

**CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS**  
WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 1990**

The meeting was held at the Lamplighter Inn in London, Ontario on Wednesday, September 26, 1990. The meeting was called to order at 1740.

**ROLL CALL:** There were 35 members present with the following members absent:  
P D C Harvey Manser AP, P/D/C Robert Lee AP, P/D/C Earl Speller AP, D/Lt.  
William Anthony, D/Lt. Walter Spaunburg, D/Lt. Bill Linfield S.

D/C Ken Cucksey  
D/E/O Bob Gallagher  
D/A/O Brian Govan  
D/T/O Norm Sonnenberg  
D/Secty. Pat Pearson  
D/Treas. Dan Walsh  
D/Lt. Larry Hicks  
D/Lt. Pauline McKinnon  
D/Lt. Keith Roberts  
D/Lt. Bill Trudell

D/Lt. Gordon Argyle  
Cdr. Jack Pearson  
Cdr. Brian Austin  
Cdr. Hans Van Dyke  
Cdr. Walter McKenna  
Cdr. Roger Harrison  
Cdr. Morris Broughton  
Cdr. Jack Wittig  
Cdr. Anne Ryall  
Cdr. Don Davies

Cdr. Dan Dupuis  
P/D/C Vern Gray  
P/D/C Frank Kelly  
P/D/C Gerry Kirkland  
P/D/C Doug Wilson  
P/D/C Fulton Charlton

Guests  
S/C Robert Parke  
Lt/C Jerry Holt  
S/C Bill Chowen  
Lt/C Dave Myles

Lt/C John Bloxham  
P/Cdr Shirley Parke Rye  
Lt/C Tom Orr

Lt/C Eric Hatzenbuhler  
Lt/C Tony Pritchard  
Lt/C Joe Schiefer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held May 23, 1990 and the meeting held June 16, 1990 were approved as distributed

\*\*\* **MOVED** by Cdr. Jack Pearson AP, seconded by D/Lt. Bill Trudell S. that the minutes be accepted as published.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** D/Treas. Dan Walsh AP reported on the investments in McKenzie Financial Corporation. Previous officers' signatures have been obtained on a letter requesting that the funds be redeemed and they will then be re-invested.

Discussion on door prizes for the National Conference.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by P/D/C Gerry Kirkland JN, seconded by P/D/C Frank Kelly AP, that \$250.00 be taken out of District funds, and reimbursed by each of the Squadrons (\$25.00) toward door prizes for the 1990 National Conference in Ottawa. All in favour. **Carried.**

Frank Kelly suggested that the amount given by other districts be reported back for comparison.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:** D/C Ken Cucksey N reminded Squadrons considering dues increase that at least 2 months is needed for approval at all levels up to the Governing Board. Must be backed up by substantial financial data that an increase is needed. The Lemon Hart Safe Boating Award judging is going to be done in November. Any nominations to be sent in to D/Lt. Keith Roberts AP.

Minutes of Squadron General and Executive meetings to be sent to D/C Ken Cucksey along with Squadron activities and events for the District calendar, and request for attendance at functions. Revised membership reports have been sent out. Check them over for accuracy.

The video, "Enjoy Your Boat", is now available for loan, rental, or sale through the Marine Operator's Association. It is an excellent introduction to boating and can be obtained through boat dealers or marinas - 1 Hr. in length.

D/E/O Bob Gallagher N, has offered to attend an executive meeting in each Squadron especially in January or February, for feedback from courses and any developments from the Governing Board.  
Reminded Commanders to consider recommendations for merit marks.

D/T/O Norm Sonnenberg S reported on changes for exams. There are 6 new exams - a new prime exam for Boating as well as an alternate, a new alternate for Seamanship, as well as a new prime exam for AP, N and Seamanship Power. Copies of "error" sheets will be sent out when available.

D/A/O Brian Govan AP has booked the Lamplighter Inn for the District AGM along, with a \$200.00 deposit. The "double" room rate is \$54.00.

D/Secy Pat Pearson AP: No report.

P/D/C Fulton Charlton AP: No report.

Chairman of Nomination Committee P/D/C Frank Kelly AP requested that by next meeting he would like a decision on those willing to run for office for the next District Change of Watch.  
Represented the Erie Shores West Squadron in Sandusky, Ohio for an exchange of flags. Also has a tape with the Canadian and American National Anthems if any Squadron needs them.

D/Lt. Bill Anthony - Absent. No report.

D/Lt. Gordon Argyle N - No report. Has received no Marep reports to date. It is noted that Chatham's planned Marep cruise was rained out.

D/Lt. Larry Hicks S has the new revised membership lists if anyone wants to see them.

D/Lt. Bill Linfield S - Absent. No report.

D/Lt. Pauline McKinnon AP attended the PRO Seminar June 15. Has sent a report in a letter to all the Squadron PROs.

D/Lt. Keith Roberts AP reported no submissions as yet for the Lemon Hart Award. The CPS Clipper Service has sent some newspaper clippings of boating incidents, and Keith has passed them along to the Squadrons.

