

# FRASER SQUADRON MINUTES

Date: February 10, 2020	Time: 7:00 pm	Location: Ladner Yacht Club
Minutes: KV		Chair: Cleve Pryde

**Attendees:** Cleve Pryde, Anne-Marie Vermeer Pryde, Les and Jan Muller, Bob Everson, Bob Juulsen, Byron and Donalda Buie, Peter Lefroy, Dave Mellis, Kathleen and Paul Vanderwood

**Regrets:** Meredith Williamson, Vidas Vitkus, Gouri Chinnappa, Bill Hawryluk, Tyler Dahlman, Jack Tang, Chao Haung, Sherwin Wang, Michael Lee

**Guests:**

**Chair:** Cleve Pryde

**Minutes:** Kathleen Vanderwood

## Call to order – 1900 hours

- 1) **Roll Call** – Welcome to Bridge members
- 2) **Previous Minutes – Motion to Accept** Byron Buie; **Seconded by** Paul Vanderwood
- 3) **Business arising from previous minutes**
- 4) **Officer Reports**
  - a) **Commander's report – (Cleve Pryde)**

Fraser Squadron  
Commander's Report 20200210

Winter will soon be behind us, and another boating season will begin. In my mind it can't happen fast enough. Monday past, I spent an enlightening evening at a PMD meeting. It was interesting on one hand but a bit discouraging on the other. Of course, the main topic was the IT system but there were other items as well so I'll leave the IT stuff until the end.

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First and foremost, the boat show volunteer slots are just about full. Linda was still soliciting help though for setup and tear down of the booth. If anyone wants to lend a hand, give her a call or drop her a note.

The hunt is on for nominees for next year's District Council; that is District Education Officer, Public Relations Officer and RVCC Coordinator. In fact, John called me last week trying to come up with some names. Is anyone interested?? He is also trying to pull together a small Public Relations Committee.

The PMD AGM is on for May 23. Anyone on our Bridge can attend. The hunt is on for volunteers to set up the event; anyone is welcome.

A note about the Flair Recovery Program; it seems the hope is to set up 3 unique locations. Vancouver is going to court Steveston Hardware in Kits. Bill indicated that he would keep me posted. Looks like we can drum up 2 more locations.

Also, did you know that Chnl 9 can be used as a supplemental calling chnl in US waters? I believe its still a working chnl in Canada. I may not have heard that correctly. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

OK, now to the IT system....

There was an overall mood of concern; in fact grave concern. Everyone is seeing the same issues, having the same problems, and blaming it for reduced class sizes. Of course, the huge concern is membership loss.

The accounting functions are not working. Seems the squadrons do not know how much they owe nor to they know what is owed to them. We are no different.

As far as member activation goes, the number is extremely low. National is going to send out an email to all members who have not activated. The email will have a link (button) to poke where the member will be taken to the "reset password" page. I suspect this will be somewhat helpful. I suspect after that we will be on our own to get the rest of the population activated. There was a heated discussion about members requiring unique email addresses. However, at this point seems there is no going back. As of Monday night, no squadron really knew how many members they had. Also, when some members activated, they were showing up as "lapsed" even though they did pay their dues. I believe we may have to help National verify (and perhaps PY) any new members we have picked up since the system went live.

You can quickly visualize the problems that will come up if we can't come up with a dependable membership database. Ie Pacific Yachting uses the database for its mailing list. We cannot yet input merit marks. Also, there is no going back to the WABAS database.

Regarding course administration, yes the problems we see are system wide. Also, at this point there is no flexibility in course pricing, a serious deficiency in the system. It came up several times regarding the hoops potential course registrants have to jump through to get registered.

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CPS-ECP is certainly looking amateurish; not a good thing when you are trying to attract members and students. There is no question that National is aware of the situation and the full court press is on; Linda talked at great lengths about that.

Many people were thanking Don Griffiths, myself included for the help he provided to us. I want to thank Peter and Paul for essentially hanging in there and muddling through; every single interaction with National has been difficult, sometimes embarrassing. You are putting on a professional face when it's really difficult to do so.

Last but not least, we got the official blessing to use LYC for training and Bridge meetings. It's a one year trial and hopefully, it give us some stability and will work out for everyone.

Respectfully submitted

Cleve

## **b) Executive Officer –**

**c) Multicultural Executive Officer - Chao Huang**  
absent

**d) Multicultural Officers – Jack Tang**  
absent

**d) Treasurer – Meredith Williamson**  
If anyone had need of reimbursements, please let Dave Mellis know.

(From Meredith's email:) Dave and I still need to get to a TD branch in order to get the Squadron statements. I'm not sure why they stopped mailing them but hopefully I find that out as well. Once I have the statements, I'll be able to compose a Treasurer's report.

