

MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1991

The Meeting was held at the Oaks Inn, Wallaceburg, Ontario, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1991. The Meeting was called to order at 1933. D/C Robert Gallagher expressed his thanks to Cdr. Richard Ross for arranging the meeting facilities.

1. ROLL CALL:

There were 32 members and guests present. Absent were D/Lt. Gordon Argyle N, D/Lt. Jack Wittig S, Cdr. Hans Van Dyke S, Cdr. Morris Broughton, Cdr. Tom Orr, Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler, Cdr. Norm Wilson AP, P/D/C Harvey Manser AP, P/D/C Doug Wilson N, P/D/C Fulton Charlton AP.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes dated June 22nd, 1991, as printed without being read.

***** MOTION**

Moved by Cdr. Bert Osterbrook, AP, to approve the minutes as printed without being read, seconded by P/D/C Frank Kelly, AP. - CARRIED ***

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There was no business arising from Minutes.

4. OFFICER'S REPORTS:

D/C ROBERT GALLAGHER, N reported that there had not been much activity either at the National level nor the District level since the last Council Meeting. However, squadrons have been busy with fall registrations and preparing for training classes. He would like to thank Cdr. Hans Van Dyke for the invitation to the SailPast at Goderich, a very pleasant and well organized day. Other than this event he had no official business to conduct.

D/Lt./C BRIAN GOVAN, AP had nothing to formally report from activities this Summer but did report on AGM held in London last Spring. The formal report was filed with the District Secretary.

D/Lt./C PAULINE MCKINNON, AP reported that she had submitted her suggested revisions for the Squadron Reporting Guidelines. Some of the changes she suggested were:

-give dates for the financial and membership reports.

-do not duplicate addresses.

-simplify reporting of student count and report boating and VHF students separately.

She has written to Larry Hicks, asking him to set up a Committee to look into a district membership award. She has also requested information regarding previous AGMs to assist in planning this years at Stratford. Brian Govan has offered any help he can give in this matter and this is very much appreciated.

An editorial in the Windsor Star of July 13 with the headline "Boating Follies", was highly critical of boaters. She submitted a reply which was printed July 19 with the headline "Most boaters responsible as accident figures prove" and she hopes it did some good.

D/Lt./C NORMAN SONNENBERG, AP reported on a relatively peaceful summer but that now squadrons are busy with registrations. He does not yet have a final count. He visited the Wallaceburg and Stratford Squadrons and would like to be on the mailing list with all Squadrons so that he could visit them all at least twice a year. There are some changes in the Boating Course and the Seamanship Course, the Boating Course having greater changes than the Seamanship Course - a short meeting will be held after the Council Meeting with Squadron Training Officers to explain and go over the changes.

D/Lt. SARAH E. COOKE - nothing to report.

D/Lt. WALTER MCKENNA, N reported a balance of \$6,227.04 at the beginning of the period, interest \$87.12 and disbursements of \$201.20, leaving a bank balance as of September 25, 1991 of \$6,112.96. The full report is available for perusal after meeting.

*****MOTION**

Moved by D/Lt. Walter McKenna, N, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by D/Lt. Keith Roberts, AP.
CARRIED ***

D/Lt. WILLIAM ANTHONY - no report.

D/Lt. GORDON ARGYLE, N - absent, no report.

D/Lt. JAY CONNOR - nothing to report.

D/Lt. LARRY HICKS reported he has received Membership List and numbers from National for all Squadrons - no doubt there will be discrepancies in the numbers. Received letter from Pauline McKinnon regarding looking into district membership award.

Regarding Tillsonburg, they have noticed a distinct drop in the registration for courses, down approximately 50%. They do not know if this is general or if the Squadron should be doing more advertising. They are going to try more advertising and give more attention to membership retention.

Note:D/C Robert Gallagher commented at this point that the membership was up 4% in the District and about 3% Nationally. A photocopy of the latest membership statistics will be mailed with the Minutes.

