



FRASER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS – PACIFIC MAINLAND DISTRICT
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Meeting Agenda Monday February 25, 2019 Training Room Trites Rd. – 1901-2001

Attendees: Byron and Donalda Buie, Gouri Chinnappa, Bob Everson, Bill Hawryluk, Peter Lefroy, Jan and Les Muller, Cleve Pryde, Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood, Vidas Vitkus.

Regrets: Barb Dymond, Rick Easthom, Chao Huang, Bob Juulsen, Michael Li, Lucy Liu, Nan Lockie, Dave Mellis, Jack Tang, Sherwin Wang, Meredith Williamson.

Guests: None.

Chair: Peter Lefroy

Minutes: Gouri Chinnappa

Call to order – 1901 hrs

- 1) **Roll Call** – Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) **Previous Minutes** - Motion to Accept Cleve Pryde; Seconded by Vidas Vitkus
- 3) **Business arising from previous minutes**

- None

4) Officer Reports

a) Commanders report - (Peter Lefroy)

The following was sent by email:

Byron Buie and I attended the PMD Meeting on Monday, February 4th. Several squadrons reported their total volunteer hours for the past year, something which I had not thought to do. I will however report to you that Fraser Squadron had a total of 1307 hours of volunteer time generously donated by all of you. I thank you. It was also reported that PMD makes up 20% of the total membership for CPS-ECP Canada. We have a PMD membership renewal rate of 81% which is just ahead of the national renewal rate which is 80.7%.

Peter Boulton the National Executive Officer was in attendance and essentially talked about membership and national training programmes, both of which need to be addressed by Fraser Squadron as we go forward. There was also discussion of the “Ready, Set ,Wear” event which takes place at Vanier Park on May 18th and is sponsored by Mustang Flotation Wear.

Sea Skills in Bellingham, Washington takes place on May 11th. It is a great day long event and is an opportunity to fire off old flares. We were told by other squadron members that there is no problem in taking your flares across the border for this event.

Gary Clow who is the current PMD Commander will be coming to the end of his term at this year, PMD-COW and thanked everyone for their help during his term. He also encouraged anyone who is interested in becoming a National Director to please volunteer so that the West is adequately represented on the National Board.

It should be noted that Byron Buie has been on the National Board of Directors for several years. I know that it has been challenging for him at times, but I would like to thank him on behalf of everyone for the work that he has done.

On a somewhat serious note, it was brought to my attention by our own Bridge Members that the Point Roberts Yacht Club was holding a VHF Marine Radio Course which prominently displayed the CPS Logo. I thought that this was rather strange in that they are not connected with CPS in any way. After some further investigation I also discovered that the course was actually being given by another PMD Squadron and that it was happening in Ladner! I wish to report that I was very upset as this is our area of responsibility for all CPS Courses. When Fraser held a PCOC Course on Salt Spring Island last year we were very careful to contact not only the local squadron but also Vancouver Island South District. We cleared it with them before proceeding. I contacted the other Squadron and expressed my concern somewhat forcefully and after some back and forth they apologized and said that it would not happen again. Classes are our only source of revenue and I would ask that each of you keep your eyes and ears open and let me know if you see this again. I have not used any names as I dealt with this on my own.

I am still working on the “Meet and Greet and Garage Sale” and will let you know when I have good news.

Vidas sent out a very pretty email for me this past week to all the Fraser Membership announcing the upcoming AGM and asking anyone who is interested in volunteering in any capacity to get in touch with me. In the email I also promoted the social aspects of the Squadron and invited members to join in.

Last but not least the Fraser Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch is taking place at the Richmond Yacht Club on Friday, April 26th. I have requested an Officer from PMD to do the swearing in of the new bridge. In that regard I need to know who will be staying on and who will be leaving the Bridge. As you know my term as Commander is over this year but I plan to take over the Training Department and give Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood a much deserved rest!

b) Executive Officer - (Cleve Pryde)

Nothing to report.

c) Multicultural Officer - (Chao Huang)

Absent.

d) Treasurer - (Meredith Williamson)

Absent.

e) Membership Officer - (Vidas Vitkus)

Work life is in a bit of turmoil. Nothing to report.

f) Multicultural Membership Officer - (Michael Li)

Absent.

g) Secretary- (Gouri Chinnappa)

Nothing to report.

h) Education Officers - (Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood)

The following was sent by email:

