

CANADIAN POWER & SAIL SQUADRONS

WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

Minutes of the Western Ontario District Meeting  
Sunday, November 19, 1995  
Wardsville, Ontario

The meeting came to order at 1335.

Roll call sheets were passed around for attendance.

\*\*\*\*Moved by Keith Roberts, seconded by Evelyn Wightman, that the Minutes of September 20, 1995 be accepted as distributed.  
Carried.

District Commander's Report

A special thanks to D/A/O J. Connor for organizing the Officer Training programme held on Saturday, November 18, 1995 at the Masonic Hall, Wardsville.

D/C Jack requested that Squadron Commanders who have guests with them today to introduce them at the time of their reports.

Western Ontario District has slipped to third place in size, we are only 13 members behind York West - our total is 2,358 members.

D/C Jack has requested that we need an Electronics Communications Officer and Joe Essery has volunteered to take this post.

D/Lt Al Hinge passed out the booklets, "Yare Cruising and Enviro Boater" to the members for a look at them. D/C Jack also asked if anyone has seen the "Knotty Pro Book"?

R/C Arild Jensen A\_P is putting together an Electronics Navigation Course. It is being field tested now. It costs \$85.00 and must be returned with a critique on the whole course. Only 100 of these are going out and if anyone is interested can contact D/C Jack.

D/C Jack would like to see an Environmental Officer for the District. It should be someone who has had "hands on" exposure to environmental issues. At the next meeting, he will ask if there is anyone who would be interested in this position.

The Port Hole is going to change. Its new home will be the centrefold of the new magazine "Today's Boating". It will be free to all Squadron members and will retain its own cover. It will be launched at the Toronto Boat Show in January 1996.

D/Jack has stated that at the Governing Board meeting, it was passed that we are now allowed to have our own District Pennant.

D/C Jack confirmed that Seamanship has been officially changed to Piloting.

Student grading was defeated and deferred to the 1996 GB meeting and this will be one of the battles coming up.

D/C Jack has requested that the Merit Marks be in his hands well before the end of December, 1995.

For our information, if and when the existing home of National Headquarters sells in Scarborough, the National Headquarters will be housed in Barrie, Ontario.

D/C Jack has asked all Squadron Commanders take back to the Squadron Meeting a request that each Squadron join the CPS Foundation Honour Roll. He has requested an answer by the next District Meeting in January 1996. P/C/C Art Charles from the CPS Foundation has requested that as many Squadrons as possible join this Foundation by donating \$1.00 per member from each Squadron to carry on the important work that the CPS Foundation does.

D/E/O Norm Sonnenberg's Report

D/E/O Norm attended the National AGM as well and represented us at two meetings. His concern: Are all Squadrons teaching with up to date material? He felt a lot of Squadrons are teaching with old material and wanted to ensure that our Squadrons are teaching with new material.

D/T/O Tony Pritchard's Report

D/T/O Tony did an extensive report on the "Gathering" with National in Toronto and if any Commander would like to view this report it is with the District Secretary. He thanked the Squadrons for their input for the National AGM. In his Training Officer's report, there are two points to mention here:

- a) Graduates of Piloting will have the Grade "P" while graduates of the Seamanship course will retain "S"
- b) The boating exam this year will be the same format as last year, that is two hour open book exam and two hour closed book exam.

D/C Jack will appoint Pat Pearson and Gary Hendricks as Staff Lieutenants to assist in the Training Department.

District Secretary - D/Lt Marv Montizambert - no report

District Administrative Officer's Report - D/Lt/C J. Connor- no report except that he has indicated that National has produced an Index for Operational Manuals and has ordered these for Squadron Commanders.

District Treasurer - D/Lt Bill Macklin gave his report and is on file with the District Secretary.

District PRO Officer - D/Lt Al Hinge conducted a meeting of the Squadrons PRO officers before the District Meeting.

- ☞ A marketing and PR committee has been contracted to assist in all aspects of CPS marketing and public relations. It is called Leonard Knott Company and we will be hearing from them in the months ahead.
- ☞ A new and improved media kit will be available soon from CPS. It has everything you want to know about interacting with the Media.
- ☞ The next poster contest is on the "drawing board" and will be around the theme of "knots". More details in the new year.
- ☞ D/Lt Al will be chairing an ad hoc committee to design and produce a Western Ontario District Pennant. The committee will consist of Mary Montizambert and Walter Evans and will be planning this immediately.

\*\*\*Motion by Rod Wraith, seconded by Joe Gatfield, that we proceed with the creation of a District Pennant and that the Ad Hoc Committee have authority to do this. Carried.

- ☞ D/Lt Al mentioned that D/Lt Rod Wraith, Marep Communications Officer got his "JN" - congratulations.

Marep Officer (W) - D/Lt Evelyn Wightman thanked everyone for winning the award of weather reporting members.

Marep (fi) & Communications - D/Lt Rod Wraith - Once you are registered as a weather reporter you are identified on the data base by your call sign.

Membership - D/Lt Clair Pearce - attended National AGM and has a list of 26 reasons to join CPS.

Boat Shows - D/Lt Morris Broughton - no report. However, Joe Gatfield stated that Windsor has developed a liaison officer on their bridge being next door to Detroit. He mentioned that the Detroit Boat Show is February 3-11, 1996 and Windsor will be volunteering in this show. Al Hinge suggested that we put this event in our newsletters.

Port Captains - D/Lt Larry Hicks - no report

USPS Liaison D/Lt Lew Culver - no report

Youth - D/Lt Greg Delmotte - is in touch with the Cubs and Scouts to do "Be Boatwise". Will obtain more information on this.

Editor/Rules & Regulations - D/Lt Ian Montizambert - the first issue of "ATD" - "Around the District" was distributed and Ian hopes to receive and develop more information for the future issues with the help of the Squadrons' input.

VHF Radio - D/Lt Keith Roberts - November 16th is a date for VHF course being held in London.

P/D/C Bill Anthony - no report, however, P/D/C Brian Govan was supposed to pass a message along to us but forgot what it was!

\*\*\*Motion by Keith Roberts, seconded by Karen Connor, that we move to accept the only P/D/C's report as presented. Carried.

\*\*\*Motion by Joe Gatfield, seconded by Evelyn Wightman, that the District Officer's reports be accepted. Carried.

The Squadrons Reports were presented orally and copies were left with the District Secretary.

\*\*\*Motion by Norm Sonnenberg, seconded by J. Connor, that the reports be accepted as submitted. Carried.

\*\*\*Motion by Joe Gatfield, seconded by Frank Kelly, that the conference meeting be closed. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING  
November 19, 1995.

District Council Meeting opened at 1612.

\*\*\*Motion by Rod Wraith, seconded by Joe Gatfield, that we advance to Eric Shores Squadron the sum of \$500.00 for the District AGM in April 1996. Carried.

Next meeting for the District is Sunday, January 21, 1996 in Ingersoll.

\*\*\*Motion by Ian Montizambert, seconded by Al Hinge, that the Council meeting be closed. Carried.

Time: 1625.

D/Lt Mary Montizambert  
District Secretary