D/Lt. BILL LINFIELD, S reported that he had received kits from Ron Fordyce, Port Meteorological Officer, Toronto. These kits have been given out to those who are interested.

D/Lt. PAT PEARSON, AP handed out 2 copies of the District News Letter to all Squadron Commanders who may wish to have the information passed along in their Squadron Newsletters. She also requested Squadrons to send her copies of their newsletters and any information they would like included in the District Newsletter.

D/Lt. KEITH ROBERTS, AP reported he was unable to attend the National Public Relations Department meeting in Toronto due to health problems. No material has been received from National PRO pertaining to items and decisions resulting from this meeting. He is still receiving lots of material from the Safe Boating Award Program that should be directed to S/L Bill Trudell. He requires some Squadron PRO names and addresses (Note: list of all Squadron Bridge members mailed to District Officers Friday September 27, 1991 by District Secretary).

D/Lt. WALTER SPAUNBURG, S reported he has destroyed all material that was 5 years and older from our records. Chairman of Marep Program, R/C J.W. Lawson, is stepping down after twenty years, but in his last newsletter reminded the squadrons that Marep Officers are to be elected for both District and Squadrons. To date there are two Squadrons that have not sent in their Marep Officer's names and addresses.

D/Lt. JACK WITTIG, S - absent, no report.

S/C BOB PARKE, AP had no official report as no programmes are run through the Summer. There have been some problems getting licences back from the Government due to computer problems, but this has now been cleared up by the Power Squadron. He would like to hear from the Squadrons regarding VHF classes scheduled so that arrangements can be made for supervising examinations.

S/L BILL TRUDELL, S reported that to date he has had only one report submitted for the CPS/Mustang award, one from Windsor. He attended a meeting at the Windsor Yacht Club August 19, 1991 to discuss the Grey Water problem with three Liberal politicians, two of which commented as follows:

Barbara Sullivan, Critic for the Environment pointed out:

- the regulation affects every area of the Province
- there was no consultation with the effected players
- the methodology of the experiments was flawed
- tankers are not affected
- enforcement would be difficult
- there are inadequate pump-out facilities
- Ohio and New Hampshire now have laws, but apply only for specified enclosed bays

Monte Kwinter, Critic for Industry, Trade and Technology is a boater and former Chairman of the Toronto Harbour Commission. He stressed that:

- boaters are responsible people
- the regulation is absurd
- there are many ways to circumvent the regulation
- the government has introduced this by regulation, not by statute, and thus it will not be debated
- the regulation is punitive
- it will be impossible to police

Many people in the audience pointed out that the tourist industry would be badly hurt if the regulation passed.

5. SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

CHATHAM - Cdr. Bert Osterbrook, AP, reported registration has been held with 36 Boating, 11 Seamanship and 6 Weather. Registration is down about 30% this year. The "On the water training seminar" on June 8, 1991 was a real success. Membership stands at 200. The bank balance is approximately \$7,300.00. Chatham Squadron had an enjoyable squadron rendezvous in Belle River on August 10 and 11. Our P.R. Officer, John Haslip, is doing a fantastic job in getting a lot of squadron news in the Chatham paper and on the radio stations. The Annual Change of Watch is scheduled for March 28th, 1992 at 1930 hours in the Venus de Milo restaurant. At their next meeting he hopes to present a completed audited report on the District Rendezvous held in Chatham from June 21 - 23, but that at this time they are in the black and will have a surplus of approximately \$500.00.

ERIE SHORES WEST - Cdr. Joe Schieffer, S reported membership at 137. Registration has been held with 15 Boating and 1 Seamanship. Classes have started for Boating Course at Leamington District High School, hopefully to be finished before Christmas. The bank balance is \$2,798.00. On July 19, 1991 a Mystery Cruise and August 25, 1991 Fun Day were held - both well attended. The Change of Watch and Graduation is scheduled for April 4, 1992 at Lions Club, Kingsville at 1900 hrs. Erie Shores will host the next District Meeting on November 17, 1991 at Essex, Ontario. The Town of Leamington has consented to use of Marina for 1992 Rendezvous - June 26, 27 and 28, 1992.