## **e) Membership Officer – Paul Vanderwood**

### **(Received from Paul Vanderwood):**

#### **1. Reclaiming Accounts on the New IT System**

From Yves Dauphinais:

**Reclaiming of profiles:** We're working with Innovexa on a temporary solution to automatically update the profile and switch the member status to "active". This will allow for renewal notices to be processed. Members

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will only need to update their passwords when they enter the system. **NOTE: Profiles will not disappear if they're not reclaimed.** “

## 2. Membership Numbers:

**217** members on 'all members report from PMD' as of **2019 12 24**.

From PMD we show 16 renewals as of 2020 01 14.

The download of membership data into Excel no longer works. IT support has been notified of this.

\*\*Paul does have an Excel copy of the Fraser membership records from just before the switch to the new IT System.

**f) Multicultural Membership Officer – Michael Lee**  
absent

**g) Secretary – Kathleen Vanderwood**  
no report... many thanks as always to the Bridge members for sending in their reports electronically

**h) Education Officers – Peter Lefroy, Byron Buie**  
**Assistant Education Officer – Nan Lockie**

## Training Report received from Peter Lefroy:

There were only two students in the PCOC Class for January and after some initial confusion I was able to teach the students at my home and they both passed with good marks, one of the students is also registered for the Boating 2/3 Course.

We have ten students registered for the Boating 2/3 Course which started on January 29 at the Richmond Yacht Club. It is too early to tell but it looks like they will be a lively group. Paul and Kathleen Vanderwood and I are teaching the class and I am expecting that Bill Hawryluk and Bruce Bried will join us when they get back from vacations.

Byron Buie has added four VHF Marine Radio courses on the CPS national website, one in each month of February, March April and May. I am happy to report that two of these classes will be held in Ladner and two in Richmond.

I must report that the new CPS website continues to be a challenge and promises that it would make our lives much easier have NOT come to fruition.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Lefroy

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**\*\*Peter** also reported that some students who had successfully taken their PCOC and/or their ROCM had not yet received their permanent card from CPS. (This is likely due to the challenges that CPS continues to face as they work to iron out their difficulties).

**(Report received from Byron):** On Thursday February 6th we had a meeting with BC Ferries at their Nanaimo Duke Point Offices ... Representing CPS-ECP were Chief Commander Peter Bolton, Alexa Stochmal from Nanaimo and myself. ....The purpose of this meeting was to do a presentation on our ROC (M) course as BC Ferries has a 4 year contract out to train about 400 of their deck hands to get their ROC (M) certificate. .... At the meeting there were 3 representatives from BC Ferries and the main person we will be dealing with is Mary Lavery who is the "Operational Training Advisor".

We did a power point presentation which covered several sections of the new ROC (M) study guide and also a demonstration of the VHF Simulator. .... They were very impressed with our presentation and basically told us that we will get the business ..... The only hold up will be that in their contract it mentions the material used would be the properties of BC Ferries. So this has to be checked out with their legal department as CPS-ECP owns the rights to this material ..... They do not see that this will be a problem.

The price we are charging them is 160.00 per employee.

BC Ferries has 6 locations where the course will be taught which are BC Ferries offices .... If a room is not available they will make arrangements to find a spot at their expense..... The 6 locations are Victoria (Sydney), Tsawwassen, Horseshoe Bay, Nanaimo, Comox and Prince Rupert ..... So the Power Squadrons in each of those areas will teach the ROC (M) course..... Not sure when this will begin, but it looks like in May or June.

Respectfully submitted

Byron Buie  
Assistant Training Officer  
Fraser Squadron

**\*\*Byron** also indicated that John Moir will cancel the squadron phone.

**\*\*Regarding the upcoming VHF courses, Byron and Peter will be conducting VHF (ROCM) classes, one in February, March, April and May.**

**i) Multicultural Training Officer – Sherwin Wang**  
absent

**j) Admin Officer – Anne Marie Pryde**  
no report

**k) Multicultural Communications -**

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## **1) Cruise Master – Dave Mellis**

As discussed at the Bridge meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to Cruises with Langley and White Rock Squadrons. Langley has invited us to their Port Sydney Cruise on June 27-29<sup>th</sup>. You have to call the marina to make your own reservation. The phone number is 250 655-3711; call as soon as you can, as the marina fills quickly. Details of the cruise are to follow however there will be games and a potluck.

White Rock has invited us to their Cruise to Telegraph Harbour on May 18<sup>th</sup>. White Rock usually has a pot luck dinner and band one evening as well as a bridge tournament the following afternoon. Contact Telegraph Harbour and make your reservation early at (250) 246-9511

Fraser Squadron would like to do a cruise to False Creek one weekend. Dinner and the suggestion of having our AGM at the same time would suggest we have the cruise in May. As we have a cruise with White Rock Squadron on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we would have to have this cruise either early or late May. I am suggesting the Weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a boat and land cruise with people arriving by car and boat. Dinner will be at Bridges Restaurant at 6:00. We may need to raft boats as the harbour is getting congested with derelict boats again. Contact Dave Mellis if you plan on attending at 604 841-2442.

