

MINUTES FOR FRASER SQUADRON A.G.M. Friday APRIL 15TH 2016

Held at: Ladner Yacht Club

Commander Dave Mellis calls the meeting to order at 1900 hours

Good evening everyone and welcome to Fraser Squadron's AGM for 2016 - My name is Dave Mellis & 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 speaker, Peter Vasalopolus, Traveling to the Broughtons.

I would first like to welcome John Naylor from PMD who is the District Educational Officer.

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.

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

Byron Buie - Past Commander

Rick Easthom - Past Commander

Bob Juulsen - Past Commander

Bob Everson - Past Commander

Paul Vanderwood – Past Commander

Brian & Lindsay Smith – Past Commanders

Have I missed anyone? No.

I also would like to introduce our guest speaker, Peter Vasalopolus and his wife Carla.

Seated at the Head Table are:

Commander Dave Mellis; **Executive Officer** John Dymond; **Treasurer** Cleve Pryde; **Admin Officer** Meredith Williamson; **Secretary** Gouri Chinnappa; **Membership Officer** - Vidas Vitkus; **Training Officers** Paul & Kathleen Vanderwood

Commander Mellis asked Sergeant at Arms Bob Juulsen to do the Roll Call.

Commander Mellis said "I would like to ask our Sergeant at Arms, Bob Juulsen is there a quorum present?" (Quorum is 10% or 20 members)

Bob Juulsen replied "Yes, there is."

There were no extra nominees for the AGM.

Commoander Mellis 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 responds "Yes, it was."

The minutes of the April 17th, 2015 AGM were circulated to the members via the website with copies on the tables.

Commander Mellis said: “I would like a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.”
This motion was moved by Bob Everson and seconded by Lindsay Smith.

Commander Mellis said: “I would like a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated.”
This motion was moved by Rick Easthom and seconded by Bob Juulsen.

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

The OFFICERS REPORTS were presented next.

Commander **Dave Mellis**

Welcome everyone. This has been a busy year for the Fraser Squadron.

We have been involved with various educational courses. These include the VHF and other boating courses, and courses given by Jack Tang to Mandarin speaking groups.

The Cherry Blossom Parade is taking place this weekend for the very first time.

Executive Officer **John Dymond**

No report.

Training Officer **Kathleen Vanderwood**

Fall/Winter Boating Programs (Sept 2015 – Apr 2016) The majority of our Boating classes was held in Richmond due to the registrations received. We had 7 students successfully complete their PCOC during the fall program, and we currently have 3 more completing their PCOC at this time, in Ladner. In Richmond, we have had a total of 15 students successfully complete the Boating 2 course (Beyond the PCOC) – 9 in the fall program and 6 in the winter/spring program. We currently have 8 students working on the Boating 3 course (Introduction to Navigation). This fiscal year is the first time that we have offered the newly revised boating programs: Beyond the PCOC and Introduction to Navigation.

As always, we thank our Richmond instructors and proctors: Bill Hawryluk, Peter Lefroy, and Carolyn Duguid, In Ladner, we thank Bob Juulsen. Our instructors/proctors have successfully embarked on the teaching of these revised programs and have always been prepared to teach a group despite, in some cases, our low registration, 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, For several years now, we have been working 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 April 2015 and 2016, a total of 108 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 and Peter Lefroy as instructors and with Donnie Buie and Carolyn Duguid 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 2015, 47 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 various Boating programs. Our thanks as well to Nan Lockie for continuing to monitor the Squadron phone.

*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; also, the use of the Steveston Harbor Authority, 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 new home of the Mandarin program; 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

The financial status of the Fraser Squadron continues to be stable; again, 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 \$9,828. The balance at the end of the previous year was \$11,092.

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: 327

Associate: 5

Regular Lady: 24

Regular: 279

Regular Life: 19

Secretary

Gouri Chinnappa

No report.

Communications Officer

Jan Muller (Absent)

Commander Mellis 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 Lindsay Smith and seconded by Norm Dyck.

Commander Mellis asked “Is there is any unfinished business?”

There is none.

Commander Mellis said “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.”

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, 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 reads the list of Nominees for the Respective Offices:

Commander	- Dave Mellis	Executive Officer	- John Dymond
Training Officer	- Paul and 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 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 2016/2017 year.

Bob Everson called upon PMD Rep John Naylor to administer the pledge to the Commander.

