

Western Ontario District Conference/Council Meeting  
January 18, 1998, St. Thomas, Ontario

Meeting called to order at 1333.

**1) Roll Call:**

District Officers

D/C J. Connor	D/Lt/C Larry Hicks	D/Lt/C Rod Wraith	D/Lt/C Tony Pritchard
D/Lt Joe Gatfield	D/Lt Kelvin Elvidge	D/Lt Jerry Menard	D/Lt Peter Brull
D/Lt Al Hinge	D/Lt Jerry Pinnegar	D/Lt Anne Ryall	P/D/C Bob Gallagher
P/D/C Jack Wittig	P/D/C Gerry Kirkland	P/D/C Brian Govan	D/Lt Patricia Pearson
P/D/C R.G. Lee	P/D/C Frank Kelly		

Delegates

Cdr Brian Lee	Cdr Mark Labadie	Cdr Jim Birch	Cdr Paul Campbell
Cdr John Clifford	Cdr Tom Sutherland	Cdr Nick Baratta	Lt/C Iris Martens
1st Lt Eric Mueck	P/C Jack Pearson	Lt/C Ron Boire	1st Lt Jim Coombs
P/C Karen Connor	Lt/C Joan Hicks	1st Lt Judy Ladouceur	Jean Kirkland

**2) Approval of November 23, 1997 minutes:**

\*\*\*Moved by P/D/C Frank Kelly, seconded by D/Lt Al Hinge that the minutes of the November 23, 1997 meeting be approved with the note that the money paid to P/D/C Jack Wittig for phone calls was not for London Rendezvous 1998.

\*\*\*Carried

**3) Business Arising from Minutes:** None

**4) Correspondence:** D/C J Connor instructed Brian Birch regarding the change in the way membership dues are collected. The response from the squadrons is that we do not want this type of program for the District. 40% or better thought that it took too much away from the Membership Officer and too much away from the Squadron in a personal touch. D/C J Connor also received a note from the Sonnenberg family regarding his passing and thanked the District for its support.

**5) Reports of the District Officers:**

D/C J. Connor: Indicating a loss of \$15,000 at national level. A motion by D/Lt/C Rod Wraith, seconded by Cdr Mark Labadie to pay D/Lt/C Larry Hicks lodging at national(Passed). A Budget must be submitted to national for training. Nominating Committee complete. Sadly regrets to inform passing of P/D/C Norm Sonnenberg on Dec. 13, 1997. P/D/C Frank Kelly and D/Lt/C Rod Wriath have achieved full certificate status. USPSD-9 in March. At next meeting, all District Officers bring 3 copies of their reports.

D/Lt/C Larry Hicks(D/E/O): There should be a format developed for doing the AGM. Would like to finds ways to keep the price of AGM down but still provide a value to those who want to attend. This would allow better or more interesting speakers.

D/Lt/C Rod Wraith (D/A/O: Officer Training Program - Commanders thought 29 people might be willing to take. Will approach people today for teaching. This is a one day deal, possibly before the next district meeting. Due to a schedule conflict - Officer training has been set for Wardsville on March 14th. Thanks to St. Thomas for hosting today.

D/Lt/C Tony Pritchard(D/T/O): Needs the Form 20 from January registrations immediately. Send them to Tony or Pat. If no registrants in January, need to know that too. There is a trend for more DNW but those who do write are passing. From V/C Dave Durword, National Training Officer, new class of membership to meet demand for shorter more concise courses. There is a CPS associate membership available. Boat pro will be altered in the future to satisfy mandatory training requirement. Previous Boat Pro will qualify for Associate Membership. Ride Smart will be absorbed into the new boat course. Boat Pro updated and available for September 1998. New GPS seminar will be ready for January. There are no instructor notes in this. This is aimed at general public, this is a public course. Would like to offer the services of this District for teaching the 2 part course as a test group for National. Would like approval for travel expenses for Pat to go to National Training Meet!

ing in March.

D/Lt Joe Gatfield(D/Treas.): Between now and next meeting, we will go through most if not all postage, stationary, and boat show budgets. Thanked Squadron for their dues checks. Any and all expenses be prepared for the next meeting in March to get the books to the Auditor.

D/Lt Kelvin Elvidge(D/Secy.): D/C J Connor and I viewed and decided to purchase a 486 AST 800 Laptop computer for use by the district bridge. This will be available to be picked up before the next meeting. The price is \$799 plus \$50 for a 14,400 baud modem and a carrying case. The store will install Windows 3.11 and DOS. Supply is much lower than demand and this computer will do what we want and need it to do for the next several years.

