

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VALLEY SQUADRON
HELD AT ABBOTSFORD, B.C. ON TU**

ESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Gary Clow who took the Chair. Elaine Stevens acted as secretary of the meeting.

Roll Call

The Chairman stated that he had ascertained that there were 26 members present which constituted a quorum and that therefore the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

Notice of Meeting

The Chairman advised the meeting that notice calling this Annual General Meeting had been duly given in accordance with the Regulations.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held April 8, 2008

Secretary Elaine Stevens advised that a copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 8, 2008 were available in the room.

On motion duly made by Fred Walker and seconded by George Stevens and unanimously carried the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The reading of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 8, 2008 presented to this Meeting be dispensed with that these Minutes be approved and that these Minutes be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this Meeting.

Business arising out of the Minutes

(a) The Chairman asked the meeting if there was any business arising out of the Minutes of April 8, 2008 and received a negative reply.

Reports:

COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT

It has been my great privilege to serve this past year as your Commander, a task which is much easier than many imagine. The hard work and dedication of the other Bridge officer's make the job of Commander a relatively easy one.

The past year has been a busy one for our squadron. We have taught many courses, had numerous social events and lots of squadron cruises. Last summer's longest cruises took one group of our members to the Octopus Islands north of Desolation Sound and another group to the San Juan Islands in Washington state. Many more official cruises took place on Harrison Lake. My thanks to Cruise Master Ted Blackall for all of his hard work organizing cruises, to Socials Officer Sandra Clow and all who helped her with socials and to Training Officer Bruce Matheson and all of our teachers and proctors. All of you have done a great job.

Many more people make Valley Squadron what it is today. Editor Dorothy Matheson gives us excellent articles in every newsletter. Treasurer, Membership Officer, Public Relations Officer, MAREP/ Environmental Officer, Trustee, Port Captains, Historian and Webmaster all have worked hard this year. We have four Officers at Large who fill in and do whatever is needed to keep the Squadron running smoothly. Brian Hanneson did double duty as Executive Officer and Supply

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Officer, several times having to fill in when I was absent. And keeping all of us in line and in order is our excellent Squadron Secretary Elaine Stevens. Thank you to all of our Bridge for a job well done. Not only our Bridge members serve with distinction, many, many members volunteer their time to help. The success of Valley Squadron is due to all of you and your hard work.

We have just begun the boating season. Always remember that you are the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron ambassadors on the water and on the docks. Please let people know about the fun we have in CPS and about all the courses we teach. Have a great, safe boating year.

Gary Clow

TRAINING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Seamanship Course (Piloting) meeting is to be held April 19th, but so far little interest. V.H.F. Course is fully booked (24) and commences April 20th in Sardis.

Boat Pro Seminar is to held same night (April 20th) with 15-16 interested students.

Training has started a library of manuals pertaining to the courses and seminars that C.P.S. offers. Any member will be able to take out a manual for two weeks to see how the course will run – feed back to the Training Officer would be appreciated.

Boating.....did not write.....	9
Boating.....fail.....	1
Boating.....in progress.....	32
Boating.....pass.....	31
Navigating w/G.P.S....pass.....	3

Bruce Matheson

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been many changes for the membership person. With the new computer system all changes must now be made by the individual member on the national website. This year all information for the Roster will be taken directly from the website which includes membership lists, addresses, boat names and MMSI numbers. It is very important that each member update their profile on the national website to ensure the information is correct. This was done in the past by the membership person but with the privacy act the members must keep their information up-to-date themselves.

Our membership is currently at 261 and with the graduation of the next class will increase again. Only 160 members have paid their membership to-date so I encourage the remainder to forward their dues as soon as possible.

George Stevens

BULLETIN EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Presently the GAM is mailed to 208 member households.

I want to thank all who have provided pictures and articles for past issues. Any input is greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Matheson

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ENVIRONMENTAL/MAREP OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

My tenure as Environmental Officer has been very interesting and educational experience. I have had the privilege to work with other very well informed and knowledgeable Enviro officers in the District to create "The Marine Environment-A Shared Responsibility." This document is hopefully going to be used as groundwork for a new Enviro Boater brochure as well as expanding on The Boating Course presentation.

National Officer Kevin Jones is pushing for a full chapter in the boating course on the Environment and the Boater. He is in the process of lobbying for additional funds to bring this to fruition in a few years. Also the Georgia Straight Alliance is looking for input and possibly funding to upgrade the "Guide to Green Boating". The only problem being that this brochure only covers a limited area on the West Coast and CPS needs it to cover nationally. This info has been discussed with Mike Richards of GSA and he is willing to expand the information and work with CPS to create a National Document. A joint venture here could create a brochure that can be given out to everyone attending a Boating course.

Finally there is the issue of Grey water dumping from boats that has come forward in the past year. Despite this being a regulation on the Province books it has never been enforced and was really mostly for lakes and rivers. This issue has yet to be resolved. Also with the new Reasonable Sewage Dumping Regulations the recreational boaters can look forward to many years of trouble free cruising in Canadian waters.

I would finally like to thank the Commander Gary, Valley Squadron Bridge and members for all the hard work they do throughout the year.

Ray Salloway

CRUISEMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Cruises for 2008 were well attended. The main cruise for the year was to the Octopus Islands. It was a successful cruise with 5 boats attending. We met and visited with other members along the way as well. The season ended with our Thanksgiving Cruise to Long Island Bay on Harrison Lake. We had a great potluck dinner, and the cruise was very well attended.

As well, Valley Members can be found at Long Island Bay on almost every weekend from April to Thanksgiving.

The Main cruise for 2009 to the Gulf Islands has been planned.

Thanks to all who attended the cruises, we had a great time and many new places were visited and I look forward to the 2009 cruising season.

