

**CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON  
Western Ontario District Conference/Council Meeting**

The Meeting was called to order at 1006: on June 19, 1999 at the Boblo Island .

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Officers**

D/C Tony Pritchard ,N                    D/Lt/C Rod Wraith, N  
D/LT/C Pat Pearson, AP                D/Lt Keith Roberts, N  
D/Lt Joe Gatfield, AP                 P/D/C Bob Gallagher, N  
Lt/C John Pegg, S                        D/Lt Judie Ladouceur  
P/D/C Larry Hicks

**Past Commanders**

P/D/C Brian Govan, AP                P/D/C Jay Connor

**Squadron Delegates**

**CHATHAM (6)**

Cdr George Prins                        P/Cdr John Davis, AP  
P/Cdr Jack Pearson, AP

**ERIE SHORES (5)**

None

**GODERICH (5)**

None

**LONDON (20)**

Cdr David E Corke, AP                Lt/C Glenn McCann, AP  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Beverley Miatello, P                P/Cdr Mary Pritchard,

AP

**SARNIA (5)**

None

**ST THOMAS (5)**

P/Cdr Karen Connor                    P/Cdr John Clifford

**STRATFORD (5)**

None

**TILLSONBURG (7)**

Cdr Joan Hicks                         1<sup>st</sup> Lt Howard Welhelm

**WALLACEBURG (5)**

Cdr Mike Croxford                        Lt/C Jack Colyer  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mavis Colyer

**WINDSOR (12)**

Cdr Mark Stock, S

**Guests:**

Sandy McCann, Donna Gallagher.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**\*\*\* Moved by Keith Roberts, seconded by Glenn McCann, that the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 1999, be approved as printed and circulated.**

**CARRIED\*\*\*\***

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

There was some discussion at the last meeting regarding possible changes in the AGM format. If any member feels that we should consider a change, then he or she should bring forward a motion at a District Meeting. In view of the importance of this matter, the fact that we have used our present format for years, and that the current format is contained in our policy manual, any change should not be decided on a straight vote at a District Meeting. A Notice of Motion, including a statement of the Rationale, should be sent to the D/Sec to be included in the Agenda and Notice of Meeting for the September meeting. This way, all Squadrons would have an opportunity to think on this, and we could then have a full discussion in September. In addition to this possible motion, it may be referred to the Long Term Planning Committee to review and come back with advice either to leave as is or with suggestions for alternative format(s). Again, any of their recommendations should be included in the Notice of the next meeting. If we are going to change then either we need to give Goderich time to adjust, or if that is not possible, then the change would take place the following year.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**5. REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**D/C Tony Pritchard, N**

I attended the Governing Board meetings in Toronto last weekend. Friday evening was devoted to a presentation by V/C Frank Phipps, as chair of the Planning Committee, of that committee's report on suggested changes, including the two motions I mentioned at the last meeting and included in your Notice of this meeting. I had Bob send you copies because if the second one had passed you would have had to vote on it at the AGM in October.

The report as a whole was not popular, and almost everyone was opposed to both motions. The motion on dropping the need for unanimous consent for waiver was defeated unanimously, and the motion to drop the General Directors from GB was referred back to the

committee. If the committee learned anything this weekend they will drop the issue.

A couple of training items I will mention and then refer to Pat. Firstly, many Squadrons are having difficulty getting copies of the Safe Boating Guide. The best source is your local Shell dealers, who are usually happy to give you cartons of them. This was all news to me, both the question of needing them and the difficulty of getting them. Secondly, there have been a couple of instances where people writing the BoatPro exam have tried to smuggle the exam out of the exam room. Please be vigilant.

To relieve the workload of collecting membership renewals at the same time each year, there is a suggestion to stagger membership dues throughout the year based on the birth-date of the Member. I should receive further information on this in August.

