & Rick Easton)

- Absent.

* Byron mentioned that Isabella is seeking Mandarin help for the boat show, so Byron is trying to contact Jack.

* Kathleen suggested that Byron email Jack.

* Dave will send an email to Lucy about this too.

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

- Absent.

o) Supplies and Training – (Bill Hawryluk)

- Checked out our new storage. It is \$150 per month (expensive).

- It is twice as big as we need. Our contract is until April.

- We need to rethink this. Maybe someone has a good sized garage in Richmond/Ladner that we can use (a 4' x 8' space should do). Or perhaps a shed?

- Also, do we really need the tables, chairs, flagpole, and shelves or should we sell them?

* Dave said that in April we will cancel the contract and get all the stuff out. We will put the things in Dave's shop for awhile. Then we can see whether the Ladner or Richmond Yacht Clubs may want to buy some of the things, or we can sell them on Craigslist.

* Question of where the Anchoring Kit was (in blue box). Dave gave it to Peter. Peter said that Bill has it.

* Peter has the RVCC box.

* Byron said that we have offered to take the Virtual Trainer, but where should we store it? Paul and Kathleen offered to keep it.

p) Port Captain - (Peter Lefroy)

- Nothing to report.

q) Webmaster/WBAS - (Bob Everson)

- Nothing to report.

r) Public Relations - (Jan Muller)

- Talked to Delta and Richmond School Boards but was turned down.

- Heard an ad on the radio re: CPS classes.

* Carolyn mentioned the Parks and Recreation catalogue (which is different from the School Board catalogue. Jan will follow up with Parks and Rec.

5) New Business

a) Boat Show tickets

- Discussed earlier.

b) Working with other squadrons

- Discussed earlier.

c) Winery tour

- someplace in Langley?
- Dave will ask if any of the other squadrons would like to join us for this (or for pub nights, or safety inspections, or garage sale or swap meets).

d) Other

- Byron mentioned that we should plan RVCC checks (with Jerry Powers) this year at Milltown Marina.
- Maybe we should co-ordinate with the fire extinguisher guys too.

6) Adjournment

- **Time:** 2045hrs
- **Motion By:** Peter Lefroy; **Seconded by:** Cleve Pryde