

MINUTES FOR FRASER SQUADRON A.G.M. Friday APRIL 21st, 2017

Held at: Ladner Yacht Club

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 calls the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Commander Mellis welcomes everyone.

Good evening everyone and welcome to Fraser Squadron's AGM for 2017 - 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 a presentation on cruising to Princess Louisa Inlet.

I would first like to welcome Gary Clow from PMD who is the Executive Officer.

I would also like to welcome our guest speakers, Anne and Laurence Yeadon-Jones.

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

Byron Buie	Rick Easthom	Bob Juulsen
Bob Everson	Paul 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.

Commander Mellis proposes: "I would like a motion that Barb Dymond and Donalda Buie be accepted as scrutineers at this meeting." This motion was moved by Nan Lockie and seconded by Bob Juulsen. The motion was carried.

Commander 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."

Commander Mellis noted that the minutes of the April 15th. 2016 AGM were circulated to the members via the website.

Commander Mellis proposes: “I would like a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.” This motion was moved by Peter Lefroy and seconded by Byron Buie. The motion was carried.

Commander Mellis proposes: “I would like a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated.” This motion was moved by Nan Lockie and seconded by Meredith Williamson. The motion was carried.

Commander Mellis asked “Is there any business arising from the minutes from the 2016 AGM?” There is none.

The OFFICERS REPORTS were presented next.

Commander Dave Mellis

Good evening everyone, honored guests, Past commanders and Friends.

This is my final report as your Commander. It has been my privilege to serve the Fraser Squadron these past two years.

During my tenure, I have had to occasion to work with most of you on the many duties and events with which our squadron has been involved.

RVCC Safety checks, Flare disposal days, Squadron cruises, PMD meetings, fund raisers, training courses and other events which raise the awareness and profile of our squadron within our community and the Pacific Mainland District of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

There are a number of things Fraser Squadron can be very proud of:

Our Boating 1,2, and 3 courses are always well received and highly rated and that is because our instructors, proctors and volunteers are very knowledgeable and experienced boaters, who are committed to helping others become competent boaters. Instructors like Bob Juulsen, Kathleen Vanderwood and Paul Vanderwood, our proctors, Nan Lockie, Caroline Duguid and many other volunteers, all of whom contribute to the success of our graduates.

Our one-day VHF course, which Byron Buie designed and who is assisted by Peter Lefroy and Bill Hawrlyk is always full. People from all over the province and even some from Alberta drive, or fly in to attend this one day course. And the exam grades are always very high.

Our Boating courses for Mandarin speakers which is hosted by Jack Tang and his volunteers, Lucy and Ester, have trained hundreds of new boaters and has received numerous citations from Pacific Mainland District and CPS headquarters over the years.

One of the things I am most proud of, is Fraser Squadron’s involvement with hosting the National Conference for CPS last year. Fraser Squadron members made up nearly 50% of the committee members and volunteers who helped build this event. Under the direction of Past Commander, Pacific Mainland District, Shirley Shea, our squadron members devoted hundreds of hours to make this Conference an outstanding success. We heard many attendees rave that the event was well run and that it showcased all of the beauty that is Vancouver. In fact, our conference was one of the few conferences in the history of CPS, which actually made money.

I am very proud of the Fraser Squadron and the people who make it what it is. Through our involvement in Squadron activities, many of us have come to know each other very well and as a result of our shared activities, I count many of you as my closest friends with whom I share a common passion of safe and competent boating.

Finally, I would like to thank my Executive Officer, John Dymond for his help and support. In addition, I would like to thank my other officers, Bridge members and volunteers, who served on my Bridge during my term.

I know I leave you in very good hands, our incoming Commander, Peter Lefroy, will continue the tradition of promoting education and safe boating in the beautiful waters of our coast and province.

Executive Officer

John Dymond

My term as XO is up. It was my first experience on the bridge and I frankly, was reluctant to add one more committee as I have multiple other commitments. The XO has two functions. The XO covers when the Commander is unable to attend and pitched in wherever needed. Frankly I didn't have to do much. Let me share observations about this bridge from the XO perspective.

