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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 June 9, 2009 Crossroads Restaurant, Abbotsford, BC**

Commander Gary Clow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

Gary Clow  
Al Collier  
Ron Gillies  
Elaine Stevens  
George Stevens  
Fred Walker  
Bob Plumtree

Rob Turner  
Glen Hurley  
Ted Blackall  
Norm MacDonald  
Mark Procnier  
Ursula Binkle  
Bruce Matheson

Dorothy Matheson  
Diane Nielsen  
Larry Nielsen  
Sandra Clow  
Charleen Gregorig  
Gus Binkle

*Motion by Fred Walker, seconded by Rob Turner, to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting. Carried.*

#### **PRESENTATION**

Gary Clow presented Rob Turner with the trophy for winning the Photography Competition at the PMD Change of Watch.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

##### **Commander Gary Clow**

Last month was the first meeting of our new Bridge, but I was not here to welcome our new members. I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to the Bridge and thank you for serving with us.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons have taken over the Recreational Boats Courtesy Inspection Program for most of Canada. In every province except BC we will be the only ones doing courtesy checks. In BC, and only in BC, Coast Guard Auxiliary members may also be doing checks. The program is now called 'Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check' program and is under the responsibility of CPS. There will be a one-day Training for 'Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check' on Sunday, June 14th (probably at) West Van Yacht Club. Call Anne Macdonald at (604) 465-4748 for details.

PMD has still not gotten prices for sweatshirts. I may have something next week.

At the PMD Change of Watch the Photography competition was won by Rob Turner. Congratulations Rob. I notice that your name is already on the trophy for past wins, as are other Valley members.

Valley Squadron had a Boating information display at Harrison Hot Springs boat launch on June 6 manned by Norm MacDonald and myself. To be honest, we had very few meaningful discussions with people. When people know they are in violation of the law they really don't want to talk with you.

We will have another display at Cultus Lake on Saturday, June 20 for the Greg Clark Memorial Pike Minnow Fishing Derby. Larry Nielsen will be organizing our involvement but more volunteers are needed. Please let Larry know if you can help.

Have a fun, safe summer and be great ambassadors for CPS and Valley Squadron.

**Squadron Administrative Officer Ray Salloway** – Not present.

**Squadron Training Officer Norm MacDonald**

I am still learning the role from Bruce Matheson and Gary Clow.

Gary Clow has given me access to the Training section of Squadron Administration on the computer. I have requested some training on its use from the District Training Officer, Shirley Shea. I hope to meet with her or her designate in the near future.

I have entered the data for the Fall Boating Courses. If there are any changes needed please email me at "norm311@gmail.com".

Four or six people want to study the Maritime Radio Course (VHF). Bryan Stolee and John Tymoshuck have arranged to accommodate the students in one of their homes.

Gary Clow and Norm MacDonald handed out CPS brochures at Boating Day at Harrison Lake this past weekend.

Larry Nielson has done up some nice brochures to hand out on Boating Day at Cultus Lake.

Gary is reserving the Sardis Senior School for the Fall Boating Course.

Abbotsford School District has mailed contract for the Fall Boating Course.

The Boating Course dates are:

Abbotsford, W. J. Mouat School, Thursday September 17 to December 10, 2009.

Chilliwack, Sardis Senior Secondary, Wednesday September 16 to December 9, 2009.

Harrison Lake, Harrison Lake Yacht Club, September 16 to December 9, 2009.

By the end of July, I will have some flyers about the Boating Course and will take them around to businesses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Harrison. I will be hanging the banners around the same time.

**Squadron Assistant Training Officer Tony Lamb** – No report.

**Squadron Secretary Elaine Stevens** – No report.

**Squadron Treasurer Al Collier** – No report.

**Squadron Public Relations Officer Gloria Caplette** – Not present.

**Squadron Supply Officer Glen Hurley** – No report.

**Squadron Membership Officer George Stevens**

The present membership is 234 regular, life or new members for 2009. Of the new members in 2008 we have 30 who do not wish to renew.

I sent out to all members who have email that are on the list of members who have not paid an email to encourage them to renew for 2009. Of those four members let me know they were not renewing and two members said they would be renewing.

As of June 8, 2009 of the 254 members who have to pay dues for 2009 185 have paid their dues for this year.

Over the past four years the average membership for Valley Squadron ranges between 215 to 230 members.

**Squadron Editor Dorothy Matheson** – No report.

**Squadron Marep/Environmental Arlene Procunier** – Not present.

**Squadron Cruise Master Ted Blackall**

Ted has contacted all the Marinas that will be visited in the cruise this summer. All members going on the cruise should contact the marinas to ensure docking space is reserved. Ted has the contact information.

**Squadron Socials Monica Maletz**

Gary advised that Monica has a problem attending meetings on Tuesday nights but will be working with Sandra Clow to co-ordinate the socials.

**Squadron Historian Gloria Caplette** - Not present.

**Squadron Trustee Ron Gillies** – No report.

**Squadron Web Master Mark Procunier** - No report.

**Squadron Past Commander Bruce Matheson**

Some people have expressed a concern that they receive their CPS membership cards prior to receiving their PCOC cards which is what they are really interested in receiving. There is also some confusion regarding the fact that membership is only for one year and they receive a renewal notice. Apparently some feel there is also a requirement to renew the PCOC.

**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** – No report.

**Squadron Training VHF Bryan Stolee** - Not present.

**Squadron Training VHF John Tymoschuk** – Not present.

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

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CPS Information Booth**

Larry Nielson will be organizing a display at Cultus Lake on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for the Greg Clark Memorial Pike Minnow Fishing Derby. Bob Plumtree will assist with this display.

#### **Work Party Long Island Bay**

Ted Blackall advised that the work party at Long Island Bay has been rescheduled to this coming weekend (June 13-14). Please bring any equipment such as tools, bolts, logging staples, cleats, boom chains or anything that would be useful in putting a dock in.

#### **Funding for Community Projects**

An application has been submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Bridge Meeting Minutes**

Ted Blackall suggested that the minutes of the Bridge Meetings be sent to the general membership. Other options such as posting on our web site and advising the membership in the GAM that these were available were discussed. It was noted that often the email addresses on the National web site are out of date.

*Moved by Ted Blackall, seconded by Fred Walker that the minutes be sent to those members that have an email address on the National web site list. Carried*

#### **Socials**

Bob Plumtree suggested that the Valley Fiddlers be asked to perform at our next function at Yarrow Hall. This would be the annual Christmas Party. They would perform for an hour at a cost of \$200.00. Some members felt that we should feature entertainment relative to boating. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Sandra Clow advised that the cabin at Snug Cove has been booked for the Sail Past on September 11-12. All boaters needing mooring should book with the Union Steamship Office at Snug Cove (604-947-0708) and request mooring on “A” dock with “Valley Squadron” group. It was agreed that chicken and steak be served at the barbecue and Brian Hanneson be asked to purchase the wine. If Brian is unavailable Ted Blackall said he would look after it.

*Moved by Ted Blackall, seconded by George Stevens, that Sandra Clow be given an*

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*advance of \$300.00 to cover purchases for the Sail Past. Carried.*

*Moved by Fred Walker, seconded by Rob Walker, that the Squadron pay for coffee and pop. Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.