Ted Blackall

SOCIAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been a full one, with many social events. After a summer of boating and cruises led by our Cruise Master Ted Blackall we officially welcomed in our new commander Gary Clow at a

Sail Past at Harrison Hot Springs. October saw us once again celebrating Thanksgiving on Long Island on Harrison Lake. At the end of November we were at the Yarrow Community Hall in Yarrow for our Christmas Party with special speakers, the Smiths from Alouette Squadron. January we welcomed into our Squadron the new members from the fall boating course with a cake and a small graduation ceremony at the Community Services building. In March we had a St. Patrick's Day celebration complete with Irish dancers and a special presentation on diving with great white sharks by our own Tony Lamb, one of our Boating Course Instructors. In April the Annual General Meeting

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will be held at the Bridge meeting, with the spring boating course graduation 3 days later, followed by a new student's cruise and the annual Change of Watch at the Rancho.

Many thanks to the members who faithfully supported our activities this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve as socials coordinator with such a fine group of people.

Sandra Clow

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

I checked the books scrutinized all incoming and outgoing monies and receipts . And as of March 31th 2009 I found everything in proper order .

Ursula Binkle

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Treasurer, Al Collier, distributed copies of the financial reports as of March 31, 2009, copies on file.

Motion by Brian Hanneson, seconded by Ray Salloway that the Treasurer's Report and the Audit Report be accepted. Carried.

Unfinished Business

The Chairman stated that there was no unfinished business.

Elections

The Chairman stated that it was now appropriate to proceed with the elections, notice of which has been given in the Notice of the Meeting and in the report of the Nominations Committee which accompanied it.

The Chairman was advised by the Secretary that in accordance with the provisions of the Squadron Regulations the following had been nominated apart from the official nominating committee report:

Ted Blackall for Cruise Master by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Dorothy Matheson, Al Collier

Brian Hanneson for Officer at Large by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Dorothy Matheson, Al Collier

Glen Hurley for Supply Officer by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Dorothy Matheson, Al Collier

Dorothy Matheson for Editor by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Brian Hanneson, Al Collier

Arlene Procnier for MAREP/ Environmental by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Dorothy Matheson, Al Collier

Norm MacDonald for Training Officer by Gary Clow, Bruce Matheson, Sandra Clow, Dorothy Matheson

The Chairman stated that he would entertain formal motions on the subject of these nominations.

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The following names were formally proposed for election by Bruce Matheson, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, and seconded by Gus Binkle:

Commander	-Gary Clow
Administration Officer	-Ray Salloway
Training Officer	-Norm McDonald
Assistant Training Officer	-Tony Lamb
Secretary	-Elaine Stevens
Treasurer	-Al Collier
Public Relations Officer	-Gloria Caplette
Membership Officer	-George Stevens
Supply Officer	-Glen Hurley
Editor	-Dorothy Matheson
Marep/Environmental	-Arlene Procnier
Cruise Master	-Ted Blackall
Socials	-Monica Maletz
Historian	-Gloria Caplette
Trustee	-Ron Gillies
Webmaster	-Mark Procnier
Members at Large	-Charleen Gregorig
	-Brian Hanneson
	-Rob Turner
	-Fred Walker
Training VHF	-Bryan Stolee
Training VHF	-John Tymoschuk
Capt-Fraser R / Mission	-Bill Hopkins
Capt-Cultus /Harrison	-Dave Hampson

Since there was not more than one candidate for each office the Chairman directed the Secretary to cast a single ballot for the election of those whose names were before the meeting.

New Business

Only New Business listed in the Notice to Annual General Meeting may be brought forward. Since there was none, there is no new business.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, on motion duly made by Bruce Matheson and seconded by Larry Nielsen and unanimously carried, the meeting was terminated by the following resolution;

"Be it resolved that this meeting be terminated."

The meeting was terminated at 7:55 pm.

REPRESENTATION AND VOTING

11.5.1 At any meeting of this Squadron each Member shall have one vote. Each vote shall be given in person and there shall be no voting by proxy.

11.5.2 At any meeting of this Squadron a quorum shall consist of 10% of the membership or 10 Members, whichever is the lesser.

11.5.3 Except as provided in Sections 9.3A.4, 13.1, 15.1, 15.2 and 18.5, every question submitted to an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast provided a quorum is present when such vote is taken. A vote may be taken by a show of hands and, in such an event, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority, or lost or not carried by a particular majority, shall be conclusive evidence of such fact except that prior to such show of hands or immediately following the count, any person entitled to vote may require a ballot to be taken. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second, deciding vote.

11.6 ELECTIONS

11.6.1 At each Annual General Meeting there shall be elected by ballot of those Members entitled to vote thereat, the elective Officers designated in Section 9.1 including such First Lieutenants as in the opinion of the Squadron Executive Committee are necessary for the administration of the affairs of this Squadron during the Squadron Year in question and as are set out in the notice of meeting, and a Squadron internal audit review committee shall be appointed, provided that if a candidate for any office is unopposed, that candidate may be elected by a nominal single ballot cast by the Secretary in favour of that candidate.

11.6.2 Persons elected or appointed pursuant to Section 11.6.1 shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected or appointed.

ARTICLE 12 ELIGIBILITY

12.1 No Member of this Squadron shall be eligible for election as provided in Section 11.6.1 of these Regulations at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting unless nominated by the Squadron Nominating Committee or by a petition in writing signed by not less than five members of this Squadron who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to such nomination. All such nominations:

(a) by the Squadron Nominating Committee shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place;

(b) by petition shall be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of the meeting at which such election shall take place.

(c) the National Committee on Rules shall have the right to waive the petition time requirements for filing with the Secretary and the number of Members required on the petition in writing for nominations on the basis that all Members agree to the nominations.