After Commander Dave Mellis has been pledged, he read the list of appointed Officers, and asks the PMD District Rep to administer the pledge to all elected and appointed Officers:

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

Nan Lockie	Assistant Training Officer	Bob Everson	Webmaster/WBAS
Carolyn Duguid	Assistant Training Officer	Rick Easthom	Multicultural Officer
Bill Hawryluk	Supplies & Training Aids	Peter Lefroy	Port Captain
Les Muller	Environmental Officer	Jan Muller	Public Relations
Donalda Buie	Regalia Officer	Rose Easthom	Special Projects
Barbera Dymond	Special Projects		
Byron Buie/ Paul Vanderwood		Fairlead Editors	

Squadron Commander Dave Mellis addresses the assembly.

Thank you everyone for coming tonight.

Well, I have been your Commander for One year. It has been a rewarding experience. It allowed me to get to know our Squadron, Bridge and PMD members in a more intimate way. It has also enabled me to

work with Marine business' to involve them in squadron operations such as RVCC and Flare Disposal events. All this is an effort to raise the profile of the Fraser Squadron and our involvement in the boating community.

Fraser squadron is being challenged on many fronts; growing and retaining membership, remaining financially viable, finding course instructors, volunteers and resources to carry on a 60 year tradition is a daunting undertaking. But these are challenges that all squadrons across Canada are facing. Fraser Squadron is actually doing very well. We remain a squadron of over 330 members, Our coffers are firmly in the black and our Bridge has an active membership. We remain one of only two squadrons that in Canada that offers a Mandarin And we have fun at the same time! My involvement with the members of Fraser Squadron has been nothing short of wonderful. My wife Meredith and I, have made many new friends through this organization that I am sure will carry on long after our boating years have passed us by. Some of those Friends, like Alan and June Alridge have passed on now but they leave warm memories for all of us to keep. we have 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 that our squadron is one of the few that has increased in members. In addition, Byron secured for us the Gaming Grant which allowed us 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 and this 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 will happen. This bridge brings very experienced and capable members to our team. 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 & probably Peter/Carolyn or Bill
May 22nd & 23rd - PMD AGM at Executive Inn in Burnaby - Dave, Meredith, John & Barb
May 23rd - Saturday - RVCC Check at Shelter Island Marina - Peter & Bob J
June 13th - Saturday - RVCC Check - Vancouver Marina - Peter & Byron

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 continued support as as Commander

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

Donalda Buie informs attendees that there is a small table set up with things to buy (ties, pins, etc.)

Kathleen Vanderwood notes that it should be acknowledged that Lucy helped Jack Tang in translation (Mandarin/English).

Bob Everson makes a motion that the Fraser Squadron donate \$1/member to CPS. Paul Vanderwood seconded this motion.

Commander Dave Mellis entertains a motion to terminate the A. G. M. Formal Meeting.

This motion is moved by Vidas Vitkus and seconded by Byron Buie.

The AGM Formal Meeting is terminated at 1940 hours.

Officer Meredith Williamson announces that the food is ready.

MERIT MARKS will be given out by PMD Rep & Commander Dave Mellis & Read out by John Dymond

Bruce Bried - 2 years
Byron Buie - 9 years
Donalda Buie - 4 years
Carolyn Duguid - 7 years
John Dymond – 1 year
Norm Dyck - 40 years
Rick Easthom - 9 years
Bob Everson - 17 years
Bill Hawryluk - 32 years
Linda Hawryluk - 7 years
Bob Juulsen - 21 years
Peter Lefroy – 14 years
Nan Lockie - 6 years
David Earl Mellis - 5 years
John Oystensen - 15 years
Cleve Pryde - 9 Years
Colin Redwood - 7 years
Jack Tang - 4 years
Kathleen Vanderwood - 11 years
Paul Vanderwood – 11 years
Meredith Williamson – 5 years

* Others who were awarded Merit Marks were absent.

Peter Lefroy noted the following information about cruises:

- May 21-23 to Telegraph Harbour (with Langley Squadron)
- July 1-4 to Mill Bay (with White Rock Squadron)
- July 29-Aug. 1 to Otter Bay
- Sept. 2-5 to Maple Bay

Byron Buie reminded everyone that the CPS National Conference is in Vancouver this year. The website is vancouver2016.ca.

Fraser Squadron Awards to be presented by Commander Dave Mellis, John Dymond and John Naylor

Fraser Squadron Marep Award (For best individual effort): Peter Lefroy

Brimble and Curran Award (For outstanding service by a member of Fraser Squadron): Bob Juulsen

Stuart Church Award (Squadron member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in training): Jack Tang

Special Unit Citation award (For outstanding service to the Squadron): Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood

Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood introduce Peter Vasalopolus and his wife Carla who will talk about Traveling to the Broughtons.

End of AGM for 2016

Time: 2110