

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS  
WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

MINUTES OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
401 Truck Stop, London, Ontario.  
21 March,1993

The Meeting was called to order at 1332.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

There were approximately 44 members and guests present. Absent were D/Lt. Walter McKenna, D/Lt. Richard Ross, D/Lt. Jay Connor, D/Lt. Pat Pearson, D/Lt. Christopher Borgal, Cdr. Larry Bell, Cdr. Tom Orr, Cdr. Duncan MacLennon, P/D/C Harvey Manser, P/D/C Robert G. Lee and P/D/C Earl Speller.

Present

D/C Brian Govan, <u>AP</u>	D/Lt/C Pauline McKinnon, <u>AP</u>	D/Lt/C Norman Sonnenberg, <u>AP</u>
D/Lt/C Bill Anthony	D/Lt Sarah E. Cooke	D/Lt Norman Wilson, <u>AP</u>
D/Lt Larry Hicks,S	D/Lt Keith Roberts, <u>AP</u>	D/Lt Walter Spaunburg
D/Lt Bill Trudell,S	D/Lt. Jack Wittig,S	Cdr Joe Schiefer,S
Cdr Harold Pryce	Cdr Tony Pritchard, <u>AP</u>	Cdr Robert Thompson
Cdr Ted Ball	Cdr Eric Hatzenbuhler,S	Cdr Bruce Wightman, <u>AP</u>
Imd P/D/C Robert Gallagher, <u>N</u>	P/D/C Fulton Charlton, <u>AP</u>	S/Lt. Larry Rhame

Guests

P/D/C Vern Gray, <u>AP</u>	P/D/C Frank Kelly, <u>AP</u>	P/D/C Gerald C. Kirkland,JN
R/C Doug Wilson, <u>N</u>	P/D/C Ken Cucksey, <u>N</u>	Lt/C Horst Ammann

Lt/C Evelyn Wightman	1st Lt Mary Pritchard	1st Lt Robert Burns
1st Lt Karen Connor	1st Lt Joe Gatfield	1st Lt Mark Hoorelbeck
1st Lt Jim Kerr	1st Lt Peter Parliament	1st Lt Howard Wilhelm
1st Lt Mary Lou Krestel	1st Lt Pat Wilson	R/C Les Reading
S/C Robert Parke, <u>AP</u>	P/Cdr Jack Beemer	P/Cdr Lou Cooke, <u>AP</u>
P/Cdr Anne Spaunburg	Jean Kirkland	Donna Gallagher
Wilma Charlton		

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes dated January 24,1992.

Item 3: D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon stated that copy of proposed 1993-1994 Budget attached to these Minutes was not the one she requested - the revised Budget was attached.

\*\*\*\*MOVED by D/Lt/C Norman Sonnenberg, AP, seconded by D/Lt/C Bill Anthony, to approve the Minutes as printed. CARRIED \*\*\*\*

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting.

**4. OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**D/C BRIAN GOVAN, AP** reported that District was represented at Governing Board Meeting in Toronto by myself, S/C Ken Cucksey as a general Member and D/Lt./C Pauline McKinnon as an observer. Many matters were discussed and he thought it was a very productive meeting. A few points were mentioned as follows:

CBC is putting on a "Boat Pro" Program which is going to be in two sections "Boatwise" and "Cottage Country".

TSN -1 hour Boating Quiz and CPS is involved in this.

As a matter of interest to many of us who are fishing folk the new Sportsman's Card for Fishing, there are 1.2 million sent out, this gives a good revenue to the Ontario Government.

Proposed New Pledge: D/Cs were in favour of this, all with the exception of two Districts in B.C. and hence the Governing Board would like the reassurance that all Squadrons have had the opportunity to look at and discuss the rationale for this new Pledge proposal. A copy of this has been given to all Squadron Commanders present. Read the Pledge as prepared for the D/C's Committee. Any comments on this will be dealt with under "New Business" if anyone cares to comment on this.

Attended the St. Thomas AGM which is the first one of the season and there are more coming up.