An advertising matter that I will pass on to Wayne is the question of where our advertising dollars should be spent. R/C Ron Smith (Chair of the Marketing Committee) from time to time receives comments that CPS could be spending its advertising dollars in better ways. Currently some is spent by National on such things as the advertisements in magazines, and some is given to the Squadrons in the 50/50 deal. Should this be continued or does anyone have any other ideas? R/C Ron Smith needs to know by 15 August.

Respectfully

submitted

D/C Tony Pritchard N  
District Commander

#### D/Lt/C Rod Wraith, N. (Executive Officer)

The District's Registered Provider Review Committee reviews applications submitted to squadrons by private individuals or organizations who have requested Recognized Provider (PR) status. Applicants must complete a form provided by the Deputy Executive Director, John Gullick, at HQ, and submit it to the squadron in who's area the BoatPro Course will be taught or the BoatPro exam challenged. The Committee must either:

- a) APPROVE A DULY SUPPORTED APPLICATION WITHOUT CONDITIONS;
- b) REJECT THE APPLICATIONS AND GIVE REASONS FOR THE REJECTION;
- c) APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH CONDITIONS.

We received a request from Chris Thatcher (C & M Marine Services) , supported by the London Squadron. The Committee had a number of concerns, and these were conveyed to Cdr David

Corke by E-mail as follows:

- a) the large area the RP would be allowed to teach in (anywhere in Middlesex County except Fanshawe College).
- b) why would London support a private RP in an area where they traditionally have not been teaching courses.
- c) the effect on volunteers of a private provider being paid to teach courses that traditionally volunteers are asked to teach for free.

Cdr Corke responded to each of our concerns and as a result we agreed to the application, subject to Cdr Corke's provisos. The application form and a covering letter explaining that this approval will receive a motion of ratification at this meeting was sent to John Gullick..

I received a copy of the agreement dated June 10th, sent to Chris Thatcher approving his application. However, the agreement contained no reference to our concerns nor to Cdr Corke's responses to our concerns. We regret John Gullick's failure to include any reference to our concerns nor Cdr Corke's responses.

**\*\*\* Moved by Rod Wraith, seconded by Mary Pritchard, that the agreement with Chris Thatcher be ratified.**

**CARRIED\*\*\*\***

#### The RP Review Process

This was our first submission so perhaps it could be said there were a number of growing pains. The review process could have been faster if we receive the request prior to a regular meeting of District Council, so that the committee can easily discuss the application. In the future we would request that this be the case. We do not envision a flurry of Squadrons sponsoring RPs because providing courses and exams appears to be a good source of revenue for Squadrons. We feel that, as V/C Frank Phipps pointed out at our AGM, the prime provider of BoatPro courses should continue to be the local Squadrons rather than outside private providers. Squadrons may wish to embark on a program of training additional instructors to deal with the demand.

I appeared with P/Cdr Harold Pryce on CKNX - TV as part of the news program on June 12th. The interview was arranged by our District PRO Wayne Brown using his influence as a salesperson for that station. The clip appeared on three stations at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. news in London, Windsor and Wingham. The 1 ½ hours of taping was edited to

approximately 1 1/2 minutes, CPS was mentioned as a safe boating organization and it did manage to show our BoatPro book and CPS flag. At least the cost was right.

Respectfully Submitted  
DEO Rod Wraith N

**D/Lt/C Patricia Pearson, AP** (District Training Officer)

1. I would like to thank those Squadrons who responded to my request for comments and views to be sent on to the Training Department Restructuring Review Committee at National. They do appreciate your input, especially when changes are proposed.
2. I would like Squadrons to please turn in their reporting sheet for the completed Boat Pro and VHF exams for the months of May and June. (That's the form D/Lt Joe Gatfield, AP made available for our last meeting in May). That seems a good way for me to keep a tally of the numbers, and not count them twice. It would be great if you could E-mail or Fax it to me or Joe before each District Meeting. Or, at least bring it to the District meeting. I could then do a periodic overall report and printout for you.
3. I have sent recent E-mails to Brian Burch and N/T/O Dave Durward, N about the new Boating Course. Brian said that Boating will be in stock at the middle of July, as will the new Price List. He also said it would be best not to place orders yet. There is very little change in the Price List, and no price increases. Dave Durward said that the cost of the revised Boating Course kit will remain the same. As a concession and to make Boating a more attractive option, HQ included their costs to produce the PCOC, database, etc. in the Squadron price for the Boating Course kit. So, no changes to the price, only to the content. It was suggested that there be no change in the fee for your courses regardless of whether the person had a card or not. The real cost to HQ comes with the processing of the exam, etc and therefore no credit for the exam (\$12) will be allowed.

