

Bridge Meeting Minutes / Nov. 13th 2017 / Sarnia Power and Sail Squadron

Present: Peter Jones, Ossie Ianni, Dave Sidenberg, Chris Schooley, Martin Sanders

Regrets: Mike Shauteet, Murray Long, Hazel Huffman

Motion: Made by Dave, 2nd by Ossie to approve Oct. 10th 2017 minutes. Carried. No business arrived from Oct. minutes

Officers Report

Commander: Peter provided the following info from London District Mtg. held Nov. 13th, 2017. The new boating basics (PCOC) course will be open book exam effective Jan. 1st 2018. The new Maritime Radio VHF is still closed book but could change for Jan 1st, 2018. The new IT launch has been delayed because of it being in its testing stage and possibly running by Jan 1st 2018. In addition MAREP is discontinued and the Flare Program is a limited program. Peter accepted 2 100% Honour Roll Award certificates for our Sarnia Squadron. The awards are the 20th and 21st for Sarnia. A national survey was done by the US Power Squadron and it was found that it was not seen as relevant / many do not even know about it / it was thought to be a military organization because of the name / seen as grand parents club / the meetings are boring and there are no fun activities. Regarding Oct 19th 2017 membership meeting, 41 people attended which included 41 from SYC, 6 from other Squadrons, 6 from Bridge and 5 SPSS members. Lastly up coming membership meetings are being set up and hand outs given out for available power point presentations and resources.

Secretary: Martin submitted to Peter on behalf of Hazel financial reports to be handed out along with cheques that needed to be signed. Chris also given a cheque for SYC.

Education Officer: Dave mentioned his concern about the intent to have open book VHF exams. The VHF is currently closed book and should remain as is. A new online French and English VHF course is to be released early 2018. All the training courses are scheduled at St Pats and we have all received the schedule. The VHF, PCOC and Boating courses are all posted on web sites and up to date. This includes Facebook. Martin will be at the December 6th 2017 Boating 2 and 3 Registration which will be at St Pats from 7 to 8pm. Martin is emailing Mike about this as well and will do on his own if needed.

Social Officer: Chris mentions that at the next membership meeting there will be no bar. We lose money having to pay bartender. No money to be made. Nicks Diner is where our Christmas banquet will be held on Dec. 11th 2017 at 6pm. Chris will contact additional guests for invite.

Motion: Made by Dave and 2nd by Chris to approve Officers Report. Carried

Motion: Made by Ossie and 2nd by Dave to Adjourn meeting. Carried

Next Meeting: To be held at Nicks Diner on Dec 11th 2017 at 6:00 pm