- Transport Canada has revised the PCOC exams. In accordance with CPS-ECP instructions, we have shredded the PCOC examinations that we had, and have certified this with CPS-ECP. We have ordered and received the revised English PCOC exams for our Richmond class. We have also ordered and received the Mandarin PCOC exams.
- In conversation with Jack Tang, there will be another Mandarin class to examine this week on February 28.
- Our Boating 1 class in Richmond with 8 people was very successful. All 8 students passed with good marks. The Ladner class had to be canceled due to low registration.
- We have four couples and seven singles (total 15 people) registered for the Boating 2&3 combined course which started February 6, 2019 (in Richmond). Extra course material has been ordered and received. This time around, there is no Ladner Boating 2&3 class due to low registration. One of our students who has successfully completed the Boating 2 online course, will be helping out in class as proctor during conning and navigation practices. Many thanks, as always, to Bill Hawryluk, Peter Lefroy and Paul Vanderwood for the ongoing help with instruction.
- We have inputted the data from the January 21 VHF course. All students passed with good marks.
- Thanks as always to Nan Lockie for monitoring the Squadron phone.

i) Multicultural Training Officer - (Sherwin Wang)

Absent.

j) Admin Officer - (Barb Dymond)

Absent.

k) Multicultural Communications - (Lucy Liu)

Absent.

l) Cruise Master - (Dave Mellis)

Absent. However, the following was sent by email:

I spoke to Bill Bothell, Commander of Vancouver Squadron last Monday night about a combined cruise to Roche harbour in June. He was going to run it past the members for consideration and get back to me.

We attended the talk by a couple who made the trip from Steveston to Alaska last May until September. It was very well done with tales of whale, wolves and iceberg encounters. I have their information if we are interested in asking them put on a talk for us. I spoke to Andrew, Commander of White Rock about our cruise to Thetis at the boat show. I need to come up with some activities for these cruises so any suggestions would be appreciated.

m) Regalia Officer - (Donalda Buie)

Nothing to report.

n) Environmental Officer - (Les Muller)

The following was sent by email:

Peter drew my attention to an interesting article regarding steps that the Vancouver Port Authority is taking. You can google "Whales in our Waters" for an interesting read.

I received an email with interesting shipping stats regarding tankers in Vancouver Harbour. On one particular day there were 63 cargo ships of one sort or another, loading, unloading for waiting for dock space.

Thanks to our BC Pilotage Authority Pilots due a wonderful job of ensuring that these vessels are moved, anchored and docked safely all year round.

o) Fairlead Editors – (Paul Vanderwood)

We need more articles, etc. The next Fairlead will have AGM notification, who is up for election, etc.

p) Multicultural Officer and Assistant Officer - (Jack Tang and Rick Easthom)

Absent.

q) Supplies and Training - (Bill Hawryluk)

Nothing to report.

r) Port Captain - (Peter Lefroy)

The following was sent by email:

There was a detailed report given by Jerry Powers at the last PMD meeting where he spoke about several initiatives regarding the Port of Vancouver. The two main ones concerning Fraser Squadron are the number of deadheads which have been reported at the mouth of the North Arm of the Fraser River. Recreational Boaters are urged to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area. The second is the establishment of a speed zone when transiting First Narrows under the Lions Gate Bridge. The speed Limit is now 15 knots. I would encourage all boaters to visit the Port Of Vancouver website as it has a Wealth of information.

There is an RVCC Training Session scheduled for;

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time; 0900-1300

Place; Reed Point Marina

Marine Training Centre (near Gate #2)

850 Barnet Hwy.

Port Moody

The course is presented by a Transport Canada Marine Safety Office.
Please let me know if you would like to attend.

s) Webmaster/WBAS - (Bob Everson)

Nothing to report.

t) Public Relations - (Jan Muller)

Nothing to report.

5) New Business

a. Bridge positions for the new bridge

- Some discussion, with some members offering to take on a different position in the new bridge.

b. Cruises

- Peter suggested that it would be good to list the cruises on the Fairlead.

c. RVCC requalification and volunteers

- Peter, Bob E., Dave and Byron (who have already taken the training for RVCC) can requalify by watching a training video on smartboater.ca/RVCC and signing a declaration that they have watched the video, sending the signed declaration to John Gullick.

d. Moorage for National Conference in Victoria

- Byron is working on this.

6) Adjournment

- **Time:** 2001hrs
- **Motion By:** Kathleen Vanderwood **Seconded by:** Les Muller