Have a good summer. See you in the fall.  
Respectfully submitted,  
D/Lt/C Patricia Pearson, AP  
District Training Officer

**D/Lt/C Keith Roberts, N,** (Administrative Officer)

Thanks to Windsor Squadron for hosting this fine Rendezvous and a reminder that the next District Meeting is to be held in Sarnia, on Wednesday September 15th. Location has not yet been fixed.

A sheet is being circulated for Squadron Commanders on which I would like them to list a

conservative number of their Bridge who might take an Officer Training Workshop. If enough are interested, we would likely hold the workshop in late Fall.

Respectively Submitted  
D/Lt/C Keith I. Roberts, I  
Administrative Officer

**D/Lt Joe Gatfield AP(Asst Training Officer):** .  
No report.

**D/Lt John Pegg, S,** (District Treasurer):

**STATEMENT Of RECEIPTS / DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 18,1999**

On May 25, 1999 I opened a current account at the CIBC Bank, Dundas & Richmond Sts. in London Ontario. The bank account is in the name of the "Canadian Power & Sail Squadron Western Ontario District". The signing officers are jointly Tony Pritchard and John Pegg.

**RECEIPTS:**

Cheque from previous Bridge	\$3,000.00
Interbranch payment from previous Bridge account in Woodstock.	\$3,215.15
Cheque from London AGM Committee	<u>\$ 407.75</u>
Total	\$6,622.90

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Total of all accounts are as follows:	Nil
CIBC Chequing account	\$6,622.90
CIBC G.I.C.s at cost	\$8,326.09

The CIBC G.I.C.s plus interest will be transferred to the CIBC account in London. These funds will be reinvested at the most attractive rates available.

Respectively submitted,  
D/L John Pegg S District

Treasurer

**P/D/C Bob Gallagher, N,** (District Secretary)

Thank you to those who have submitted their reports beforehand. I have completed the list of officers for the District except for a few addresses. Last meeting I circulated the draft report for the Squadrons and asked for comment. I again ask what information you would like to see included in this report. No finances??? Future events in the district ??? with invitations for other squadron members to attend??? What would be helpful?? Let me know, please.

**D/Lt Wayne Brown (PRO):**

I'm sorry I couldn't give this report myself, but I am working this weekend while you're all having fun.

I haven't had much opportunity to perform many PRO duties as yet, but I did manage to arrange a television interview for District Executive Officer Rod Wraith. The interview was carried during the news casts on television stations in Wingham, London and Windsor on Saturday June 12 at 1200 and 2300. Rod managed to get a few plugs in for the Power and Sail Squadron, including a shot of the Boat Pro Manual and the Power and Sail Squadron flag. I'd like to thank Rod for offering his services and doing a fine job. Rod has several copies of the interview on video if anyone is interested in viewing it.

I would appreciate receiving a list of the Squadron PRO'S along with their address, fax numbers, phone numbers and email addresses.

Have a great summer on the water!

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne Brown D/PRO

**D/Lt Ron Jones (Membership)**

Absent. No report.

**D/Lt Jerry Menard (MAREP Officer):**

Absent. No report.

**D/Lt Jeff Evans (Environmental Officer):**

Absent. No report.

**D/Lt Valerie Gujban (Youth Officer)**

Absent. No report.

**S/Lt Alice Baratta (boat Show Officer)**

Absent. No report.