D/Lt Al Hinge (D/PRO): Communicate with students and friends and media contacts to maintain interest. Commanders make certain that Public Relations Officers have PR manuals "the book". Deadline for co-op advertising is coming up by April 30. Make sure necessary people to get PROMOTO.

D/Lt Ron Jones(D/Membership)(absent) From D/C J Connor: District membership 2597 members as of year end. Squadron Training Officers to urge all to write and asked Squadron Executive Officers to talk to the students in the class to urge membership. Work on retaining members when the dues come out shortly.

D/Lt Jerry Pinnegar(D/Boat Show): Registered with boat show booth 438 in London, same as previous year. Request for volunteers from Squadrons March 26 to 29.

D/Lt Keith Roberts(D/VHF): .No activity in VHF since last meeting. Would like exam dates from Squadrons to put dates together. April 1, 1998, no paper copies of manuals and literature available through Industry Canada. Anyone not using the CPS manual better get copies of Industry Canada manual prior to April 1.

D/Lt Patricia Pearson(D/A/T/O): No Report

D/Lt Jerry Menard(D/Marep W): no report

D/Lt Jeff Evans(D/Enviro.): Absent

D/Lt Valerie Gujban(D/Youth): Absent

D/Lt Ann Ryall(D/Marep Hydro): Received 10 reports from Les Reading. He has sent 3 additional reports and all have been sent to Canadian Hydrographics in Burlington.

D/Lt Peter Brull(D/Port Captain): Port Captain rosters updated and have new version. Please ask current Port Captain for the names and addresses of Port Captains that will be changing, adding or deleting.

D/Lt Lew Culver(D/USPS Liaison): Absent from D/Lt/C Tony Pritchard: He is going ahead with the USPS-D9 hospitality suite on March 20-22. He had budgeted \$450 and will request that at council. He asked Squadrons to bring pennants and asked them to be given to Cdr Mark Labadie and will return them after.

S/Lt Peter Steeves(D/Elect. Comm): Absent

\*\*\*Motion made by Cdr Paul Campbell, seconded by P/D/C Jack Wittig that the reports of the officers be accepted.

\*\*\*Carried

## **6) Reports from the Squadrons**

Chatham - Cdr Mark Labadie: Membership 219, solvent, within budget. Bridge meetings Jan 20 & Feb 17, general meeting Feb 4, all boating students passed, no other results. January registration has 34 registered so far.

Eric Shores West - Cdr Jim Birch: Membership 135, solvent. Exam Feb 17, AGM is March 18, Grad Ball March 28, VHF will be Feb 24, 25, 26 and April 28, 29, 30. Next bridge meeting Feb 12. Thank you to all for attending Norm's funeral.

Goderich - Cdr Rod Wraith: Membership 119, to go up after exams, solvent. Bridge meeting is January 28. AGM is set for March 30 at Children's Aid Society. Dates to be set for upcoming courses. Several bridge members staying on.

London - Cdr Nick Baratta: Membership is 729, solvent, 24 graduate from London-Strathroy September classes, 49 boat, 1 Pilot, 10 SS, 16 SP registered for January. Toronto Boatshow bus on January 24 and a waiting list. There will be a show from Feb 22 to March 1 at White Oaks Mall in London. Would like raffle boat for the show. AGM March 31, Graduation Friday May 1.

Sarnia - Cdr Paul Campbell: Solvent, membership same, registration has 12 boating, 2 courses coming up to write. Feb 9 meeting, Jan 28 courses start.

St. Thomas - Cdr John Clifford: Membership 143, solvent, all students pass boating, 20 in current class. Ran add from national for 5 weeks straight. Student night February 19.

Stratford - Cdr Tom Sutherland: Membership 90, solvent, good turn out at Christmas Party. Bridge meeting January 20, VHF will run April, May. April 18 is AGM.

Tillsonburg - Cdr Harry Ditmar(absent): from Lt/ C Joan Hicks: 29 students in Tillsonburg, 17 in Ingersoll. March 7 midwinter cruise. Plans for District AGM are progressing.

Wallaceburg - Cdr Brian Lee: Membership 94, solvent, AGM set for April 15, Commanders Ball May 2, Bridge meeting Feb 7. There are 10 boating students, up 4 from last year.