Cruises : In Spunky, We attended at Mill Bay but there were numerous others! Line toss with another squadron – line splicing and line toss

Power Squadron is about fun and safety on the water

Recreational vessel courtesy check

Flare Day

Courses

VHF course is well attended

We have a simulator so you can experience running a boat before you get into an actual boat.

Christmas dinner

Spunky and Blue r Budget went to Ocean Falls

When we weren't boating we had dinner at a Japanese Restaurant or went to a Baseball game

Jack Tang and the courses in Mandarin. Except the VHF course

Membership is strong.

Maintain the web site and return calls to the phone number.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is a large organization, diverse in its needs.

National Conference and AGM So many from this squadron and bridge pitched in.

Shirley Sheas communications team. Again members from here are working to help with that.

Hear the logic that underpins it. So I encourage all of you to offer to help out

join the bridge, help out, have fun, be professional about safety and I hope to see you this summer on the water, or at one of the shore events.

Training Officer

Kathleen Vanderwood

Fall/Winter Boating Programs (Sept 2016 – Apr 2017) The majority of our Boating classes this year was held in Ladner due to the registrations received. We had 2 students successfully complete their Boating 2 course (Beyond the PCOC) during the fall program; we had 16 students registered for the winter/spring program of Beyond the PCOC and of these 16 students, 10 wrote their exam and were very successful. In January of this year, we had 8 students successfully complete the PCOC course. We currently have 7 students working on their Boating 3 course (Introduction to Navigation), again, at the Ladner location.

As always, we thank our instructors and proctors. Many thanks go to Bob Juulsen, our main instructor for programs at the Ladner Yacht Club. Thank you as well to Peter Lefroy, Bill Hawryluk, Bruce Bried and Paul Vanderwood for their support with the instruction. Thank you very much to Jan and Les Muller for their continuing help with the promotion of our courses, and to Paul Vanderwood, who frequently mentions Fraser Squadron news and course information on both Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to Bob Everson who keeps our website updated with program information, and to Vidas Vitkus who sends out our Fairlead publication.

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 2016 and 2017, a total of 118 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 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 2016, 49 students have been successful, with another 23 scheduled to take their VHF on April 29. This has continued to have 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; and even though we didn't have any boating classes in Richmond this year, we know we are welcome to use the Steveston Harbor Authority, the current 'home' of the Mandarin program, and we do appreciate this. We also appreciate the use of the Richmond Yacht Club for our VHF classes.

*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 continued support and guidance throughout the year.

* We really appreciate the use of the Ladner Yacht Club for our classes and the Richmond Yacht Club for the VHF classes.

Treasurer

Cleve Pryde

The financial status of the Fraser Squadron is strong. This is the result of the hard work that went into the training programs over the past year.

Our year-end net balance (cash less non-cleared commitments) at Mar 31 was \$17,204. The net balance at the end of the previous year was \$9,828.

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**

Associate: 4
Regular Life: 19
Regular Lady: 24
Regular: 243
Total Members: 290

Secretary**Gouri Chinnappa**

No report.

Supplies and Training Aids Officer**Bill Hawryluk**

We are in good shape.

Kathleen and Paul did a lot of ordering for books this year.

Radio course books and books for our Chinese students were also ordered.

Regalia Officer**Donalda Buie**

There is a table set up in the back with regalia for purchase for anyone who is interested.

Commander Mellis proposes: “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 Meredith Williamson and seconded by Kathleen Vanderwood. The motion is carried.

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

There is none.

Commander Mellis said “I would like to call on Past Commander Byron Buie, in his capacity as *Nominating Committee Member*, to conduct the election; and ask that all the officers to clear the bridge except for Secretary Gouri Chinnappa.”

Past Commander Buie 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 Squadron regulations.

Past Commander Buie read the list of Nominees for the Respective Offices:

Commander	- Peter Lefroy
Executive Officer	- Cleve Pryde
Multicultural Executive Officer	- Chao Wang
Training Officer	- Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood
Multicultural Training Officer	- Sherwin Wang
Treasurer	- Meredith Williamson
Administration Officer	- Barb Dymond
Secretary	- Gouri Chinnappa

Membership Officer	- Vidas Vitkus
Multicultural Membership Officer	- Michael Lee
Multicultural Membership	- Michael Lee
Communications Officer	- Bob Juulsen
Multicultural Communications Officer	– Lucy Liu

There is not more than one candidate for each of office. Therefore, the **Secretary, Gouri Chinnappa**, cast one vote for the election of all the Officers as nominated.