Note: Item for next District Meeting - District should set rules for points system received at Rendezvous 1992, and circulate to all Squadrons.

GODERICH - In the absence of Cdr. Hans Van Dyke, E/O Harold Pryce gave report. Membership stands at 91. Registration has taken place with 26 Boating, 6 Seamanship, 7 Advanced Piloting and 4 Weather students. Classes will be held at Central Huron Secondary School in Clinton Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 1930 hrs. The Squadron is looking for a good training season with a fair number of students. A Wine and Cheese (Welcome Aboard) will be November 3, 1991 between 1400 and 1700 hrs at Maitland Valley Country Club, Goderich. The A.G.M and Change of Watch will be held on March 25, 1992 at Clinton High School, and the Graduation Ball May 8, 1992, Maitland Valley at 1830 hrs. The SailPast will be June 28, 1992, registration \$2.00 -Goderich.

LONDON - Cdr. Louis E. J. Cooke reported membership at 663, and a bank balance of \$6,590.31. Fall Registration has taken place with Boating 148, Seamanship 48, Advanced Piloting 15, JN 4 and Weather 6. At the time of writing final figures are not available because of late registrations. In spite of a tremendous effort by everyone

registration was down from last year. This year at registration we introduced a Hospitality Centre to promote CPS generally as well as our upcoming events, which proved very successful. The London Bridge invites any of the Squadrons within driving distance to share in our social programs and special events, and in turn, we will make every effort to support any of your events. Communication between squadrons seems to be the road block, please let me know your thoughts. I have made reservations to attend the Annual Conference in Halifax for all three days and I hope to participate in as many of the seminars as possible. The Commander's Ball will be May 1, 1992 at Wonderland Gardens, London.

SARNIA - Cdr. Norm Wilson, AP absent - no report.

ST. THOMAS - D/Lt. Jay Connor reported in the absence of Cdr. Morris Broughton. Membership now stands at 121. Registration has taken place with 20 Boating, 5 Seamanship and 25 Mar. Tele. registered. The bank balance is \$1,200.00. Upcoming events are AGM and Change of Watch on March 12, 1992, at Knights of Columbus, 2000 hrs. Graduation will be May 14, 1992, at 1830 hrs, location not known at this time. November 4, 1991 proposed date for D/C R. Gallagher to attend Bridge Meeting. They are off to a good start once again this year and they are offering Boating, Seamanship and possibly Advance Piloting. They had their Summer Barbecue in August, with about 50 people in attendance. The poor weather resulted in a lower turnout.

STRATFORD - Cdr. Tom Orr was absent but faxed a report read by D/C Bob Gallagher. Stratford is not represented at this meeting, as the distance is just too far for an evening meeting. They suggest that future evening meetings be scheduled at a more central location within the District. They do not have a complete roster of the Squadrons in the District and would like one. They would like to have more intercommunication and be able to exchange ideas etc. which would be of benefit to all. Improvements in the exchange of our Squadron Newsletters between all ten Squadrons in the District. As per conversation, would appreciate some form of direction and time frames for the upcoming 1992 AGM in Stratford.

TILLSONBURG - Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler absent, no report.

WALLACEBURG - Cdr. Richard Ross reported membership of 108, and Bank Balance of \$951.31. Their Boating course commenced September 17, 1991 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School with 19 Boating students registered. Layup outing is scheduled for October 5 and 6, 1991 at St. Clair, Michigan.

