



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting
Devon Middle School 1900h
March 14, 2006**

Present:

Dave Nickerson, Ginette Ouellette, Derek Tellenbach, Rama Gupta-Rogers, Don Grant, Mohamed El-Bayoumi, Janice Haig, Wayne Redstone, Rik Hall.

Regrets: Dave Gamblin, David Estey, John Van Abbema.

1. Approval of Minutes January 10, 2006

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Dave Nickerson at 1903h. A motion to accept the Minutes of January 10, 2006 was made by Mohamed El-Bayoumi, seconded by Ginette Ouellette, and carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Members from the Aroostock Valley Squadron (USPS) are now members of the Fredericton Squadron.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Under New Business:

- **F – Cruising Companion**
- **G – Compliance Officer**
- **H – District Update**
- **I – Cooking on board planning**

4. Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report – John was absent but had sent out a Budget Update to the Bridge. The date should have been updated to March 10, 2006. The report was reviewed. Question from Bridge, did we apply for the 50/50 money from District?

Training officer Report Wayne discussed the report that he emailed to the bridge March 11, 2006. Highlights - The Weekend Navigation course has been completed, waiting for the evaluation of the course. Radar course, Mohamed is still working with Omega Electronics on organizing a Radar seminar. Nothing positive to be reported on this seminar yet. Wayne would formally like to thank, David Nickerson for allowing the CPS to use the school for some of the courses.

Publications Officer - Janice gave her verbal report. Janice stated that the Binnacle March 2006 has been completed. The next one should be issued at the end of April. She is always looking for new submissions for the Binnacle. ie Items for sale or items you are looking to buy.

Social Officer - Rama gave her verbal report. Nothing to report, certain items will be addressed as separate items on the agenda.

Executive Officer Mohamed gave his verbal report stating that the Merit Marks 2005 report has been sent to district.

Public Relations Officer Mohamed gave his verbal report, stating that the boat pro ads have been run and we are getting some results. Advertising will be in the Gleaner the week before the event. Mohamed is keeping a copy for the share program.

Boat Pro Don Grant Gave his verbal report stating that there was 5 students for the first class. The second class has some people booked, with a few interested in challenging the exam

Membership Officer Don Grant gave his verbal report, stating that 2 people tried to renew their membership, but they have never completed the boating course. Don will write an article for the Binnacle explaining the requirements to become a member and also how to pick up the membership again, if a member had let it slide for a number of years.

Secretary's Report Derek gave his verbal report stating that National is requesting the Official "Squadron Bridge Officers" report. It was discussed that we did send our own version of the report to Natonal, but National is looking for the information on their own form. Derek and Don will work together to complete the form.

Nauti Pro Officer - Ginette gave her verbal report, stating she is trying to get something for May upriver at the boatclub in Perth or the Tobique.

Past President – Rik gave his verbal report stating that the nomination committee has added a Compliance Officer.

Commander's Report – David Nickerson gave his verbal report stating that most of the students he has talked to enjoyed taking the courses this past year. Please send your comments to David Nickerson about the 6 questions about the CPS name change that were posted in the Binnacle so he can report his findings to District.

On Motion from Wayne Redstone to approve all the verbal reports, seconded by Rik Hall and carried.

5. New Business

- A. District AGM – April 28, 29, 2006** in Moncton (same venue as last meeting) Special guest speaker Friday Evening (28th) is Cheryl Barr who sailed from NYC to the Great Lakes then to the St. Lawrence to Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. David is looking for the officer's reports. You all are invited to attend the meeting at the Moncton Hotel the old Wandlyn.
- B. 2nd Annual Fredericton Area Boat Show** - Mohamed stated that we are into the show again this year for free, although he is looking for volunteers to man the booth, if you can help contact Mohamed. Don has some handouts for the show.
- C. Saint John River Society Membership** The Society has asked us to help out in the River Festival. The Fredericton CPS cannot sanction the event due to the safety of the participants, legal issues, timing and location. But Mohamed will ask the individual membership to help out in this event again this year. Mohamed requested that we once again pay the \$50.00 annual membership to the Saint John River Society. Mohamed will send the information to John. Mohamed was asked to attend the AGM and write a report for the next Binnacle.
- D. Fredericton Youth Sailing School Sailboat update** Janice updated the bridge on the progress to date. She plans on meeting Dave Martin (Flyer Products) to discuss the work to be done on the sail (both sides). Massive Print will donate the lettering. If all goes well we hope to have it ready to launch during Safe Boating week (May 20-26).
- E. AGM / Instructors Appreciation Dinner Planning** - Rama reported that there are a few options for the Appreciation Dinner scheduled for May 4, 2006. She will work out the details and report back to the Bridge next meeting. Wayne will get the list of how many instructors and Bridge members will be attending for next meeting.
- F. Cruising Companion** – It was stated that we did not have very many Cruising Companions on hand and that we had to order another batch. Possible improvements to the Cruising Companion were discussed:
- Is the room on the back cover for some Squadron information
 - A colour front page, or should we wait until Version #3?
 - The Gagetown Marina had some minor changes to their marina info.

On Motion Ginette Ouellette seconded by Mohamed El-Bayoumi that we upgrade the Cruising Companion and get 25 more copies printed, and carried. Opposed, Don Grant. Janice will get a colour front page, and Don will ask Mary Grant.

G. Compliance Officer David Estey has been appointed the Compliance Officer for the District. Rik Hall will ask him if he will be our Squadron's compliance Officer.

H. District Update The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as district officers for 2006 and 2007.

District Commander	Rik Hall (Fredericton Squadron)
District Executive Officer	David Nickerson (Fredericton Squadron)
District Training Officer	Graham Allen (Fredericton Squadron)
District Secretary	John Coleman (Avalon Squadron)
District Treasurer	Johan Spiering (Shediac Squadron)
District Communications Officer	Bernie Wilcox (Kennebecasis Squadron)
District Public Relations Officer	Mary Ridgewell (Alderney Squadron)
District MAREP Officer	John Humphrey (Fredericton Squadron)
District Membership Officer	Johan Spiering (Shediac Squadron)

I. Cooking on board planning Rama stated that the cooking on board is scheduled at the Atlantic Super Store from 1800-2200h April 6, 2006. There will be a movie and few prizes. Mohamed will bring the projector.

6. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 2006 1900h

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice at 2105h.

Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach, Secretary