**D/Lt Judie Ladouceur (USPS Liaison Officer):**

This will be my last report regarding the Port Huron rendezvous. As of yesterday, there are 32 Squadrons attending which comprises 4 motor homes and 191 boats registered, along with several land cruisers. The committee is expecting at least 600 people to attend the catered dinner on Saturday July 4th. When I spoke to Scott (Big Dog) Homuth he relayed to me that he is still taking reservations for this big event. The Tee-Shirts are ready and the tents for the weekend are going to be set up soon.

Respectfully Submitted  
Judie Ladouceur

**P/D/C Larry Hicks: (Immed Past Commander)**

No report.

**P/D/C Jack Wittig - Nominating Committee:**

Absent. No report.

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**Moved by Joe Gatfield, seconded by Howard Welhelm, that the District Officers reports be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED \*\*\*\***

**6. SQUADRON COMMANDERS' REPORTS:****CHATHAM - Cdr George Prins:**

Report submitted. Given orally.

**ERIE SHORES WEST - Cdr Jim Birch:**

Absent. No report.

**GODERICH - Cdr Walter Evans:**

Absent. Report submitted by E-mail.

**LONDON - Cdr David Corke;**

Report submitted by E-mail. Given orally. Thank you David. Dave requested that the flyer showing the contact people for courses to put at the marinas in the District be updated and reissued. The Secretary agreed to contact squadrons to get this information (it is part of the officer list) and to print a few of these updated flyers for squadrons.

**STRATFORD - Cdr Gary Bidgood**

Absent. No report.

**TILLSONBURG - Cdr Joan Hicks,**

Report submitted. Given orally. Reminder of USPS flag event and barbeque on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SARNIA - Cdr Chris Schooley**

Absent. No report.

**ST THOMAS - Cdr Paul Westelaken**

Absent. No report.

**WALLACEBURG - Cdr Mike Croxford**

Report submitted. Given orally.

**WINDSOR - Cdr Mark Stock**

Report submitted. Given orally.

\*\*\* Moved by Rod Wraith, seconded by Dave Corke,

that the Squadron Commander's reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED\*\*\*\***

would like to close it. Looking for report from St Thomas. Please spend this on education purposes in the District.

**7. REPORTS OF THE PAST COMMANDERS**

**P/D/C Larry Hicks** - He has now completed his tour of graduations and would like to thank all the squadrons for their hospitality. He and Joan were well received and enjoyed themselves greatly.

**P/D/C Jay Connor** - no report, but anyone attending the Rendezvous at Sarnia is invited to help. They need extra hands for the Connie dog event Friday night.

**P/D/C Brian Govan:** - no report. Brain would like to question why there is not greater participation in this event?? He did not receive a brochure and wondered if there are others in the same boat. It was pointed out that brochures were supplied to the squadrons to be mailed out with their news letters. Tony suggested that it was a local problem. Brain reaffirmed that it was disappointing that there were not more people. He feels it was a great event and well worth attending. Joe Gatfield stressed that Windsor Squadron had done their best under short notice.

**P/D/C Bob Gallagher:** - No report..

**\*\*\* Moved by Jack Pearson, seconded by Mike Croxford, that the Past Commanders' reports be accepted and presented.**

**CARRIED \*\*\*\***

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a) The treasurer would like to send out the invoices to the Squadrons but does not yet have the numbers from National. He hopes to get these shortly.

b) We should be considering future sites for the Rendezvous. The 2000 one is in Sarnia, but it was pointed out that you need to reserve the docks two years in advance at Leamington, so if we are considering this location we need to reserve it now for 2001. We should get the host squadrons in place so that this long term planning can be put in place. Tony asked squadron commanders to think about this.

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**Moved by Jay Connor to terminate the District Conference Meeting.**

**CARRIED\*\*\*\***

District Conference Meeting was terminated at 1124.

P/D/C Bob Gallagher, N  
District Secretary.

