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Bridge Meeting Minutes / March 14th 2016 / Sarnia Power and Sail Squadron

Present: Peter Jones, Chris Schooley, Dave Sidenberg, Mike Shauteet, Martin Sanders

Motion: Made by Dave, 2nd by Martin to approve the March 14th 2016 minutes. Carried

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer: Mike indicates no report. Peter Jones facilitated the meeting

Secretary: Martin is preparing a notice letter of the upcoming AGM May 5th 2016 at Sarnia Yacht Club. The AGM incorporates the graduation of 5 students from the Boating Essentials course. Martin received the notes from Chris of the recent Western Ontario District Meeting held in Sarnia March 6th 2016 via email along with Officer Training Program information from Peter. The **District AGM** is being held Sunday April 17th 2016 at Sarnia Yacht Club. A formal notice will be sent out for the meeting.

Public Relations: Peter reminded us that after the next Bridge meeting on April 11th 2016th we will be given a tour of the *Marine Communication and Traffic Services Centre (MTCS)*. Scheduled time is 2030 to 2100 (8:30 to 9:00 pm). We all thank Peter for setting this up for us. (Public Relations Officer is still an open position on the Squadron) TBA

MAREP: Lake Superior steady in the past month, Lake Michigan, Huron and Erie have fallen 1 to 2 inches respectively in past month. Lake Erie and Ontario have fallen 4 to 5 inches. Currently all of the lakes are within 2 inches of their levels of a year ago. Lake St Clair expected to remain at current level.

Training: Dave indicates that a few date changes had to be made for upcoming *VHF* course. Changes have been made from Tuesdays to Mondays for a few weeks. Students will be notified and necessary changes made on WEB. Thus far 7 students have enrolled in *VHF* course and 3 in *PCOC* course. *PCOC* course materials are ready also.

Social Officer: ***Important point made by Chris regarding the audit that needs to be done prior to AGM.*** Chris shared some of the topics from the WOD meeting recently held and mentions that there will be no Flare Disposal this year. Chris gave us insight of the May 5th AGM saying that Pat Edwards will be doing the meal. Drinks at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Wallaceburg Rendezvous being held June 24, 25 and 26, 2016. Details can be found on the WEB. Theme is "IT'S A PIRATES LIFE"

Web Officer: As Dave mentioned, some dates for *VHF* have been switched to Monday from Tuesday and are corrected as required via email to enrolled students and the web. Dave also mentioned he would be interested in being WEB Master and it would ensure that info is current and up to date regarding SPSS along with other areas on Web concerning the Squadron.

Motion: Made by Martin, 2nd by Peter to accept Officers Report. Carried

New Business: Mike brought to our attention as to where we are going with the Sarnia Squadron and its ability to function. It is somewhat not going anywhere with enrolling new members and what can we do about it. Mike brought in a large Sign that indicates "GET YOUR CARD" We need to promote the Squadron for what it is and get the message out as to what we offer. We have a lot to offer considering we live in a marine setting. It was a good discussion and input came from everyone. We have summer coming up and that is a good time to get the message out using various methods of advertising. We are going to post these signs with a WEB address and possibly a phone number for starters and decide on locations. Some flyers or cards would also be good placed at marinas.

Motion: Made by Martin and 2nd by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Time 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: To be held April 11th, 2016 at the Sarnia Yacht Club at 7:00 pm. Remember the MTCS tour after.