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VALLEY POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

MEMBER OF CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS
TRAINING IN SAFE POWER AND SAIL BOATING

Valley Squadron Bridge Meeting May 12, 2009 Crossroads Restaurant, Abbotsford, BC

Squadron Administrator Ray Salloway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Ray Salloway
Al Collier
Ron Gillies
Elaine Stevens
George Stevens
Fred Walker

Rob Turner
Glen Hurley
Ted Blackall
Norm MacDonald
Mark Procnier

Dorothy Matheson
Diane Nielsen
Larry Nielsen
Arlene Procnier
Charleen Gregorig

Motion by Fred Walker, seconded by Charleen Gregorig, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting. Carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Commander Gary Clow

Welcome to our new Bridge Members. I am sorry that I am not able to be here for the first meeting of our new bridge. I am enjoying myself in Philadelphia.

Squadron activities are calming down for summer. All our winter and spring classes have finished. The Boat Pro group finished May 4 and the VHF May 11.

PMD has still not gotten prices for sweatshirts. It may be a while.

Don't forget to sign up for the PMD Change of Watch on May 22-23. For information and forms go either the PMD or Port Moody Squadron websites.

There will be contests at the PMD Change of Watch. Categories will be for Best Picture, Best Newsletter and perhaps more. Unfortunately the organizers forgot about the contests so there are no entry forms or information on the registration website.

Valley is going to have displays at Harrison Hot Springs and Cultus Lake in June. Some volunteers will be needed. Please let me know if you can help.

Squadron Administrative Officer Ray Salloway – No report.

Squadron Training Officer Norm MacDonald – No report.

Squadron Assistant Training Officer Tony Lamb – Not present.

Squadron Secretary Elaine Stevens – No report.

Squadron Treasurer Al Collier

Finances are in good shape.

Squadron Public Relations Officer Gloria Caplette – Not present.

Squadron Supply Officer Glen Hurley – No report.

Squadron Membership Officer George Stevens

We currently have 284 members. Of the 256 members eligible to pay 180 members have paid to date.

Squadron Editor Dorothy Matheson – No report.

Squadron Marep/Environmental Arlene Procunier

Waiting for more information from Victoria. Will give an update at the next meeting.

Squadron Cruise Master Ted Blackall

The next cruise will be for the long weekend (May 16-18) at Long Island Bay in Harrison Lake.

Squadron Socials Monica Maletz

Our most recent social event was the Change of Watch held on April 23rd at the Rancho in Abbotsford. Sixty-four Squadron members were in attendance to enjoy the roast beef and salmon buffet. District Commander Dave Peebles was the representative for the PMD and he introduced and welcomed in the new Bridge and the existing Commander Gary Clow for a 2nd term of office. It was encouraging to see several new members take up Bridge positions. Many thanks to Fred Walker for acting a prize master and many of our guests happily went home with gifts. Thank you also to our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Plumtree for a job well done. A big thank you to all of those who came out and especially our new students. Have a great summer.

Our next social event will be the Sail Past, Sept. 11, 12 at Snug Cove, Bowen Island. A reminder that all boaters needing dock space for Friday or Saturday need to book with the Union Steamships Office at Snug Cove, 604-947-0707 and request mooring on "A" dock with "Valley Squadron" group.

Squadron Historian Gloria Caplette - Not present.

Squadron Trustee Ron Gillies – No report.

Squadron Web Master Mark Procunier – No report.

Squadron Past Commander Bruce Matheson – Not present.

Member at Large Rob Turner – No report.

Member at Large Charleen Gregorig – No report.

Member at Large Brian Hanneson – Not present.

Member at Large Fred Walker

Fred asked if the cabin had been rented on Bowen Island for the Squadron Sail Past. Of the 90 non-teaching staff who took the Boat Pro Course conducted by Valley/Sur Del Squadrons 87 passed.

Squadron Training VHF Bryan Stolee

Squadron Training VHF John Tymoschuk

The spring VHF course in Chilliwack wrapped up last night (May 11th) with 21 out of the 25 students registered writing the exam. All were successful. We have 8 people on our standby list who were not able to attend the course. We are considering ways that we can work with this small group so that they can receive their Radio Operator's Certificates before fall.

We were fortunate to have Past Commander Doris Trelenberg helping us with the small group work.

We have received a reminder from CPS Headquarters that RCMP and local police who do boat safety checks have been checking to see that the operators of boats with VHF radios have their Operator's Certificates. This makes the matter of providing opportunities to get the ROC(M) more important.

Port Captain Cultus Lake/Harrison Dave Hampson – Not present.

Port Captain Fraser River/Mission Bill Hopkins – Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CPS Information Booths

Plans are to have a CPS information booth at the Harrison Boat Launch on June 6th and an information booth at Cultus Lake on June 20th. Volunteers are needed to man the booths on these dates. Please advise Gary Clow if you are able to help out.

NEW BUSINESS

District Competitions

Forms are available for those wishing to enter in the competitions at the PMD Annual General Meeting.

Work Party

Ted Blackall advised that volunteers are needed the last weekend in June (June 27-28) to

help install new docks in Long Island Bay, Harrison Lake. A dock was taken up to Long Island Bay last weekend.

Presentations

Al Collier presented the Broken Prop Award to George Stevens.

Ray Salloway presented Merit Mark Award Certificates to Ron Gillies, Elaine Stevens, George Stevens and Ray Salloway.

Funding for Community Projects

Glen Hurley advised that Terasen Gas has funding up to \$300.00 available for community projects and asked if Valley Squadron would be interested in submitting an application. Project ideas and suggestions to be submitted to Glen Hurley,

Moved by George Stevens, seconded by Rob Turner, that the Squadron pay for coffee and pop. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.