D/LT./C PAULINE MCKINNON, AP attended the Governing Board Meeting on the weekend of February 5 which was interesting and informative. Had a sample of a brochure printed by Quebec Squadrons, the cost was covered by 5 Advertisers and there was \$1500 left over to buy a training video. A description of the Boating Course is given, other courses are listed. There are 4 Districts listed with a total of 36 Squadrons. There is a telephone number given for each Squadron. A very attractive brochure and available to anyone who is interested in seeing it.

Attended Graduation in Windsor and pledged in new Members.

R/C Charles Troika wrote to inquire about the International Rendezvous, Bob Burns has expressed an interest in working with him. I called Don Slater of Leamington to see if he would be interested in taking charge of such a venture, he is to get back with a response. Bill Anthony has all the correspondence on this.

**D/LT./C BILL ANTHONY** - reported that Ship's Wheel is at the London Boat Show and therefore not at this Meeting. He has been in contact with the Seminar Leaders for the Annual District Meeting both phone and letter. On March 10 had the honour of representing District Commander Govan at the Wallaceburg Annual General Meeting and Change of Watch.

**D/LT./C NORM SONNENBERG, AP** reported that at last Meeting DNW were coming down but was in error as the numbers have shot up alarmingly. As of March 17, 1993 District numbers of Passes is 266 Boating, Failed 26, DNW 59 giving a total of 351. 405 Exams were ordered, what happened to the balance?

Seamanship- 64 Exams all Exam 31/92, 3 failed Part #1 Open Book Part, 5 failed Part #2 Closed Book Part. 35 Exams Part #1 showed an average mark 88.8%, 31 Exams Part #2 showed an average mark 87.4%. Balance marks both parts 90% and over. Most marks lost by not drawing arc on distance off, by not doing TVMDC and by not using Deviation according to Ships Heading, this is a Boating Course calculation. AP -12 Passed, 3 Failures Part #2, 1 Failure All. More to write. Weather - 2 Pass, 2 Fail. Sea Power - to write. Sea Sail - to write. Marine Electronics - in progress, to date 5 Passed, 5 Failed. Marine VHF Totals from Bob Parke AP in his Report.

Form 20 - last due Form was Feb 1, 1993 and on January 15, 1993 mailed one to each Squadron Training Officer in case they were not aware this was due. All but one Squadron complied by Feb 10, 1993 and after 3 phone calls to this Squadron's Training Officer still do not have an answer. If any training is in progress I do not have Exams in stock for them and will have to get them on special order.

Received from Headquarters a Port Captain's list, will forward them to person in charge.

Received from National Training Department a form to list Instructors and Proctors to Headquarters, what are the feelings on this? Personal feeling is why does National need to be involved with Squadron business? Will be sending out a letter in the near future. Congratulated all Squadrons on a job well done with their Instructors, a big improvement.

Recession has effected all of us in this Organization as to enrolment etc. It is imperative that we overcome this loss by the possibility of putting on Seminars to boost promotion of our fine Association. Example would be Boat Wise, Marine Electronics etc.

There is Course Development in the near future:

1. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT Seminar style booklet, should be ready May, 1993.
2. BOAT PRO Boating Seminar 4 lessons, May, 1993. A video is planned with this one. It is designed to appeal to

Cottagers, Hunters and Fishermen.

3. Marine Maintenance is being rewritten.
4. All courses are being updated as to Exams and any new ones are in stock now.
5. Boating - Piloting - Advanced Piloting are being worked on now by the Education Committee as well as JN and N.

**D/LT. SARAH E. COOKE** - reported that no list of Delegates for the AGM have been received to date.

**D/LT. WALTER MCKENNA, N** - D/Lt. Sarah Cooke gave report in his absence. Reported a balance of \$5,753.84 as of January 24, 1993, receipts \$1,071.39 giving total of \$6,825.23, expenditures \$2,331.27, leaving a bank balance as of March 21, 1993 of \$4,493.96.

\*\*\*\*MOVED by D/Lt. Walter Spaunburg, seconded by Cdr. Bob Thompson, to accept Treasurer's Report as read.

