

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on January 25th, 2021.

Via Go-To-Meeting

Call to Order: 1504 by **Commander Jean Van Praet**.

Present: Jean Van Praet, Agathe Gaulin, Nigel Wells, Don Butt, Ivan Bulic, John Bullas, Andy Hunter, Elaine Pearce, Jude Briscoe, Bob Wood, Carole Lemieux.

Absent: Mike Hoeinghaus.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 23rd, 2020: Moved by **Don**, seconded by **Andy** that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

The agenda was approved with **Ivan** requesting an addition of Vision 2020.

Approval of the Officers' reports: moved by **Agathe**, seconded by **John**, that the reports be accepted. **Approved.** The reports are on the website except for the Financial report.

Don spoke briefly of the passing of Hugh Sproule and **Jean** suggested it be mentioned on the website and a card be sent out.

Agathe spoke about the on-line courses and discussed participating in the forthcoming boat show. **Nigel** also spoke to the meeting regarding the courses.

Jude spoke on her Financial report and stated that the January opening balance was \$3,687.34.

Elaine spoke about how to get students to join the squadron.

Andy discussed the website and there was discussion on Microsoft 365. **Andy** stressed the importance of the reports being on time.

Don's report is on the website. He mentioned the passing of Bea Churcher and suggested a card be sent to Rufus. **Jean** to send the card which **Don** will print up.

Members-at-large: discussion on boat inspections. **Jean** to write an article for the local paper @ a March edition.

Jean stated the **Nominating Committee** is working and that there is no date yet for the AGM.

Commander's report is on the website. He mentioned that there was no PRO and that as George is leaving the Island, we need to know what he has belonging to the squadron. The insurance for Li'l Gabe is in George's name. **Jude** will contact the sponsors.

Squadron archives: **Don** suggested that past information could be stored at the museum.

VIND meeting is on February 7th where Vision 2020 will probably be discussed.

Ivan talked about Vision 2020 and the 3 major components: (1) membership – where is it going?

(2) Financial issue as National has @ \$500,000 deficit; (3) transitioning to a business model rather than an educational one.

Merit marks: Jean requested that they be sent in.

Next meeting: Monday, March 1st, 2021, @ 1500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1630.