

GABRIOLA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Minutes of the Bridge Meeting

Held on January 24th, 2022

Via Go-To-Meeting

Commander Jean van Praet toasted the 25 years of the Gabriola squadron.

Commander Jean van Praet called the meeting to order at 1508.

Present: Jean van Praet, Agathe Gaulin, Elaine Pearce, Don Butt, Ivan Bulic, Li Decosas, Gary Small, Andy Hunter, Nigel Wells, John Bullas, Bob Wood, Carole Lemieux.

Regrets: Sean Lewis.

Absent: Jude Briscoe.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 13th, 2021: moved by **Don**, seconded by **Agathe** that the Minutes be accepted. **Approved.**

The agenda was approved.

Officers' reports: reports from the Commander (which included Educational), Financial, Communications/Privacy, Membership, PRO and Webmaster are on the website. **Agathe** commented that she had \$185 to get to **Jude** for the financials.

VIND meeting: **Jean**, **Nigel** and **Don** attend the VIND meeting. **Jean** received a letter from National requesting a donation to CPS/ECP to assist with the on-going problems with the IT system. **Andy** suggested contributing \$1,000. **MOTION:** moved by **Don**, seconded by **John** that the Gabriola squadron donate \$1,000 to National CPS/ECP for their IT improvement needs. **Approved.**

Membership: it was noted that membership has dropped significantly at National. Gabriola currently has 49 members. **Li** checked out the 1-888 number and the e-mail address for National and both connections are not working. **Jean** to advise District and National.

Hakai: **Ivan** spoke to the Hakai project: they are working with other groups, e.g. First Nations, NGO's, etc. to create a network of testing stations in the Puget Sound, Juan de Fuca and Georgia Strait to install light traps to check the biodiversity of the inland seas. No Power and Sail squadrons are involved. He wondered if two sites were set up on Gabriola, would we be interested in a partnership with them. Discussion on environmental issues, publicity and do-ability. The Bridge agreed in principle to go ahead with this proposal and maybe involve the students from the school.

Educational: this was covered in the Commander's report. **Agathe** spoke on the courses and recapped the seminar and stated that it was appreciated by the students.

Committee meeting: met to talk about the school programme. They would like to workshop during Spring break or after school on Saturdays. No specific proposal now. **Nigel** spoke on their ideas.

Guide to Boaters: **Don** spoke regarding (1) membership; (2) educational; (3) shipyard absence. He will be working on this guide and, when he has a draft, he will send it out in both printed form and electronically.

Nigel, as XO, spoke re the next social but not sure there will be one. **John** suggested one outdoors when the weather is better. Discussion.

Nominating Committee: tabled to the next meeting.

Merit marks: **Jean** wants 2021 merit marks in by next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for February 21st, 2022, @ 1500.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1638.