



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting
Devon Middle School 1900h
June 12, 2007**

Present:

Ginette Ouellette, Dave Nickerson, Danielle Grasse, Don Grant, Wayne Redstone, Derek Tellenbach, Janice Haig.

Regrets: Dave Gamblin, David Estey, Marty Goodine, Greta Goodine, John Van Abbema, Rik Hall.

1. Approval of Minutes May 8, 2007.

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Ginette Ouellette at 1903h. Ginette welcomed the Bridge members and said that she was looking forward to working with everyone in the year to come.

A motion to accept the Minutes of May 8, 2007 was made by Janice, seconded by Don, and carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Safe Boating week – Dave stated that the 3 groups who were involved thought it was very successful.

The payment to the Saint John River Society for \$50.00 has been completed.

3. Additions to the Agenda

SCAC

4. Introduction of the Bridge

Mary Grant has been appointed the Executive Officer
Dino Kubik has been appointed the Environmental Officer

5. Old Business

- A) Outstanding Invoices have all been paid.
- B) Comments on the combined Instructors Appreciation Dinner and AGM – The bridge discussed the 3 events that were held May 31, 2007, some said it was a long evening but it seemed to role along quite nicely. We should have had more information on the fall and winter courses, but overall most liked it all in one evening.
- C) Name Tags – Rik was taking care of that, we will discuss that with him and report back in the fall.
- D) Wayne stated that all the courses are complete, and the new members have received their member flag. There are a few packages to be distributed / picked up, Wayne will contact the instructors and see if we can get these delivered in the next couple of weeks. The Flags for the Bridge and Titles will be discussed with Rik to ensure that we are following District and National.

6. New Business – Verbal reports

- A) **Bridge Meeting Dates** – Ginette informed the Bridge that we may need a new location for the Bridge meeting. Here is the proposed list of Bridge and other important dates for the 2007-08 year.

Sept. 11, 2007 - Bridge Meeting
Oct. 1 & 2, 2007 – Registration for fall and winter courses (SCAC)
Oct. 16, 2007 – Bridge Meeting
Oct. 25-27, 2007 – National Meeting
Nov. 3 & 4, 2007 – District Meeting
Nov. 6, 2007 – Bridge Meeting
Dec. 6, 2007 – Christmas Party
Jan. 7, 2008 – Registration for winter courses (SCAC)
Jan. 8, 2008 – Bridge Meeting
Feb. 5, 2008 – Bridge Meeting (optional)
Mar. 11, 2008 – Bridge Meeting
April 1, 2008 – Bridge Meeting
April 6 & 7, 2008 – District Meeting
May 29, 2008 - combined Instructors Appreciation Dinner and AGM

- B) **Courses Fall & Winter** – Wayne had emailed a tentative course schedule for the fall and winter 2007-2008 and discussed it with the members present. He is

working out all the details and looking for some instructors, and cost. He will ask Rik to put it on our Web site as soon as it is ready. Wayne stated that he is planning on combining 4 smaller seminars into 1 major course. Navigation with GPS, Electronic Charting, Depth Sounding, and Radar, these 4 mini courses are each 4-6 weeks long and he plans on having it all figured out soon. We are planning to invest a little money and mail out the completed time table to all the students who have taken Boat-Pro, hopefully some may become students in this fall.

On motion from Wayne seconded by Don that we order some of the course outlines for Boating, Piloting, and Advance Piloting courses that will be offered this fall and winter, and carried. Janice will work with Wayne to finalize the numbers we have on hand and the numbers we should order for each course (probably 100 of each). The cost of printing will be included in the District "Share" program.

Don stated that there were already 5 students registered for the July's Boat-Pro, and that there were 16 in the June's Boat Pro.

C) Socials

Summer Cruise June 29 to July 2, 2007 – the cruise was discussed with the members and we agreed that it would be a good idea to have the cruise. We will use the same Washademoak Cruise as last year, for the power boaters had no fuel on the river system last year. Don will modify the dates and email the details to the Membership.

BBQ / Corn Boil we might have to cancel this idea unless we can come up with someone to take the lead.

Christmas Party Dec. 6, 2007 Centre Communautaire Ste-Anne – has been reserved.

Winter Activity – may try a new idea breakfast on board

Combined Instructors Appreciation Dinner and AGM May 29, 2008

D) Binnacle dates

Janice will review the timetables that were discussed and come up with her deadlines for the publication of the Binnacle. She plans on issuing 5 Binnacles this year, 1 prior to Course Registration, 1 prior to Christmas gathering, 1 to highlight the Winter & Spring months activities, 1 prior to AGM and 1 Mini Bini only available at AGM.

- E) National AGM – Ottawa, Ontario – Oct. 25 - Oct 27, 2007.** On motion by Dave seconded by Wayne that we send Ginette to the National AGM in Ottawa, and carried.
- F) Squadron at Risk** Ginette will email out the report to the bridge members, read it over the summer and we will put it back on the agenda in the fall to see how we wish to address this.
- G) SCAC** has asked our Squadron if we had any whistles and or handouts they could use and had out. We don't have any whistles but we will have some hand outs soon.

Membership Officer – Don stated that we have 217 members.

7. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday September 11, 2007 1900h

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice Haig at 2042h.

Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach, Secretary