CARRIED \*\*\*\*

**D/LT. RICHARD ROSS, S** - absent.

**D/LT. NORM WILSON, AP** - nothing to report.

**D/LT. JAY CONNOR, S** - absent.

**D/LT. LARRY HICKS, S** - progress being made in presentation for Workshop at the AGM in Windsor. Thanked all who participated in the Booth at the London Boat Show.

**D/LT. PAT PEARSON, AP** - absent, mailed report. There are three Squadrons planning Boatwise Programs - Chatham, London and Stratford - if there are others please let me know. London is offering it to a Cub Group. I have ordered a Boatwise Manual for the Girl Guide Group from the Chatham Area Division. Would appreciate a follow-up report on the completion of the Boatwise Programs. "Sent a report to R/C Mary MacMillan of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, who is National Director of the Boatwise Program. She sent a reply stating she has done a lot of work with the Cubs and Scouts and is pleased with our interest in the Course.

**D/LT. KEITH ROBERTS, AP** - reported that since the last District Meeting a lot of time has been devoted to organizing our involvement in the London International Boat Show. On behalf of all the Squadron in Western Ontario District, I want to thank D/Lt Jay Connor and S/C Bob Parke for planning and building our display - it looks great. Thanks also to London, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Stratford, Goderich and Erie Shores Squadrons for helping to staff the booth. Goderich is to be commended on the pamphlet they supplied.

The magazine "Boat Guide" wanted us to place an ad in their London Boat Show edition - National would pay half - but I declined due to the budget restraints. However National went ahead with a full page ad and the magazine devoted a full page to CPS activities including the new Boat Pro Manual for Non-Boaters. "Boat Guide" has donated 150 magazines for our AGM in Windsor.

**D/LT. WALTER SPAUNBURG** - reported that the Boating Season will be here soon and is asking the Commanders and Marep Weather Officers to try and increase the number of Weather Reporters in your Squadrons. The greater the number the more accurate the Reports will be and coming from different locations on the Weather Channels.

He brought a set of Sailing Directions for each Squadron's Marep Hydrographic Officer. They are not up to date so would like to have them updated in your own words and report them to Canadian Hydrographic Service. This is another program we report on as well as Charts and small craft facilities.

**D/LT. BILL TRUDELL, S** - nothing to report.

**D/LT. JACK WITTIG, S** - nothing to report.

**D/LT. CHRISTOPHER BORGAL, S** - absent, no report.

**S/C ROBERT PARKE, AP** - reported that to date in this Training Year we have had 129 persons pass in 7 Examinations. There

are 6 more Exams scheduled plus at least 3 more tentative. Arrangements have been made for the Two Speakers from the Coast Guard and Vessel Traffic Services to address the VHF seminar to discuss the 1993 Regulations with regards to Radio Traffic for both pleasure and commercial vessels in restricted waters.

Suggested that Squadrons draw attention to the article in the Port Hole with Channel 9 now being designated as the Calling Channel for the NorthEastern States. This will be discussed at the Seminar.

**S/LT LARRY RHAME** - nothing to report.

#### **5. SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:**

**NOTE:** Time is expressed using the 24 hour system without the word "hours". (Section 5, 5.3.3)

Examples:

0900 not 0900 hours or 9:00 a.m.

1730 not 1730 hours or 7:30 p.m.

**CHATHAM** - Cdr. Larry Bell absent, D/C Brian Govan read report.

**ERIE SHORES WEST** - Cdr. Joe Schiefer gave report. District Meeting hosted by Eric Shores on May 19, 1993 at the Lions Clubhouse in Kingsville (see Map attached to Minutes).

**GODERICH** - Cdr. Harold Pryce gave report.

**LONDON** - Cdr. Tony Pritchard gave report.

**SARNIA** - Cdr. Bob Thompson gave report.

**ST. THOMAS** - Cdr. Ted Ball gave report.

**STRATFORD** - Cdr. Tom Orr absent, no report.

**TILLSONBURG** - Cdr. Eric Hatzenbuhler gave report.

**WALLACEBURG** - Cdr. Duncan MacLennan absent, no report.

**WINDSOR** - Cdr. Bruce Wightman gave report. Gave update on plans for AGM - Windsor. 85 Registration to date. USPS will have a Hospitality Suite. Discussed new Banner and this to be brought up under "New Business". He also stated that RJR Expedite Services would transport the Booth anywhere in Ontario at no charge provided they were given 2 - 3 weeks notice.

