



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting
Devon Middle School 1900h
January 10, 2006**

Present:

Dave Nickerson, Ginette Ouellette, Derek Tellenbach, Rama Gupta-Rogers, Mohamed El-Bayoumi, Janice Haig, John Van Abbema, Rik Hall.

Regrets: Dave Gamblin, David Estey, Wayne Redstone, Don Grant.

1. Approval of Minutes November 08, 2005

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Dave Nickerson at 1907h. A motion to accept the Minutes of November 08, 2005 was made by Rik Hall, seconded by Ginette Ouellette, and carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The brochures have been printed and discussed. The blank section is for local information on the Fredericton squadron, if you require any brochures please let Mr. David Nickerson know and he will print them off with the current information for you. We plan to hand some more out locally at the boat shows and at sellers of marine equipment.

Christmas Party was a great event. The venue was great and so was the food and gifts. We discussed the event to improve it for next year. Maybe a “year in review” slide show presentation. A thank you note has been sent to the presenters Wayne and Suzanne Eddy.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Rama Gupta-Rogers is stepping down as the Social Officer. We will run an ad to fill the Social Director’s position in the next Binnacle.

4. Officers Reports

Publications Officer - Janice gave her verbal report. Janice stated that Massive-Print will donate the lettering for the 420 sail boat and that Flyer Products will put something on the sail for us once we decide on the size. Once the boat has been completed we will give credit to everyone who has donated time and service to the 420 sailboat on the web and a thank you will be put in the Binnacle.

There will be 2 more Binnacles to be published before the AGM. The first is due to come out at the end of February, and the second one and the Mini-Bini will be ready for the AGM in June. So if you have any information that you would like published in either of the Binnacles, please forward it to Janice. Classes/Seminars, classifieds, open bridge positions, things for sale - boat gear, anything you would like told to the membership.

Social Officer - Rama gave her verbal report. The Christmas party was a great success, most of the participants liked the venue, no negative feedback. There were 55 guests and members in attendance.

Cooking onboard is scheduled for Thursday April 6, 2006. Same format as previous years. If you have any suggestions for a movie please forward them to Rama before next meeting.

Instructor/Appreciation Dinner in May. The Hotels are now charging for the room in addition to the meal. If you have any suggestions for a different venue, please forward your ideas to Rama so that she can evaluate all options.

Nauti Pro Officer - Ginette gave her verbal report, stating she has nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – John gave his verbal report stating that the year to date income was down (\$9200) expenses were up (\$12,000) creating a deficit of \$2800. John stated that with the new courses starting in January, the events with NBPower, and the Oromocto Fire Dept, we should finish the year OK. The GIC's were renewed for 6 months totalling (\$13,900).

A question whether the Honor Role had been paid yet? Not paid yet. John is looking at paying 2 years and will talk to Don Grant to confirm the membership numbers.

Executive Officer Mohamed discussed the Merit Marks 2005 report. It was reviewed with the bridge and some additions and deletions were made. Once the corrections were made it will be forwarded to the District Commander (Jim Thompson) in PEI.

Public Relations Officer Mohamed gave his verbal report, stating that he is receiving some phone calls regarding seminars and advertising. He also discussed the Moncton Boat show. Admission \$10.00 Feb 23-25, 2006. Lots of giveaways and

handouts at the last show. Visit the show's web site at www.Fishcanadaeast.com for on-line registration and save 50% of the admission fee.

Mohamed is going to put a big push on to finish the 420 sailboat, he will contact Mr. Frank Camm to see what needs to be done.

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

- As a result on the declining membership and the strategic plan we created the brochures promoting the squadron. These pamphlets are going to be handed out to various marine suppliers and at the local Marina's. David discussed his successful meeting with the Webb's and the Gagetown Marina. He dropped some pamphlets of, Boat Pro, Nauti-Pro, Extended Cruising and the Cruising Companion with the Webb's just before Gagetown's Christmas in the Village event, The Webb's are going to sell the Cruising Companion in the store, and are going to post the brochures for us.
- Cruising Companion - we need another run 25-30 (there is no price difference between the number we order).

On Motion from Janice Haig to approve all the verbal reports, seconded by John VanAbbema and carried.

5. New Business

- David Estey advises that Rik Hall is the new Atlantic District Executive Officer.
- Merit Marks were reviewed in the XO's report and will be forwarded to the Atlantic District Commander.
- Continual Promotion of the Squadron it's and courses is encouraged.

The Fredericton Power & Sail Squadron has entered into an agreement with the Aroostock Valley Squadron (USPS) from Presquile Maine. They have agreed to teach Canadian students at there location, administer the Canadian exams and forward the students, for membership with the Fredericton CPS. The contact name is D/Lt/C William Bergen AP from the USPS squadron. They have invited our P/C Rik Hall to there cruise to Pennoscot Bay this summer.

If you need copies of any of the brochures to hand out email your requests to David Nickerson. These will also be posted on our Web site in the near future.

6. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2006 1900h

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mohamed El-Bayoumi at 2050h.
Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach Secretary