

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

MINUTES OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 26TH, 1992

The Meeting was held at the Super Truck Plaza, London, Ontario, on Sunday, January 26th, 1992. The Meeting was called to order at 1332. D/C Robert Gallagher,N, thanked Cdr. Louis Cooke for arranging the meeting facilities.

1.ROLL CALL:

There were 37 members and guests present. Absent were D/Lt. Walter McKenna, D/Lt. William Anthony, D/Lt. Wm. Linfield, D/Lt. Keith Roberts, D/Lt. Walter Spaunburg, Cdr. Joe Schiefer, Cdr. Hans Van Dyke, and Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler.

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

******Moved** by R/C Doug Wilson,N, seconded by P/D/C Frank Kelly,AP, that the Minutes as published, without being read, be approved.

CARRIED ****

3.BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Business arising from the Minutes was to be taken up during New Business.

4.OFFICER'S REPORTS:

D/C ROBERT GALLAGHER,N - had very little to report, as there had been no major concerns in the District and there had been no Governing Board Meetings.

D/Lt./C BRIAN GOVAN,AP - nothing to report.

D/Lt./C PAULINE MCKINNON,AP - reported that the new Squadron Commander's reporting form is finished and that she has incorporated changes reported previously and has used some ideas from the Vancouver Island District. In particular, reporting on Public Relations has been broken down into two factors, namely Internal events which are meant to achieve member retention and External events which are meant to reach the Public. A copy of this form is on file.

D/C Bob pointed out that there had been much discussion at the Governing Board on forms to simplify the reporting process at both National and District and would like to see the Squadrons use this form for reporting. Copies will be sent out with the Minutes.

D/Lt./C NORMAN SONNENBERG,AP - reported on the District training program to date to be as follows:

Boating: 459 Examinations ordered, 54 DNW, 204 Passed, 18 Failures, 6 All.

Seamanship: 104 Examinations ordered, 5 DNW, 22 Passed, 4 Failures.

Advanced Piloting: 34 Examinations ordered.

Weather: 10 Examinations ordered, 2 Passed.

Marine Electronics: 1 Examination ordered.

Marine Maintenance: 1 Examination ordered.

Note: all examinations have not been written or marked yet.

As was mentioned at the last District Meeting, S/T/O's are required to use Form 2 in order to get the examinations. Feedback is requested on the new Two Part Exam. It seems to be working out pretty well, but would like to know how it was received and if there were any problems in implementing, etc. A note returned with the Examinations would suffice. It is also to be remembered it is not a take home exam. He is still not receiving Newsletters from all the Squadrons and thank you to those who do have his name on the list. He is also very happy with the figures relating to Boating Courses.

R/C Doug Wilson suggested that because of the increase in numbers of DNW's the Squadrons should check if people are going to write or not. D/Lt./C Norm also commented that as the DNW's are not on Form 2, it makes it unfair to other Squadrons as he does not have a record of these people. A student is allowed **ONE** exam and only ONE second chance.

D/C Bob reported (as it is to do with Training) that National is now considering changing the course name "Advanced Sail" to "Offshore Cruising".

D/Lt. WALTER MCKENNA, N - In his absence, D/C Bob reported that the financial statement indicated a Bank balance of \$8,650.36 and no cheques were outstanding as of December 20, 1991.

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

D/Lt. WILLIAM ANTHONY - nothing to report.

D/Lt. GORDON ARGYLE, N - nothing to report.

D/Lt. JAY CONNOR - nothing to report but would like to take the opportunity to offer his assistance in any way to the London Squadron with the London Boat Show. He suggested that the Squadron Commanders approach their members to see if they could be of assistance to the London Squadron, as this Show offers a great opportunity for inter-squadron relations.

