



**Minutes of Bridge Meeting
Devon Middle School 1900h
May 8, 2007**

Present:

Dave Nickerson, Danielle Grasse, Don Grant, Wayne Redstone, John Van Abbema, Derek Tellenbach, Ginette Ouellette, Rik Hall, Janice Haig.

Regrets: Dave Gamblin, David Estey, Marty Goodine, Greta Goodine.

1. Approval of Minutes April 10, 2007.

The Bridge Meeting was called to order by Commander Dave Nickerson at 1903h. A motion to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2007 was made by Rik, seconded by Ginette, and carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Safe Boating week to be covered under - Other Business.

Life Jacket invoice has been processed.

Greta and Marty Goodine had a baby boy Vaughn

The remaining burgees have been sold and a new order for 25 have been placed.

We will make a payment to the Saint John River Society for \$50.00

3. Additions to the Agenda

XO position

Fire Extinguisher seminar

4. Officers Reports – Verbal reports

Training officer Report Wayne stated that all the courses are complete; one exam has not been returned yet. Dave and Wayne will meet to discuss the details of the Graduation section of the combined AGM/Graduation. The Instructors will congratulate their Students and the Boating Instructor will welcome new members to the CPS.

The new Bridge will be welcomed to their positions with a statement from the Commander outlining their responsibilities that they have agreed to take on for their term on the Bridge.

Treasurer's Report – John stated that the books have been audited for the 2006-2007 year with a surplus of \$735.32 which he thought was very good considering we were planning to breakeven. Two factors which have contributed to the surplus are: we were low on our room rent for the year and Boat Pro was very good to us last year. Included in the statement is the 5 year catch up on the CPS honour role.

John then presented his Budget Guidelines and discussed them for the year 2007-2008. Some of the items included in the budget guidelines are:

Income:

- CPS courses \$ 9800
- Nauti Pro \$1200 – 20 students at \$60.00
- Boat pro \$4000

Expenses:

- Course material \$6500
- Room rent \$500
- Appreciation night and Graduation \$900
- District Meetings \$ 1000
- National meeting \$ 2000
- X-Mas party \$1200
- Cooking Aboard \$ 200
- Summer BBQ \$250

These items were discussed and if you have any adjustments to the figures you are responsible for please email John and he will do his best to incorporate your ideas into the budget guidelines which will be presented at the AGM May 31, 2007.

On the motion from Rik to accept the Financial Statements and the proposed budget guidelines, seconded by Wayne and carried.

Membership Officer – Don stated that we have 217 members.

Boat Pro – Don stated that the BoatPro course for May is sold out. All 24 spots have been booked.

Safety Expo – Rik, John, and Don had set up a booth at the CFB-Gagetown Safety Expo. There was a big interest in Nauti Pro and for the Boat Pro course. We will follow up on these and see if we can put on a course.

Nauti Pro Officer – Ginette stated that she has a meeting with a couple of people on a course in Grand Falls, Perth Andover and/or Plaster Rock in early June. She would like some pamphlets and French copies of the French Boating guide.

Public Relations Officer - Marty was not present.

Social Officer – Danielle gave their verbal report stating that the Cooking Aboard went very well. She stated that the plans are going well for the combined Instructor Appreciation / Graduation / AGM scheduled for May 31, 2007 at Aggies Restaurant in Silverwood. Wayne will send information to the Instructors which will be distributed to the students inviting everyone.

Secretary – Derek stated he had nothing to report.

Binnacle – Janice will create the Mini Bini for the AGM. Have all your lists of students and new Bridge and any other information to her by May 28 so she has time to prepare the Mini Bini. There was discussion of using the folding machine at UPS to fold the next issue of the Binnacle.

Past Commander's Report - Rik stated that they are working on the process with getting the regions online with National on a few administrative items. There is now a MOU with the Office of Safe Boating and they are targeting 7 areas to put on an awareness blitz. As District Commander he stated that he has attended a few AGM's, Miramichi, Amherst, Halifax, and RKYC. Rik also stated that the Nominating Committee is still working on members for the new Bridge. If you have any suggestions of names for any positions, email them to either David or Rik.

Commander's report – With great sadness, David accepted the resignation from the Executive Command, Mohamed El-Bayoumi. We are all sorry to see him leave. Mohamed told Don that he would periodically help teach BoatPro.

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

5. New Business

Safe Boating Week – May 20-26, 2007. David reported that the arrangements with Fredericton Public Safety Marine Unit and Police and Fire Departments are coming

together. The Trailer from Transport Canada has arrived. The Trailer will be located in the Canadian Tire parking lot at the corner of Smythe and Priestman May 26, 2007. We will have to get an order in for all the publications and handouts that we will require for the week. David will find a Police Officer to help out for the day. David will contact Marty so he can arrange for some public service announcements and radio ads.

Don will poll the membership to get create a list to help for the day. If anyone is interested in helping with any of the 2 hour blocks of time please contact Don.

Don will also see if there is enough interest in setting the trailer up at the Lighthouse downtown on Sunday afternoon from 2-5. Not sure if the dock will even be in by then.

The RCMP wants the trailer after we are done so we don't have to look after the arrangements of shipping it back.

Fire and Safety there were 10 people who attended, they watched a video, and got to put a fire out in the fire-pit behind station.

Graduation / Instructor Appreciation Dinner Danielle stated the organizing and planning are well under way for the combined event.

6. Next Bridge Meeting – Tuesday June 12, 2007 1900h at Devon Middle School

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Danielle Grasse at 2034h.

Minutes Recorded by Derek Tellenbach, Secretary