WINDSOR - Cdr. Jerry Holt reported Membership at 457. The squadron remains financially solvent with Bank balance of \$20,979.00 (no disbursements as yet for course materials). Registration has taken place with 107 Boating, 12 Seamanship, 2 Advance Pilot, 5 Jr. Nav. Registration is up over last year but a great deal of effort went into the advertising. Cdr. Jerry Holt will attend the AGM in Halifax. Attached is article put in magazine "Waterline", August issue. (NB: District Secretary will give copy to anyone interested in seeing this article)

6. PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

Immediate P/D/C Ken Cucksey, N - reported that there was very little activity this Summer. He had kept track of the meeting at Windsor Yacht Club which was mentioned earlier. Chatham City Council is very concerned about the Grey Water issue and have protested to the Minister of Tourism. They have spent a great deal of money fixing up the waterfront area, as was seen at the Rendezvous in June, and the Grey Water law could affect the tourist business in the city. He tried to contact the Environment Minister but is just getting the run around in this respect. He is Expecting to get a Committee together shortly and send out a suggested list of comments and maybe even a suggested letter that could be sent out by individuals of various Squadrons - felt it is not too late to write to the Minister, MP's, etc.

D/C Bob Gallagher commented that he had spoken to various government officials about this matter and he felt that generally the Ministry of Tourism was on our side.

P/D/C Harvey Manser, AP - Absent, no report.

P/D/C Vern Gray, AP - no report.

P/D/C Frank Kelly, AP - attended the International USPS District 29 Power Squadron Rendezvous which had about 14 boats which was a very good showing. Also commented that he felt one Squadron advertising in another Squadron's district is in very poor taste.

P/D/C Gerald C. Kirkland, JN - no report.

P/D/C Robert G. Lee, AP - no report.

P/D/C Earl Speller, AP - no report.

P/D/C Doug Wilson, N - Absent, no report.

P/D/C Fulton Charlton, AP - Absent, no report.

***** MOTION**

Moved by Cdr. Richard Ross to accept the Reports as given by Officers, Squadron Commanders and Past District Commanders. Seconded by D/Lt. Walter Spaunburg, S - **CARRIED *****

7. NEW BUSINESS:

SQUADRON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - a few squadrons have not filed with National and D/Lt. Walter McKenna, N will attend to this.

MEMORIAL TO GEORGE COPPIN - Motion made at last meeting and after some discussion it was agreed to leave it as it stands.

OBJECTS OF CPS - D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon noted that the objects were originally stated in 1959 in Article II of By-Law One, 2.01. The objects were "to establish high standards of navigation and seamanship". She was appalled when she found a change was made on June 15, 1991, where "The objectives of CPS are to perpetuate a fraternity of boaters of sufficient numbers, strength and vigour to achieve our ongoing aims of..." was added to the original. Random House Dictionary defines fraternity as "A local or national organization of male students, primarily for social purposes, with secret initiation and rites." There are several other words that could be used instead of fraternity but she feels that one does not need that first introduction to the Objects at all and wonders how everyone else feels about it. She would like to make a motion that the original objectives be used instead of the changed one, as they are in the By-Laws. She does not recall a vote by the general membership at an AGM. There was further discussion and **IT WAS AGREED** that this item is to be put on the District Commander's Agenda to be brought up at the Governing Board Meeting for consideration.

DETROIT POWER SQUADRON 75TH ANNIVERSARY - P/D/C Ken Cucksey commented on the Fall District Conference of District 9, USPS that the Detroit Power Squadron is holding on October 25 and 26. Lew Culver of the Chatham Squadron has agreed to coordinating the hospitality room on Friday night, if we agree to fund it. The question arose as to how much should be spend for food and drinks for the hospitality room.

***** MOTION**

Moved by Cdr. Bert Osterbrook, AP that the District spend up to \$200.00 for the Hospitality Room and refreshments on the Friday night. Seconded by D/Lt. Larry Hicks- **CARRIED *****

P/D/C Ken Cucksey also commented that any brochures or promotional materials from the different Squadrons would be welcome. Some material has been obtained from Chatham and they would welcome other contributions. These can be given to P/D/C Ken Cucksey and he will pass them on to the Detroit Squadron. The conference is to be held at the Troy Marriott Hotel, Big Beaver Rd, Troy, Michigan and for anyone interested in attending, P/D/C Ken Cucksey has information with him.