D/Lt. Bill Trudell S reported that boating fatalities are down. There were 89 - fatalities in 1983, and 51 this year.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by Cdr. Don Davies, seconded by Cdr. Anne Ryall AP, to accept the Officer's Reports  
All in favour.

D/Treas. Dan Walsh AP, reported nil cash on hand. The savings account has \$933.46, with disbursements of \$98.47, leaving a balance of \$834.99. The McKenzie Financial Corporation investments of \$6,905.38 will bring the total assets to \$7,740.37.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by D/Lt/C Norm Sonnenberg S, seconded by Cdr. Jack Pearson to accept the financial report and pay the outstanding bills.

### **SQUADRON REPORTS**

**Chatham** - Cdr. Jack Pearson AP: Membership 197. Registration results: Boating 64 (short - 27, 2 long classes - 37), AP-5, JN-4, Seamanship-13, Marine Electronics-1, Weather-3. VHF course starts Oct. 18, exams - Nov. 1. Forty-nine passed in courses run at Rondeau, Mitchell's Bay, and John McGregor H.S. Had a Chatham Squadron Rendezvous at Belle River Aug. 12, set up a display at the Leisure Life Exhibit at Chatham's Downtown Mall. In order to promote membership renewals have set up a meeting to discuss changes in programming for the Student Night format.

**Erie Shores West** - Cdr. Brian Austin S: Membership - 133. Registrations: Boating - 30. Change of Watch and Graduation is May 11, 1991. Pot Luck supper with Vermilion P.S. at Leamington Marina, ran a Fun Day with barbeque for members.

**Goderich** - Cdr. Hans Van Dyke S: Membership - 105. Registration: Boating - 14, Seamanship - 4, AP - 1. Annual Wine and Cheese afternoon family day to be held Oct. 14.

**London** - Cdr. Walter McKenna, N: Membership - 422. Registration: Boating - 185, Seamanship - 44, AP - 15, JN - 8, Marine Electronics - 8, Weather - 5.

**Sarnia** - Cdr. Roger Harrison \_AP: Membership - 263. Registration: Basic - 71, (One long course and one accelerated course in Sarnia, one accelerated course in Corunna), Seamanship - 12, Sea.-Sail - 6, Marine Maintenance - 5. The 1989 JN results still have not been received by the Sarnia officers. The D/T/O to locate the results.

**St. Thomas** - Cdr. Morris Broughton \_AP: Membership - 105. Registration: Boating - 30, Seamanship - 9. Disappointed in no registration for Let's be Boatwise. Barbeque for 70, the Training Officer was on a T.V. panel on Boating Safety hosted by the former MP for Elgin, along with an officer from the O.P.P. and Coast Guard. Used the V.H.F. film On the Waterways.

**Stratford** - Cdr. Jack Wittig, S: Membership - 133. Registration: Boating - 25, Seamanship - 11, AP - 4, JN - 1. Upcoming Meet the Student night, as well as a Christmas Party planned. Squadron jackets are selling well. Are submitting the Stratford pennant for National approval. In June the Squadron Boating Inspection had 133 boats take part at the Wildwood Conservation Park. Note:(D/C Ken Cucksey commented on the program at the June Governing Board). The new mailing address is Box 99, Stratford, Ontario, NSA 658.

**Tillsonburg** - Cdr Anne Ryall AP: Membership - 229. Registration: Boating - 34, Seamanship - 4 for Woodstock. Tillsonburg registration is Oct. 2. "Meet the Student" night in Woodstock as well as Tillsonburg. Had a free corn roast for 60 in August. Graduation is June 1, 1991 at Port Rowan. Thanked Council members for support over past 2½ years as Commander. Lt/C Eric Hatzenbuhler is to be installed as the next Commander the following evening.

**Wallaceburg** - Cdr. Don Davies: Membership - 110. Registration: Boating - 15. The District Rendezvous had 53 boats registered, and 171 in attendance at the Dinner Dance. Realized a profit of \$618.31. The new Training Officer is Doug Kennedy S.

**Windsor** - Cdr. Dan Dupuis AP: Membership - 443. Registration: Boating - 77, Seamanship - 12, AP - 4. Lower registration probably because of the slower economy. Have started a Monday morning class for those on shift work. Participated in Marine Day, and the Essex County Sportsman Show.

Discussed insurance through CPS. Can be submitted through own insurance company, but not available until January 1, 1991.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by Cdr. Brain Austin, seconded by D/Lt Gord Argyle N, to accept the Squadron's reports.  
All in favour.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

R/C Doug Wilson N - The Safe Boating Seminar Committee have been meeting regularly. 80% of the re-writing has been done.

S/C Bob Parke AP, VHF Co-ordinator; Since April 1, 367 persons have written in 13 VHF exams.

D/C Ken Cucksey reported he had a letter of helpful procedures to follow when hosting the Chief Commander or his representative at Annual District Meetings.