D/Lt. LARRY HICKS - Membership through-out the District is presently between the peak summer season, when CPS holds a high profile among recreational boaters, and the now season of looking to the sunny south with great envy to all who journey there and leave us behind to perpetuate the organization. Thus I beg to report no queries from any squadron member or membership officer from Western Ontario District and no communication from National to be passed on to them. Therefore I have little to report except to urge all squadron membership officers to monitor the renewal process when the time arrives. Perhaps in selecting one in every twenty-five members and making a personal call to ask if they have received their renewal, and is there anything the squadron needs to do better to serve their ever changing needs. It would be even more promotive if those members to be called were members who have not been frequent attendees to squadron functions.

D/Lt. BILL LINFIELD - absent, no report.

D/Lt. PAT PEARSON, AP - would like to thank those Squadrons who sent copies of their newsletters and minutes of Squadron meetings. It is much appreciated and she has enjoyed reading them, finding them very informative and quite entertaining at times. Two copies of the November District Newsletter have been sent to each Squadron Commander, one

copy of which should be given to their newsletter editor. Please continue to let me know of any special items you might want included as well.

D/Lt. KEITH ROBERTS, AP - absent, no report.

D/Lt. WALTER SPAUNBURG, S - Absent, but D/C Bob read his report as follows: Our District has had only two reports, both from Goderich, who were given 7 points towards the yearly awards. Last year there were 522 reports nationally from 69 members and 36 Squadrons. Three Districts had no reports at all. We are going to have to work a little harder on this in the coming year.

D/Lt. JACK WITTIG, S - nothing to report.

S/C BOB PARKE, AP - D/Lt./C Brian Govan will report later in the Meeting on the special VHF meeting that took place this morning.

S/Lt. LARRY RHAME - nothing to report.

S/Lt. BILL TRUDELL, S - nothing to report.

5. SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

CHATHAM - Cdr. Bert Osterbrook, AP reported 201 Members, 35 Boating, 7 Seamanship and 9 Weather students. There will be a re-write date for Fall classes on January 29, 1992 at John McGregor High School. The bank balance is approximately \$7,600. The AGM and Change of Watch are March 24, 92 at Venus De Milo Restaurant at 1930, and the Graduation May 2, 1992 at Christ Church Hall at 1800. A VHF Course is planned towards the end of February and another one will be held after the Spring Break. They are very happy with January registrations - small ads did the trick. They have a video tape of approximately 20 min. of the 1991 District Rendezvous in Chatham. They will be supplying local boat dealers with a congratulatory message to be given to purchasers of new boats and an invitation to our Squadron's educational program. The Squadron is planning a handout for the upcoming Chatham Boat Show in February.

ERIE SHORES WEST - E/O Dave Myles reported in Cdr. Joe Schieffer's absence as follows: Membership 137, Boating 21, Seamanship 1 and Marine Elec. 1. Bank balance \$2,224. AGM - March 25, 1992 at Seacliff Hotel at 1900. The Change of Watch and Graduation will be April 4, 1992 at Lions Club, Kingsville at 1900. Courses are coming along well. The Essex students have written exams, all passed except one, who failed the Open Book part.

GODERICH - Cdr. Hans Van Dyke, S absent, no report sent or given.

LONDON - Cdr. Louis Cooke reported 665 Members, 125 Boating, 51 Seamanship, 16 AP, 5 JN and 31 VHF students. The bank balance sits at \$26,964.94. The Change of Watch is on April 6, 1992 and Graduation and Commander's Ball is on May 1, 1992. In spite of the poor economic times we are living in, we have succeeded in maintaining a respectable number of registrations for our classes. Although registration is down, we have managed to improve the number of people passing the examinations. This may be partly due to the 'open book' modification in the Boating classes, but a lot of credit goes to our Training Department. We have continued to develop our social program and have managed to maintain a consistent number of supporters. We anticipate that it will take some time to establish a solid base of support for social activities, however we are moving in the right direction. Traditionally, Graduation and Commander's Ball is seen as the end of the Squadron

year. This year we are planning a program for the calendar year of 1992 with the hope that we might gain better continuity from one Bridge to the next.

