

GABRIOLA ISLAND SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on March 29th, 2021

Via Go-To-Meeting

Call to Order: 1504 by **Commander Jean-Pierre Van Praet**. As various members of the Bridge were not able to be present, due to difficulties with power and internet access due to the storm there was agreement among those members present to go ahead with the meeting, as it was quorate. Nigel Wells acted as Secretary in the absence of Carole.

Present: Jean-Pierre Van Praet, Agathe Gaulin, Don Butt, Nigel Wells, John Bullas, Bob Wood.

Absent: Jude Briscoe, Ivan Bulic, Andy Hunter, Elaine Pearce, Carole Lemieux and Mike Hoeinghaus.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 1st, 2021: Approved by agreement of those members present.

The agenda was approved and there were no additions.

The officers' reports on the website were approved without discussion.

The VIND meeting of March 28 was attended by **Nigel, Don and Bob**. **Nigel** reported on the meeting and reported that the main new information came from an update from the Chief Commander, **Peter Bolton**:

PCOC 'Project': The CC said that the publishers of Canadian Yachting, Kerrwil were in helping CPS-ECP with improving online sign up to the PCOC course. They were also developing a set of Covid protocols for Flare disposal which would be able to take place relatively soon but stressed that it would be important to be following **local** regulations. CPS-ECP were addressing the issue of in-person RVCCs not taking place last year, but the current advice was they should not take place for now.

Virtual RVCCs: Following the report from Nigel and Bob about the results of the VIND meeting, there was discussion of how to move forward, and it was decided to create a new committee that would develop a (Gabriolan) set of protocols for virtual inspections that could be sent to CPS-ECP for their approval for possible national implementation. **Jean-Pierre** will contact **Ivan** to inform him of this and ask for his input.

Social Committee effort: **Elaine** is collecting for PHC during the month of March. She has a donation box in front of her house, and, at month's end, a donation will be made to PHC on behalf of the squadron. **Jean-Pierre** reminded the Bridge about this initiative and suggested that the box was still quite empty.

Shore clean-up. **Jean-Pierre** had talked to Doug Cavill and had found out that there are no plans for a Lions event, as there is currently another organisation actively working on shore clean-up (Gabriola Shorekeepers), and that he was keen for there to perhaps be a different, replacement initiative by the squadron, perhaps in conjunction with the Silva Bay Yacht Club. He asked for suggestions from the Bridge.

Sandwich Boards. No news from Mike about these.

Article in the Sounder: Jean-Pierre was congratulated on the success of this initiative, which was accompanied by a strategically placed advertisement for the Squadron, and certainly helped to raise our profile. It was decided that more information could be put regularly on to Facebook.

Scuttlebutt is looking for new stories.

Nominating committee: Jean reported that a full slate of officers has been drawn up which includes 3 extra members-at-large, to provide access to the expertise that these members offer.

AGM: April 18th @ 1400. No associated Bridge meeting on that day, but one would be held before the end of April to include all of the new Bridge.

Arthur Nielsen Award. It was decided that there would be an award for 2020, based on the marks achieved by Gabriolans in the 2020 B2&3 course, and that there would not be an award for 2019.

Rudy and Frieda Bohm Award. Discussion concluded that there were no obvious candidates for this award at the moment, but Jean asked for further consideration from all members of the Bridge.

Partial Policy Review. Don suggested that this should be re-considered at the first Bridge meeting after the AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1615.