



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting  
Devon Middle School 1900h  
April 11, 2006**

**Present:**

Dave Nickerson, Derek Tellenbach, Rama Gupta-Rogers, Don Grant, Mohamed El-Bayoumi, Wayne Redstone, John Van Abbema, Harry Sloat.

Regrets: Dave Gamblin, David Estey, Ginette Ouellette, Janice Haig, Rik Hall.

**1. Approval of Minutes March 14, 2006.**

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Dave Nickerson at 1907h. A motion to accept the Minutes of March 14, 2006 was made by Don Grant, seconded by Wayne Redstone, and carried.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The treasurer will be submitting the annual request to HQ to get our share of the 50/50 SHARE program, the invoice will go in this week. The Annual bill for the Saint John River Society will also be paid this week.

Cruising Companion cover needed by April 30, 2006, and the additional information and changes to Don and Mary Grant by the end of the month. If they don't receive the changes by the end of the month, they will have to reprint the 2<sup>nd</sup> version.

Formal thanks, to Rama, for her hard work organizing the Cooking on Board night that was held April 6, 2006.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

**Under New Business:**

- **5A – PowerPoint presentation on the name change of the CPS**
- **5B – District Meeting**
- **5C – Safe Boating Awareness Week**
- **5D – Appreciation Dinner**

#### **4. Officers Reports**

**Boat Pro Report** – Don gave his verbal report stating that some candidates sign up for the class then don't show up, then others just show up (6) at registration. The next class is Sunday May 7, 2006.

**Membership Officer** Don gave his verbal report stating that the CPS National membership renewal is due April 30, 2006.

**Social Officer** - Rama gave her verbal report on the Cooking on board event that was held April 6, 2006. There were 17 people in attendance, a few recipes passed around. A thank you card will go out to the Super Store thanking them for the room and the tea and coffee.

**AGM and Graduation** will be held at the Ramada Inn, Thursday June 1, 2006. Rama is stepping down as Social Officer at the AGM, and she was wondering if a replacement has been identified, as the Summer Cruise is scheduled for the first week of July.

**Treasurer's Report** – John discussed the Budget Estimates Updates, dated March 10, 2006. He stated that there was a \$1500 deficit but also mentioned that there was at least 4 more deposits totalling \$1436.00. John also stated that he knew that a few more Accounts Payable invoices have not yet been recorded, so if you have any invoices, please pass them in to John for payment. John stated that the system with the Daily Gleaner is working fine.

**Executive Officer** Mohamed emailed his report and gave his verbal stating that the Fredericton Boat Show was a great success. Mohamed thinks the numbers were lower this year but the people who attended the show were very keen. He said that they passed out a lot of information at the show. A thank you letter will go out to the volunteer members who manned the booth. Improvements for next year: add the Boat Show on the agenda so we can discuss and plan for the event, and also we can get enough volunteers to work the show.

**Saint John River Society AGM** Mohamed attended their Annual General Meeting, on Saturday March 25, 2006, highlighting the work that the society did on the wharfs and the Fredericton River Festival. Mohamed also stated that Dr. Curry (Director, Canadian Rivers Institute, UNB – the lunch speaker) would be a good presenter in one of our events. Mohamed passed around his notes and the handouts from the AGM to members present, Derek will keep them on file.

**Training officer Report** Wayne discussed that the courses are coming to an end with 3 groups writing exams tonight, and 2 different classes last week. Wayne does not have a finalized list on how many have passed yet, but will have the final numbers soon.

**Radar Seminar** Mohamed and Wayne discussed that on Saturday May 13, 2006 there will be a one day Seminar on Radar starting **sharp** at 0900h and going to 1600h at 681 Dobie St. Fredericton (Devon Middle School). CMC Electronics from Halifax and Omega Electronics from Fredericton will be putting on the seminar, they will talk a little about the theory and they will have some equipment to use. The fee will be \$30.00 and will include lunch. We will be advertising in the Binnacle, Fredericton CPS-Web site, FYC log and we will email the Members.

**Finding their way with GPS** – The Fredericton Fish and Wildlife group have asked us to put on this Seminar, Brian Leger is looking at the information. The dates are Thursday May 11, and Monday May 15, 2006 from 1900-2130h at the Devon Middle School. On Motion by Mohamed, that we charge \$40.00 for the seminar and that the Fish and Wildlife Society will be billed for a minimum of 10 seats, seconded by Wayne and carried.

**Flare Demo Kit** - The CPS National is offering a Flare Demo Kit for training purposes. It was discussed and recommended that we get 2 kits to be kept by the Training Officer. On Motion by Mohamed that we get one at the introductory price (\$50.00) and that we get a second at the regular price (\$100.00), seconded by John and carried.

**Publications Officer** – Janice is looking for new articles for the next Binnacle. Dead line for the next Binnacle is April 21, 2006.

**Commander's Report** – David Nickerson gave his verbal report discussing the following items with the Bridge. Highlights:

- AGM for the district meeting in May, please get your submissions to David so he can report the information to District.
- Mohamed will email out the phone number for the Moncton Hotel if anyone is planning to attend, and would like to make reservations.
- David Estey has accepted the new position of Compliance Officer with the Fredericton Squadron.

On Motion from Don Grant to approve all the reports, seconded by John VanAbbema and carried.

## **5. New Business**

**A. CPS – National Name change.** Don Grant suggested us to go to the National web site under Member Moorings. Look for the strategic plan there is a

PowerPoint presentation which contains some of the reasoning behind the name change.

**B. District Meeting AGM** for the district meeting in May, please get your submissions to David so he can take the information to District. One suggestion for the Atlantic District is to have some PR presence at the Moncton Boat show next year.

**C. Safe Boating Awareness Week** Mohamed reported that he had received some information from National on the Safe Boating Awareness Week which is May 20-May 26, 2006. He passed around the information for the bridge to review.

**D. Instructors Appreciation Dinner Planning** Rama stated that the Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday May 4, 2006 at Aggies Restaurant 1830h meet and greet followed by the meal at 1900h. On motion by Mohamed, that this year the Dinner will be held at Aggies, seconded by John and Carried.

**6. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday, May 9, 2006 1900h**

**7. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Redstone at 2050h.

Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach, Secretary