RENDEZVOUS 1992 -

*** MOTION

Moved by S/L Bill Trudell, S to have District Rendezvous at Leamington on June 26, 27 and 28th, 1992. Seconded by D/Lt. Jay Connor - **CARRIED** ***

It was noted that the City requires a deposit of \$15.00 per slip, a total \$750.00 for 50 slips. It was felt this was an adequate number of slips to reserve at this time. When the deposit is required (it was not certain at this time when they wanted the deposit) D/Lt. Walter McKenna is authorized to issue the cheque. It was also mentioned that there was some confusion at the Rendezvous in Chatham this year with regards to registration and the question was asked if any rules could be set up so this did not happen in Leamington. Discussion took place and D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon said she had helped Bob Marshall with registration and she believes that he wrote detailed reports on the Chatham Rendezvous - perhaps he could be contacted with regard to this.

GOVERNING BOARD NEWSLETTER - is everyone getting it? National have said they are sending it to everybody -if anyone is not getting it please let District Secretary know and she will write to National informing them of these people.

GRADUATIONS - D/C Bob Gallagher has not received any official invitations to attend any of the Graduations or Commander's Balls. He would like to go - if any Squadron would like him to attend please let him know.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE FROM NATIONAL are asking for any information on historical data from the Squadrons and District - a historical display is to be held in Halifax for observation.

GOVERNING BOARD - D/C Bob Gallagher asked if there were any items anyone would like brought up at the Governing Board Meeting. Cdr. Louis Cooke stated that London Squadron would be prepared to mail out the membership dues if National would pay the postage, there has been problems with the membership dues experienced by other Squadrons as well, and perhaps this could solve the problem. This was brought up at the June Meeting and National have promised that it will not happen again - **IT WAS DECIDED** to give them one more chance and see if there is an improvement next year.

D/C BOB GALLAGHER asked if there were any directions on any of the items that came up on the AGM Agenda for the Halifax Convention that was published in the Port Hole - does this Council direct me to vote on any of the issues. D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon asked what was the meaning of "Special" in Annual & Special Meeting, also two people are listed for the Nominating Committee and usually it is three - D/C Bob Gallagher will query at District Commander's Meeting.

ITEMS ON AGENDA

-The 30 days grace period for remitting dues would be dropped

-Motion that the Training Lamp to be worn on the lapel underneath Years of Service Badge and not on the sleeve as now worn. It would also be worn on No. 1 Uniform. Another motion that as CPS is a training institution, it should only be worn by those presently involved in teaching or in the Training Department.

-changed the current Planning Committee Report that was filed at the last meeting so that it responds to the objections voiced at that time.

-recommendation that CPS promote more Hands On Training as given by CYA, and that Squadrons continue with their courses such as basic elements of seamanship on the water. The Planning Committee are looking at ways to introduce this hands on approach.

GENERAL

D/C Bob Gallagher emphasised that D/Lt. Pat Pearson cannot get her job done without information from the Squadrons and that it would be appreciated if attention could be given to this matter.

D/C Bob Gallagher is getting very few Squadron Bridge Minutes of Meetings and asked if each Squadron could make sure he gets copies of these.

Kelly Hansen from London performed a rescue in Sarnia a few years ago and is to receive the highest Medal of Honour from the Governor General. Should we do anything to recognize this rescue?

D/Lt. Walter McKenna stated that it was District Dues time and he has envelopes made up for each Squadron to be given out at end of Meeting.

National Convention - Halifax

***** MOTION**

Moved by P/D/C Ken Cucksey, N that \$500.00 be given to D/C Bob Gallagher for Hospitality Room and refreshments.
Seconded by D/Lt. Brian Govan, AP - **CARRIED *****

*****MOTION**

Moved by D/Lt. Keith Roberts, AP to terminate meeting at 2120. Seconded by P/D/C Frank Kelly, AP -**CARRIED *****

D/Lt. Sarah E. Cooke, District Secretary.