SARNIA - Cdr. Norm. Wilson, AP reported membership at 222. There are 78 Boating, 14 Seamanship, 10 Sea. Sail, 6 AP, 1 JN and 1 Nav. students. The bank balance is at \$16,000. The AGM and Change of Watch are on May 8, 1992, 19:30, and Graduation is on June 12, 1992, 19:30, all to be held at the Sarnia Yacht Club. Meet the Students and Social, Loran demonstration and film to be held on February 28th, 1992. Boating and Seamanship classes started in January.

ST. THOMAS - Cdr. Morris Broughton reported Membership at 156. There are 14 Boating, 2 Seamanship, 5 Advanced Pilot and 40 VHF students. The bank balance is \$1900.00. The AGM and Change of Watch are on March 12, 1992 at Knights of Columbus at 2000. Graduation on May 7, 1992 at Last Post Legion, 18:30. Meet the Students Night is on February 6th, 1992 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Wellington St, St. Thomas.

STRATFORD - Cdr. Tom Orr, S reported that membership is at 144. There are 44 Boating, 5 Seamanship, 5 Advanced Pilot and 2 JN students. The Exam is set for Feb 9, 1992 at Central School. The bank balance stands at \$5871.06. The AGM, Change of Watch and Graduation is on May 4, 1992 at the Armories at 19:30. Al Saunders is coming to speak on February 20th, 1992 at 20.00, at the Legion. Saileque will be at Bayfield on June 13, 1992. Family Cruise is at Midland on July 10, 11 and 12th, 1992, and Killarney Cruise in June, 1992. Report on District AGM to be given later under Committee Reports.

TILLSONBURG - Pat Wilson reported in the absence of Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler who apologised for not being at the meeting due to other commitments. Squadron is financially solvent with bank balance of \$5480.16. The membership stands at 265. There are 26 Boating and 8 Seamanship students. The AGM and Change of Watch are on April 2, 1992 at Tillsonburg Fire Hall at 2000. Graduation is on June 6, 1992 at Port Rowan Community at 1800. Meet the Student night went well, as did bus trip to Toronto Boat Show. Preparations for Cruise Night are under way and will be held on March 4, 1992 at the German Club, Woodstock.

WALLACEBURG - Cdr. Richard Ross reported membership at 104. There are 23 Boating and 5 Seamanship students. 20 Boating Course students wrote in December and all passed. They would like to offer their congratulations and thanks to D/T/O Norm Sonnenberg for the speed and promptness in which the exam results were returned to them. The AGM and Change of Watch will be on March 11, 1992 at Oaks Inn at 1900. Graduation is on March 27, 1992 at the Oaks Inn at 1800. Bank balance stands at \$2291.00.

WINDSOR - Cdr. Jerry Holt reported they now have 464 members. There are 33 Boating and 1 Seamanship students now. Recent exam results were 70 Boating and 8 Seamanship students successfully writing their exams. 2 VHF seminars are scheduled for February and April, 1992. Graduation is on February 22, 1992 at Caboto Club at 1800. The AGM and Change of Watch are on April 13, 1992 at Windsor Yacht Club at 2000. The Commander's Ball is on April 25, 1992 at Windsor Yacht Club, Cocktails at 1800 and dinner at 1900. Squadron remains solvent with bank balance of \$11544.00. They are continuing to promote Squadron through the media but it is noticeable that people are feeling the recession. I would personally like to extend an invitation to D/C Bob and his wife to attend our upcoming functions.

6.PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

Immediate P/D/C Ken Cucksey, N - suggested that we should keep up the pressure on the Ontario Government on the Grey Water Issue. He has prepared a letter (copy attached) giving some suggestions on whom to write to regarding this issue. A copy of this letter has been distributed to each Squadron. He also mentioned a letter in the December 91 issue of Porthole under Reader's Forum from a member of the Don Valley Squadron titled "A New Dimension to the Grey Water Issue".