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**Carried\*\*\*\***

**8. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

- a) **AGM Committee** - no report
- b) **Rendezvous Committee** - no report
- c) **Recognized Providers** - report given by Rod earlier.
- d) **Long Term Planning Committee** - Bob reported that the minutes of the last LTPC meeting and changes to Policy Manual will be mailed out with the minutes of this meeting.
- e) **Ways and Means Committee** - Joe reports that they still have \$3500 in the account and that they

Secretary's Comment;

I very much enjoyed attending the Rendezvous and would like to thank the Windsor Squadron for hosting this superb event. It was well organized with an excellent program for everyone. It is sad that

more did not join the festivities. Thank you  
Windsor.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**

District Council Meeting was called to order by D/C Tony Pritchard, N at 1128.

Treasurer John Pegg presented the following:

John Pegg	(supplies )	\$11.48
Bob Gallagher	(postage, printing, computer supplies, etc)	330.41

\*\*\*\* **Moved by John Pegg, seconded by Rod Wraith, that the outstanding invoices be paid.**

**CARRIED\*\*\*\*\***

\*\*\*\* **Moved by Jay Connor that the Council Meeting be terminated at 1130.**

**CARRIED\*\*\*\*\***

P/D/C Bob Gallagher, N  
District Secretary

DISTRICT SQUADRON REPORTS

JUNE 1999

SQUADRON	MEMBERS	COURSES	PAST EVENTS	UPCOMING EVENTS	PROMOTIONS
CHATHAM	Regular 167 Family 32 Jr & Ass 7 Total 206	BoatPro 159 Boating 74 VHF 48	2 BoatPro Courses held at area marinas 32 passed	Jul 10/11 Mitchel's Bay Fest	Banner promoting fall courses to be displayed at Lacroix St overpass
ERIE SHORES WEST	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total				
GODERICH	Regular 103 Family 32 Jr & Ass 9 Total 125	BoatPro 49 Sep 9 - Fall Courses		Jun 30 - Festival of Lights Sep 9 - MAREP night	Aug 23 - Plan Advertising Course
LONDON	Regular 866 Family 134 Jr & Ass 36 Total 1036	BoatPro 70 General Marine BoatPro Jun 15 Establishing Fall Registrations Concerned about supply of new VHF Manual as we are now only supplier	BoatPro last Sat of every month at General Marine	Awareness - Week Aug 21/22 Cruise on Thames in early Sept. Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> - 50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	Require Western Ontario Pamphlet update.
SARNIA	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total				
ST THOMAS	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total		May 28 Dinner thoroughly enjoyed by 80 members.	Open house at Booth Harbour on Jun 19. Aug 5 - Pot luck at Mike Downs in Port Bruce Aug 20 - BBQ at Greta Eelkema in Port Stanley	Donation to Firefighters for wetsuits Giving all instructors and proctors T-shirts with Squadron insignia on them.
STRATFORD	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total				
TILLSONBURG	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total 350	Boat Pro 562 Having been holding courses every weekend		USPS Ensign exchange - BBQ Port Rowan Docks Aug 1 - Corn Roast	
WALLACEBURG	Regular 89 Family 7 Jr & Ass 2 Total 98	BoatPro posters up at businesses, malls, etc. Registration Sep 1 & 9 at Wallaceburg District Sec. School		BBQ Aug 1-2 Booth space at WAMBO on Aug 7, members helping at show.	Sale of BoatPro Manuals at Ecarte Marina with 50/50 split
WINDSOR	Regular Family Jr & Ass Total 735	BoatPro Course on Jun 22, 29 & Jul 15, 20, 22		Jul 13 - summer BBQ	<u>Courtesy Inspection</u> Jun 5 Poster Contest entry brought to meeting.

# NOTICE

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE/COUNCIL MEETING

The Western Ontario District Conference/Council will meet on the following:

Date: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999  
Time: 1930  
Place: \*WARDSVILLE MASONIC HALL\*  
Host: LONDON POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

For the Purpose of:

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of minutes from the June 19, 1999 Meeting.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. Correspondence
5. Receiving District Officers' Reports
6. Receiving Squadron Commanders' Reports
7. Receiving Past District Commanders' Reports
8. Report from the District Committees
9. New Business - Calendar of Events
10. Items from the Floor
11. Termination of Meeting