Cdr. Jack Pearson - 1991 District Rendezvous. Have had committee meetings, planning a video.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

D/C Ken Cucksey reported that a letter of resignation as elected auditor for District Council had been received from Cdr. Jack Pearson stating that as part-owner of the accounting firm and a voting member of Council it would be considered a conflict of interest. Having the consent of P/D/C Earl Speller to act as auditor.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by P/D/C Frank Kelly, seconded by D/Lt. Pauline McKinnon that Earl Speller be appointed as auditor for 1990-91.

**Carried**

As V.H.F. Co-ordinator, S/C Bob Parke had requested an assistant. D/C Ken Cucksey appointed as S/Lt. Larry Rhame of Tillsonburg.

D/C Ken Cucksey requested Squadrons to promote the new Sustaining Membership category as outlined in the Porthole (P.6). Recognition of category by special tie, or scarf presented by the Chief Commander. Local Squadron dues are still collected (or benefits of local activities not provided).

The CPS Marine Weather Reporting program is trying to spread across the country. CPS is co-operating with the Atmospheric Environment Service to report local weather conditions - has operated on the West Coast for a year. A booth and seminar will be set up by the AES at the CPS National Conference in Ottawa, with the theme of "weather awareness". Register to help with the program through the local Squadron. D/Lt. Bill Linfield will be asked to act as the Weather MAREP Officer.

There will now be two categories of Marep Officers - MAREP Officer(Hydrographic), and MAREP Officer (Weather). The Chief Commander has suggested that we try to stimulate growth in the organization. Some ideas are: more information on future courses that members could take, make courses more interesting, make activities and meetings more interesting (e.g. rendezvous, cruises, seminars, etc.)

Suggestions were asked of the Squadrons:

Chatham - the first impression of the organization is Meet the Student Night so mixing more makes everyone feel welcome: offer to transfer those moving to other areas and notify the new squadron: one class had camaraderie develop in class and most have remained active ever since.

Erie Shores West - invite members out spring and fall, have changed Student Night to a Safety Night theme.

Goderich - more social, and family - oriented (e.g. slide shows, film show, hay rides)

London - telephone committee for "dues" period, suggestion that National could have a cross-section of at-random calls (National is doing a survey)

Sarnia - perhaps a change of wording on the invoice (misleading), most are in boating for the fun and want no involvement, being more selective in members perhaps would bring more commitment.

St. Thomas - more personal contact - use the computer lists.

Stratford - more personal contacts - talk to the ones that do attend meetings, get the bridge activated to try to make others feel a part of the group, have those taking courses receive the newsletter also.

Tillsonburg - make students feel comfortable on the meet the student night, receive newsletters when begin courses, telephone committee for renewals, social activities - have a winter cruise in January to Toronto Boat Show, a fish fry in March, a free corn roast in August, a Safety Day, members do not always have to Pay.

Wallaceburg - telephone committee

Windsor - have to make people want to be there - personal contact: in '85 the original billing had 60% renewal, with a computerized list and typewritten personalized letter, with nautical stamp had 87% response

D/C Ken Cucksey gave a challenge to all - set a goal of 10% reduction in dropouts. Bring back the results.

District 9, U.S.P.S. is having their 75th Anniversary in the fall of 1991, and would like participation from bordering Canadian Squadrons. Have suggested a District booth or hospitality room. Will keep the District posted.

Reminded Squadron Commanders to keep D/C informed about activities for the District Calendar.

Next District Council Meeting is in Goderich at the Maitland Golf and Country Club at 1330.

Training Seminar for using proper procedures and the use of the Operational Manual. Revision pages came out in the summer for placement in manual. After discussion decided on Saturday, November 17 at 1330 in Goderich (same weekend as District Meeting). Cdr. Hans Van Dyke to look into a facility, and location will be sent out with the District Meeting notice.

Lt/C Tom Orr of Stratford talked about the Safe Boating Game a few couples designed that could be an awareness measure for safe boating, and fun, also to raise funds. A purchase cost rebate of \$5.00 each for the Squadron and National level. Sells for \$30.00 retail.

S/C Bob Parke presented a pilot project that Canadian Tire would undertake to laminate the VHF certificate. The congratulatory letter from the Squadron would be presented at the service counter.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by P/D/C Fulton Charlton, seconded by D/Lt. Bill Trudell that the project be carried out in the Western Ontario District. Carried.

In addition, a further incentive to take the VHF course would be an information package designed for each VHF radio unit they sell. Samples of these have been given to each Commander to take back to their bridges for comments. Include an introductory letter, how to get the operator's certificate, and where to get the training, along with the station license application.

Proxy forms for the National AGM have not been received as yet (1 vote per 10 members). D/C to call to see when they will be going out.

R/C Doug Wilson, N reported on the Tillsonburg Squadron's letter sent to the Porthole editor re: Late Charter Commander Lloyd Tyrrell and the unsatisfactory response letter received. The D/C to take the issue to the Governing Board for a more humane policy.

\*\*\* **MOVED** by D/Lt. Bill Trudell, seconded by D/Lt. Dan Walsh to terminate the meeting at 2135.  
Carried

Respectfully Submitted

District Secretary  
Pat Pearson AP