As the District MAREP Officer was not present, he mentioned that the program is alive and well here in Ontario. The AES Coordinator, Ron Fordyce, is hard to catch up to get information, but he understands that the AES has now sent out acknowledgements to everyone that has registered as reporters.

P/D/C Frank Kelly, AP, nothing to report.

R/C Doug Wilson, N - reported that he does not have the final list of nominations yet, but in the next short while will be twisting arms and confirming some of the names that are out of the country at this time.

******Moved** by D/Lt. Gordon Argyle, N, seconded by S/L Bill Trudell, S, that the Reports as given by Officers, Squadron Commanders and Past District Commanders, be accepted.

CARRIED ***

7.COMMITTEE REPORTS:

District AGM 1992 - Stratford:

D/Lt Jack Wittig gave a progress report on behalf of Lt./C Ian Montizambert. Pamphlets together with Victorian Inn brochures were given out to the Squadrons for distribution to the individual members. The meeting aspect of this event has been down played and the "Gala Event" and "HMS Pinafore Weekend" have been emphasized to try and attract a better attendance. Cost per person has been kept to absolute minimum but they still need 200 people to break even. The prime speaker will be the Commanding Officer of SAR of Eastern Canada, Major Rick Hardy of CFB Trenton. They have also arranged for Bernard Dempsey (Scotty) from Wiarton Coast Guard Radio to attend. There will be several exhibits such as OPP, Raeburn Electronics, Canadian Tire, Mustang (META), Coast Guard and Auxiliary, Red Cross, Chartmaster, Georgian Bay Fire & Safety Supplies, as well as our own Regalia. If anyone in the District would like to have an exhibit please let Stratford Squadron know. The Festival Theatre Props and Costume Tour will be conducted by 1st/Lt. Mary Montizambert at no charge. The various meal and accommodation costs are shown on the pamphlet to avoid misunderstanding. Note that the meals are not included in the price of \$35.00 so that anyone who doesn't eat, doesn't pay.

There are still two Hospitality Suites available and they asked that Squadrons (London was suggested as one) think about having one. Maybe two Squadrons could join together to sponsor one.

The finances for the AGM were discussed and as the next District Council is not until March, it was asked that an advance be made to Stratford for seed money for the AGM 1992. Cdr. Tom Orr submitted a tentative budget for the District AGM (District Secretary has it on file).

******Moved** by D/Lt Jack Wittig, seconded by D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon, that \$2,000.00 be advanced to the Stratford Squadron for the 1992 AGM to held in Stratford, April 10, 11 and 12, 1992.

CARRIED ***

It is hoped that the majority of registrations will be in by the next District Meeting on March 6, 1992. D/C Bob reiterated that he would like to see as many Squadrons as possible, even if they went together, have some type of hospitality event.

District Rendezvous 1992 - Leamington:

L/Com Dave Myles reported that the Rendezvous Committee had had a couple of meetings, and the work assignments for hot dogs etc. have been tentatively settled. Sixty are now being held instead of the original 50, as the space is filling up fast. Therefore, a new cheque in the amount of \$900.00 is needed to be dated June 26, 1992, the actual date of the Rendezvous. This replaces the original one of \$750.00.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that invitations should be extended to USPS District 9 and District 29. They would also like to have a copy of the guidelines as to how to judge Rendezvous trophy.

******Moved** by L/Com Dave Myles, seconded by P/D/C Frank Kelly, AP, to re-issue a cheque in the amount of \$900.00 for reservation of 60 slips in Leamington for the District Rendezvous to be held June 26th, 27th and 28th, 1992.

CARRIED ***

Note: This is to replace the \$750.00 previously issued but not cashed.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

-D/C Bob Gallagher stated that he had put D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon's proposal on the Agenda for the Commander's Meeting to be held on February 9th, 1992. and had already got some comments back that "fraternity" has been referred to for years as part of the preamble to our pledge. D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon stated that she was aware of this, but that she objected to the change without going to the general membership and that was her main point.