Fraser Squadron will have a Land cruise to Domaine de Chaberton Winery in Langley for Dinner one evening. Ideally, this would be done in June – August, right in the middle of boating season. As we have a cruise to Thetis Harbour on May 18<sup>th</sup> and another to Port Sydney on June 27-29<sup>th</sup>, I was leaning towards having the dinner Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Unless anyone objects, I will be confirming the reservation next week. Please contact me by March 15<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend and I will add your names to the reservation.

I would like to have a few unofficial cruises to Gulf Islands or Sunshine Coast as well. Bowen Island can also be on the list. John Henry's is reopening their restaurant and that would be a fun cruise up the coast. If anyone has other suggestions please contact me about it. We are planning on going to Desolation Sound, Cortes Bay (Prawning) and Von Donop Inlet this year. Anyone wishing to meet up or come along is welcome. I am also planning on going to Silva Bay for a weekend in Late April-early May for a serious prawning trip if anyone wants to meet there. Call if you're interested.

Our last cruise of the season will be at Maple Bay on the September 7<sup>th</sup> weekend. Boats will start arriving on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Can I get everyone to contact me as soon as possible if they would like to attend. Please make your own reservation by calling the marina at (250) 746-8482

If there are any more suggestions, please contact me at 604 841-2442

Happy boating ... Dave Mellis

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\*\*Further to Dave Mellis' report, the recommendation by our Commander is that we have our AGM at the Ladner Yacht Club on May 8, in order to facilitate anyone who might be interested in attending.

**m) Regalia Officer – Donalda Buie**

Donnie presented the cruise master (currently Dave M) with the new cruise master's burgee.

**n) Environmental Officer – Les Muller**

Les showed pictures of 3 signs that draw attention to marine mammal protection: "See a blow, go slow"

**o) Fairlead Editors – Vidas Vitkus, Gouri Chinnappa**

**(Received from Vidas):** Fairlead Report: Working on the next Fairlead which will go out most likely in March. Unless there are some pressing news to send out. If you got anything to publish in the Fairlead, please send it over.

**p) Historian – Bob Juulsen**

Bob advised that he had some historical boating material in his garage if anyone was interested. Paul V was interested in looking through this. Many thanks to Bob J.

**q) Supplies and Training – Bill Hawryluk**

absent

**r) Port Captain – Tyler Dahlman**

absent

**s) Webmaster – Bob Everson**

no report

**Bob E** has been asked to provide a link to 'BOAT BLUE' on our website. This is part of CPS-ECP national commitment to Jackie Hildering.

**t) Public Relations – Jan Muller**

**Jan** will provide Jackie Hildering with the address and name of location for each of the signs "See a blow, go slow"

### 5) New Business

1. Nominees for District Education, PR Officers, RVCC Coordinator , District PR Committee – if anyone is interested in any of these positions, please advise Cleve.

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2. The PMD AGM is coming up on May 23 – if anyone is interested in volunteering, please advise Cleve.

3. The Flare Recovery Program – it was agreed that our Squadron would participate in this program; **Cleve** will contact Salim to make arrangements for a date for boaters to drop off their expired flares.

4. The date for our Squadron's AGM needs to be changed (from the usual timeline in April - due to Cleve's and Anne-Marie's planned holiday absence). We plan to have the AGM on May 8. Details to come.

5. New Strategic Plan – Joe Gatfield (National) is reaching out to Squadrons for any ideas regarding moving forward with our National organization. Any ideas are much appreciated.

6. IT System (comments from Cleve):

- National is planning on getting an email out to members with a 'button' that one can click in order to get to the [reset password page](#), and then to 'reset' the password.

National is hoping that this will take care of re-registering their membership.

- Members will need to have a unique email address

- We don't know our membership numbers at this time

- We may need to help National determine the list of members between now and November

- Many thanks to Don Griffin for all his help during this time of transition

**\*\*And, last but not least ...** many thanks to the Ladner Yacht Club for our being able to use this facility for our Bridge meetings and our training programs. Our Squadron will be coordinating with Jim Poirier.

7. There was some discussion of how 'lean' we as a group have become, trimming down costs, with minimal expenses needed for running the Squadron. Telephone costs and storage rental costs have been eliminated. We are fortunate to not have room rental for our meetings nor for our programs.

8. It was agreed by the Bridge to make a social event of our upcoming AGM, likely for May 8. Time and location will be determined, and members will be advised through the Fairlead.

### 6) Adjournment

- **Time:** 8:55 pm

- **Motion by:** Peter Lefroy and seconded by Dave Mellis