



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting
Devon Middle School 1900h
Jan. 9, 2007**

Present:

Dave Nickerson, Rik Hall, Danielle Grasse, Don Grant, Greta Goodine, Wayne Redstone, John Van Abbema, Derek Tellenbach.

Regrets: Mohamed El-Bayoumi, Janice Haig, Dave Gamblin, Marty Goodine, David Estey, Ginette Ouellette.

1. Approval of Minutes Nov. 14, 2006.

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Dave Nickerson at 1903h. A motion to accept the Minutes of November 14, 2006 was made by John Van Abbema, seconded by Rik Hall, and carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

A discussion reference the use of Transport Canada's promotion trailer. To use the trailer all you have to do is ask them in advance to use it.

Christmas party was a huge success, great presentation; one suggestion for next year is to order more food.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Christmas Party.
Fredericton Amateur Radio Club.

4. Officers Reports – Verbal reports

Training officer Report Wayne discussed the list, that was emailed to the Bridge, of students either registered and the number who have already paid. Wayne reported some changes to the list as some students are registering at the last minute. Wayne discussed other possibilities for winter and spring seminars, and gave us an update on them.

- Distress Signals – the price for the book and CD is \$20.00, Wayne will get more details and report back.
- Fire Extinguisher – Working the details out with Tom Ashford, we might have to use the virtual tools, as there are problems with the old fire pit. We are planning this late April or early May.

Treasurer's Report – John reviewed the balance sheet figures emailed to the Bridge and said that they look good. On motion of Wayne Redstone seconded by Greta Goodine that we approve the balance sheet figures presented by John Van Abbema and carried.

Mohamed El-Bayoumi entered the meeting at this time.

Membership Officer – Don stated that we have 207 members.

Boat Pro – Don had emailed a schedule for the Boat pro this year, he discussed the schedule and asked that members from the bridge to post on bulletin boards everywhere. The first course is offered March 24 and he already has 2 people interested.

Nauti Pro Officer – Ginette not present.

Public Relations Officer - Marty not present.

Social Officer – Danielle gave their verbal report stating that we might have to charge \$5.00 for the cooking on board this year, as we will probably have to pay for the room rental. She also asked about her budget, and how much she had been allotted for the remaining events this year.

Secretary – Derek stated he had nothing to report.

Binnacle – Janice was not present but had been in contact with David via email. David said to have your submissions for the February Binnacle to Janice by Feb 12, 2007 so she can publish it. Write articles about your favourite cruise; include information about April's district meeting (April 13, and 14). We discussed the Shediac E-Shallows newsletter's practice of listing the names of the students who complete the various courses; we are going to include the student's names in the next issue.

Executive Officer Mohamed asked if there were any errors or omissions in the Merit Marks. There were 2 additions to add to the list, Mohamed will add the names and send it off.

Past Commander's Report, Rik stated that he is off to a National meeting in Toronto this week. He informed the bridge that the Radar Course was still not ready, but suggested that we contact the district training office with our concerns.

Commander's report – David had nothing else to add at this time. He will discuss his items under new business.

On Motion from Don Grant to approve all the verbal reports, seconded by Greta Goodine and carried.

5. New Business

Safe Boating Week – May 20-26, 2007. We discussed the possibility of working with the Fredericton Public Safety Marine Unit and / or the Fire and Police. Dave will contact the groups and report back. We are going to try to get a proclamation from the City of Fredericton on Safe Boating week. Don is going to ask Mary if she has copies of how she did it last time. We are going to try to get the promotion van from Transport Canada. We will also need people to help during the week.

Boat Show – Mohamed will find out from MacLean's and Phil's if the Fredericton Boat show is a go or not. If it is we will need people to staff the booth, give aways, work on promotion, and arrange for radio DJ spots during the show.

PCOC card tabled.

Honour Role catch up – There was a discussion that the Fredericton Squadron get caught up on the Honour Role, as we are 5 years behind. There was discussion with what the projected income will be at the end of the year, and John stated that we will do all right this year, and that we have the money. On the motion from Don Grant seconded by Danielle Grasse that we catch up with the Honour role for 5 years and carried.

2007-2008 Bridge changes – David Nickerson stated he was stepping down as commander of the squadron in June. Marty and Greta may also be stepping down. John, Wayne, Derek indicated that they would be available for 1 more year in there present positions. The nominating committee is actively seeking replacements.

Christmas Party – Some comments and suggestions for improvement for the next Christmas party were discussed. Seemed to have run out of food, take a look at what was ordered and think about the possibility of ordering more next year. The Christmas present give-a-way, we should look at ways to speed it along next year.

Everything else seemed great, good presentation; everyone seemed to have a great time. Bridge Members are encouraged to start looking for gifts for next year.

Training Seminars for Winter/Spring – The Fredericton Amateur Radio Club will be offering a basic ham radio course that could be of interest to boaters. Course will be over 3 weekends starting Saturday Jan. 20, 2007 fee \$90.00. To register, contact Art Gunn, 459-5336. A request to get this info distributed to the membership was made. Don said that if someone forwarded him with the details he would email it to the membership.

We are also looking for a real life jacket to be used in Boat Pro and other training. Rik believes that we should be able to get one from one of the manufactures if we write a letter.

Social events – The Instructors/AGM/Graduation ceremony will be combined this year. Plans for the cooking on board night are under way.

Halifax Boat show – February 16-24

6. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday March 13, 2007 1900h at Devon Middle School

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mohamed El-Bayoumi at 2045h.

Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach, Secretary