-There was general discussion on possible amendments to District Regulations to change the representation at District Meetings. The US Power Squadron has a completely different system of representation than we have, and D/C Bob feels their system encourages more individual attendance at the District Conferences. Rather than the Squadron having a blanket vote each delegate has to be there to cast a vote and this encourages Treasurers, Secretaries and other officers of the Squadrons to come to the District Conference. D/C Bob would like permission to discuss this organization structure at the upcoming Commander's Meeting with a view to our District adapting a structure closer to that used by the US Power Squadrons. D/C Bob feels this would benefit the attendance at meetings and the AGM.

******Moved** by D/Lt. Gordon Argyle, N, seconded by Cdr. Louis Cooke, AP, that our D/C Bob Gallagher,N discuss the possible changes of the District Regulations to amend the organizational structure of the District Council at the upcoming Commander's Meeting on February 9, 1992, in Toronto.

CARRIED ****

Change of Watch and AGM: most of the dates have been submitted and D/C Bob will call each Commander to make arrangements for someone to be present if he has conflict of dates.

Notice of AGM and Method of Mailing: The District Secretary wishes to know whether the Notice for AGM is to be done by individual mailing or to be inserted into Squadron Newsletters. R/C Doug Wilson pointed out that he had not received 100% response to his request for the names of the editors of the newsletters since our previous meeting and he feels this should now be discussed for implementation next year. He does not have the nomination report ready at this time because there are some people out of the country and cannot confirm their agreement to serve. R/C Doug refuses to stroke them off the list because they are away. The Notice of Meeting and Nomination List has to be mailed 14 days prior to the meeting which means around the 27th March, 1992. There was some disappointment among the Squadrons as they had made arrangements to put this Notice in their Newsletter to be sent out in good time. The final conclusion was that it be left with D/C Bob to further discuss this with R/C Doug Wilson, but that next year the Nomination Committee should have things well in hand for mailing through the Squadrons.

District Newsletter - Reminder to please give newsletters, minutes, etc. to Pat Pearson, she needs them to send out newsletters from the District.

Invitations to the District AGM: it was suggested that invitations should be sent to the neighbouring Districts and to the USPS District 9 and District 29. It was pointed out that this will cost the District money to entertain these guests.

*****Moved** by Cdr. Tom Orr,S, seconded by D/Lt. Gordon Argyle,N, that the District Secretary issue invitations to the four Districts that abut our District, namely Georgian Bay - Trent, Niagara, 9, and 29, to attend the District AGM in Stratford, stating that the Western Ontario District would cover the costs of the Conference but that they would be responsible for their own hotel accommodation. A registration form is to be enclosed with the invitation.

CARRIED ***

D/C Bob would like to arrange to have a P/D/C look after any guests who might be at the AGM. This was agreeable to everyone so he will go ahead with some arrangements.

Officer Training Program: Last Fall it was discussed briefly that an officer's training seminar would be organized, going through the Operation's Manual with new and perspective officers. This is the time of year when it should be held, when the new officers are coming on board. The Commanders should supply a list of officers so that something can be set up in each area. It might be worthwhile to have some old officers attend so that they can add their expertise. D/C Bob would like to do this before the new officers come in, preferably before the AGM as a separate meeting.

Membership Dues: The new dates for dues billing are as follows: 20th Mar, billing sent; 30th April, dues are due; 31st May, final day for dues without reinstatement fee; 15th June, must be submitted to National. There are 5 pages of changes to the Bylaws to institute this change. That will be on the Governing Board Meeting - February 9th, 1992.

Copies of District Newsletters: Pat Pearson is sending a copy of District Newsletter to each Squadron and hopefully these are being put in the Squadron newsletters. This saves a lot of postage as if it was done separately there are approximately 2500 members to mail to.

Official History Officer: National has again asked to have an Historian appointed from each District to liaise with each Squadron History Officer. Some Squadrons have one but it is suggested that all should appoint one. Maybe this could be considered when nominations are done.