Past Commander Buie then declared all Nominees duly elected to serve until the next AGM in accordance with Article 11.6.1 of the Squadron Regulations.

Past Commander Buie called upon **PMD representative Gary Clow** to administer the pledge to the new Commander.

After **Commander Peter Lefroy** has been pledged, he reads the list of appointed Officers

Past Commander	- Dave Mellis	Port Captain	- Peter Lefroy
Editor Fairlead/Web	- Paul Vanderwood	Fairlead Editor	- Paul Vanderwood
Programs Officer	- TBA	Environmental Officer	- Les Muller
Supplies & Training Aids	- Bill Hawryluk	Regalia Officer	- Donalda Buie
Cruise Master	- Willina Collins	Webmaster	- Bob Everson
Cruise Master	- Dave Coulter	WBAS Officer	- Bob Everson
Asst. Training Officer	- Nan Lockie		
Public Relations Officer	- Jan Muller		
Multi-Cultural Liaison	- Rick Easthom		
	- Jack Tang		

Commander Lefroy asks **PMD representative Gary Clow** to administer the pledge to all elected and appointed Officers, and calls all of them to come to the front to be pledged.

There is an exchange of flags: from Past Commander Mellis to Commander Lefroy and from Past Commander Buie to Past Commander Mellis.

Squadron Commander Peter Lefroy addresses the assembly.

Good evening everyone. Well I never thought that I would be standing here as your Commander, but here I am. Kouka and I joined Fraser in 1995 and we have been mostly active members since that time.

First I would like to thank all those very dedicated volunteers of Fraser who have joined me on the Bridge for this coming year. Without your help and dedication Fraser would not be one of the real powerhouse squadrons in the Pacific Mainland District. In fact during the National Conference which was held in Vancouver this past fall Fraser members made up a significant part of that committee. Now that is commitment! In a time where all kinds of organizations are declining Fraser continues to thrive.

A very large part of our momentum is the Multicultural component of the Squadron. We have created some new positions on the Bridge to address those members and I want to make it a hallmark of my term to try and include those members in a much more meaningful way. I hope that they not only continue to have very effective training sessions, but that they will join us on cruises, help at flare disposal and RVCC days as well as attend social functions.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead and I invite you all to join me and the Bridge for that year.

Peter Bolton (National Administrative Officer and CPS Director from Comox Squadron) noted that they are struggling on the island. He mentioned that it is good to see what a strong squadron we have here and that that it is good to see how the Fraser Squadron solves problems. He said that he was really interested in what others have to say.

Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood welcomed newm CPS members Ken and Anne Marie Shand and Wayne van Tassel.

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

This motion is moved by John Dymond and seconded by Cleve Pryde. The motion is carried.

The AGM Formal Meeting is terminated at 1945 hours.

Commander Lefroy announces that the food is ready.

MERIT MARKS will be given out by Past Commander Mellis, Past Executive Officer John Dymond, and PMD representative Gary Clow:

Bill Hawryluk and Bob Juulsen are awarded lifetime membership.

Others who were awarded Merit Marks were recognized.

PMD Representative Gary Clow noted that many people are getting 2 and 3 year merit marks, and that shows that we are including new people in the squadron. That is what makes the Fraser Squadron thrive.

Fraser Squadron Awards were presented by Past Commander Mellis, and Past Executive Officer John Dymond

Fraser Squadron Marep Award (For best individual effort): Barb Dymond

Brimble and Curran Award (For outstanding service by a member of Fraser Squadron): Byron and Donnie Buie

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

John Murray Award (For helpfulness in a distress situation on the water): Peter Lefroy

Past Commander Mellis introduced Anne and Laurence Yeadon Jones who will give a presentation titled "Voyage to Princess Louisa Inlet."

After the presentation, **Admin Officer Barb Dymond** thanked the presenters, and **Commander Lefroy** invited everyone to join the cruise that we will be having to Princess Louisa Inlet in August.

End of AGM for 2017

Time: 2110