Windsor - Cdr Bob Burns(absent): From Lt/C Iris Martins. All students have passed. Piloting also passed. 60 boating, 3 AP and 6 interested in Piloting. 557 members, solvent. Jan 31 to Feb 8 is boat show at Cobo Hall in Detroit. AGM April 14.

\*\*\*Motion made to accept the Squadrons' reports by D/Lt/C Rod Wraith, seconded by D/Lt Peter Brull  
\*\*\*Carried

## **7) Reports of the Past Commanders**

P/D/C Jack Wittig: No Report  
P/D/C Gerry Kirkland: No Report  
P/D/C Brian Govan: No Report  
P/D/C Frank Kelly: No Report  
P/D/C Bob Lee: No Report  
P/D/C Bob Gallagher: No Report

## **8) New Business**

D/Lt/C Tony Pritchard - ask squadron commanders to appoint youth officers. Also remember that 50% of your advertisement is done by word of mouth.

## **9) Reports from District Committees**

Ways & Means Committee - P/D/C Jack Wittig - Change in Project Boat Winn. All proceeds from ticket sales would go to District Treasurer to a separate bank account. Receiving lottery certificate in Point Edward. This money will remain in one account and the District Treasurer will issue money to Squadrons when needed by specific request. It can be used for teaching material in September. Will take longer for District to use its share of the money. The boat will be available on January 29. There are 6000 tickets, each squadron will get double there membership in tickets. Tickets ready next Thursday. Book some time to have the prize boat in your squadron. Contact D/C J Connor for a time to have the boat. Will try to have posters of the boat made with its picture for those places the boat can't get to. Squadrons will get double their membership in tickets to start with. The prize will be awarded at the dealer.

District AGM Committee - D/Lt/C Larry Hicks - All printing is done. Printed matter given out to Squadron Commanders. Friday evening "Legends of Long Point" theme. April 3-5, 1998. A Buffet Lunch is on Tillsonburg prior to the meeting in the afternoon. AGM will be in the afternoon and dinner in the evening with entertainment. Sunday morning 9:00am morning buffet and entertainment. Several workshops and seminars on Saturday. Price is inclusive for all offered.

District Rendezvous - Committee is rounding out. Brought out registration forms and handed out to Squadron Commanders. Register on the net on London's web page. [www.info.london.on.ca/~powrnail/cps.htm](http://www.info.london.on.ca/~powrnail/cps.htm)

Nominating Committee - presented by P/D/C Jack Wittig on P/D/C Bill Anthony's behalf.

Motion made to accept the committees reports by D/Lt/C Tony Pritchard, seconded by D/Lt Jerry Menard.  
\*\*\*Carried

## **10) Items from the Floor**

D/C J Connor - Regarding PROMOTO, send in the names of bridge officers who should get this publication.

A motion from P/D/C Bob Gallagher, seconded by D/Lt/C Rod Wraith to make a donation in memory to P/D/C Norm Sonnenberg to the foundation.

A push for the Officer Training Program run possibly before the next meeting. One is scheduled for March 14th in Wardsville. Get any squadron officer to attend if possible. District bridge is possible to go through it as well.

\*\*\*Motion made by Cdr Paul Campbell, seconded by Lt/C Ron Boire to adjourn the District Conference Meeting.

\*\*\*Carried

District Conference Meeting adjourned at 1645

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District Council Meeting

Called to order at 1649

Expenses for:

D/Lt Patricia Pearson's expense to National Training Meeting in March - advanced \$300

CPS foundation - \$250, bylaws state that this is made in memory of a passing District Commander

Stewart's flowers \$125.93 for P/D/C Norm Sonnenberg's funeral

St. Thomas Senior Centre for this meeting - \$100

International Art Craft for the boat draw tickets - \$110.55

\$450 advance to D/Lt Lew Culver for the upcoming USPS-D9 Conference in March for hospitality suite

D/Lt Larry Hick advance for governing board meeting - advance \$300

\*\*\*Motion made by D/Lt Joe Gatfield, seconded by D/C J Connor to pay the expenses.

\*\*\*Carried

\*\*\*Motion made by D/Lt Peter Brull, Seconded by Cdr Mark Labadie to adjourn the Council Meeting.

\*\*\*Carried

Council Meeting adjourned at 1644.

Prepared by:

D/Lt Kelvin Elvidge, AP

Western Ontario District Secretary