A Computer Expert has been appointed at National to do a full analysis on all the Squadrons from the data they have at Headquarters. The objective of this is to try and analyze the retention rate and whether small or large Squadrons are better at retention and communicating within the Squadron.

Grey Water: The Sewell Commission are having Public hearings all across Ontario and had one in London at the beginning of January. These hearings are on planning and development application reform in Ontario. However, they have included some peripheral environmental issues. There has been a section (Lake, Ravine and Cottage country) drafting recommendations that directly impact on boating. Some of their recommendations are:

"Municipalities shall ensure pump out facilities at all Marinas served by boats with head facilities, and sewage will be disposed of and treated in centres. Availability to treat pump out waste in municipal facilities will be a condition of any new Marina development."

"To ensure the safe use and enjoyment of water and to protect the natural environment Municipalities will have the ability and responsibility to control and regulate:

- a) the operation of boating, including speed, wake and noise. Provide adequate anchorages for transient boats and will do locations, setbacks from shorelines and separation of boats - this will all be legislated. Will also legislate on any other uses on the water within the Municipality.
- b) Regulations, either Municipal or Provincial, will require that boats discharge no 'black water' and the discharge of 'grey water' will be severely limited."

Note: The Ministry of Environment is saying "no grey water" and Ministry of Municipal Affairs is saying "limited grey water". These are only draft proposals of the Sewell Commission.

Guidelines for Official Guests: National has sent out a list (18 points) on how to treat visiting National representatives at any functions they may attend. The District Secretary has sent a copy of this to Stratford for their information re the 1992 AGM.

9. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

D/Lt. Jay Connor stated that last year Doug Wilson, Les Reading and himself worked on several courses and Doug Wilson appointed him the man in charge of the supplementary education programmes for the National. The National body was supposed to put something in the Port Hole but so far nothing has been done. There are a dozen different courses that are available to the members covering water skiing, boat design, boat insurance etc. Anyone wishing to offer courses, please talk to Jay, as they are available from National.

D/Lt/C **Norm Sonnenberg,AP** spoke about training programmes, refresher courses, etc. There are people available at National who will come and do this. He also pointed out that the District is supposed to have a District Youth Officer now. Also the prerequisite for AP has been expanded to include any of the Seamanship courses (Seamanship, Sea Sail or Sea Power).

D/Lt/C **Brian Govan,AP** said that at the last National Meeting it was mention that the Dept. of Communications would no longer conduct the oral examination in Ontario, which is true in some DOC offices. As a result, our District VHF Officer called a meeting today at 1030 this morning; 65 people were invited and 15 showed up. It was a good meeting and the following conclusions were reached:

Regulations for a Marine Radio Operators Restricted Certificate required that oral and written examinations be given. CPS regulations require that if CPS is involved in the VHF course, then the CPS course material must be used. The volunteer examiners for VHF do not work for CPS but for the DOC so they are required by the DOC regulations to conduct a written and oral examination and the instructors in VHF are required by CPS regulations to use CPS material. The conclusion of the meeting this morning was **"IN THIS DISTRICT ORAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS WILL BE USED BEFORE A CERTIFICATE IS SIGNED"**. Cdr. Tom Orr commented that at the morning meeting it was said that not only was Squadron material to be used, but also that the Squadron was to bring someone from within District outside their own Squadron to assist in the examinations. Brian Govan said that the District has an examination procedure with appointed examiners, and the intent is that District examiners would be used in order to help co-ordinate examinations and to conduct them in the various Squadrons, the purpose of which was to provide a uniformity throughout our District.

******Moved** by Cdr. Tom Orr, seconded by Cdr. Jerry Holt, that the District encourage as strongly as possible all Squadrons teaching VHF courses, to use the CPS's prescribed material and utilize District members to assist in the examinations.

CARRIED ***

IT BEING SO NOTED: Sarnia - CONTRARY to above Motion.

******Moved** by S/L Bill Trudell,S, and seconded by P/Cdr. Jack Pearson,AP, to terminate the meeting at 1513.

CARRIED ****