Note: The above reports available for perusal from District Secretary.

#### **6. PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORTS:**

**Immediate P/D/C Robert Gallagher, N** had nothing to report.

**P/D/C Vern Gray, AP** - nothing to report.

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

**P/D/C Gerald C. Kirkland, JN** - nothing to report.

**R/C Doug Wilson, N** - spoke about Training Department. Turkey Point is 200 years old this Summer and one of the special activities planned is a Boat Parade on July 17 off Turkey Point. They would like to get as many boats as possible to participate and try and get into Guinness Book of Records - anyone interested see me for a brochure.

**P/D/C Fulton Charlton, AP** - thanked Bob Gallagher and Ken Cucksey for their work on the Nomination Report in his absence.

**S/C Ken Cucksey, N** - reported that Bob Thompson should write directly to the National Treasurer and he will give the answer needed. Made mention that he reported on the quality of Ship's Store supplies and National is looking into ways of improving the quality of items. Squadron Commander's Kits have been completed now and all Squadron Commanders should have received these by now in response to their sending in their Squadron List of Officers, if you have not received a kit maybe the list had not been sent in.

**D/C Brian Govan** stated that at the Governing Board Meeting a list of Instructors and Proctors from each Squadron was requested to be sent to Headquarters. Kurt Schickedanz wanted this list so that he could send information directly to Instructors and Proctors.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion took place on the Resolutions to be brought up before the AGM and IT WAS DECIDED no vote by Ballot would take place, show of hands only. AGM Committee (Windsor) will prepare 89 Delegate Cards for the purpose of counting votes.
- b) Cdr. Bob Thompson raised the question regarding expenses and what did National pay for. Basically the Districts pay their own expenses and National will pick up the deficit. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic.
- c) There was a matter that came up at the District Commander's Meeting regarding the establishment of a Marketing Department. One of the District Commanders wrote to V/C Herb Mitton saying it was a good idea and what about having a full time Marketing person rather than someone from the Bridge, as a result of this letter V/C Mitton wrote to all the District Commanders asking what they thought of the idea. D/C Brian Govan replied that he thought someone should be hired full time in Headquarters. Subsequently C/C Dyck replied that this was not what he had in mind and he thought someone on National could do it after the reorganization of the Bridge. National, through the various Committees, is looking at ways to enlarge the scope of our approach to the Public and to ways of increasing revenue other than increasing dues.
- d) S/C Ken Cucksey reported that the Policy Manual is not ready yet and hopes it will be ready at the next Committee Meeting.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- a) Cdr. Bruce Wightman asked for a Motion on purchasing a Canadian Power and Sail Squadron Banner with Western Ontario District on the bottom to be used at al) AGM's and any District events. Had obtained a quote of \$375.00 including taxes for a 20 ft x 3 ft White Background with Blue lettering on All Weather material. This was discussed and it was agreed that one should be purchased but further quotes would be obtained. Windsor will check with Chatham, Leamington and Stratford as to whether they have a banner. Question was asked as to why it could not be paid out of Conference Funds but it was stated that either it was to be a break even situation or make a profit. District Secretary has no record of any limitations being placed on the Budget.
- b) D/Lt. Keith Roberts reported that he and Bob Parke were approached by a member of the Grand Bend Harbour Committee about CPS conducting weekend seminars in Grand Bend this Spring. There was a lengthy discussion on this and P/D/C Fulton Charlton told of his experience when they had been approached in a similar manner. All courses would be chargeable and an example given was "Boat Pro" and charging \$15.00. It was thought to be a good idea and the final decision was left to Keith Roberts. It was mentioned that there could be a problem getting people to instruct the courses. R/C Doug Wilson was asked to speak on Courses and he did.
- c) D/C Brian Govan stated that all Bridge Officers should have a copy of the Operations Manual - this Manual has everything you need to know in it.

\*\*\*\* MOVED by P/C Brian Govan, seconded by D/Lt Bill Trudell that the Meeting be terminated at 1545.  
CARRIED \*\*\*\*

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