

**Minutes of Voyageur District Council Meeting
September 21, 2008
Margaret Laugheed Centre, Sudbury**

The meeting called to order at 1103 and Roll Call was conducted. There being 14 members present, a quorum was attained. The Agenda was confirmed.

Present: Jack McIrvine, P/D/C
Caven Ford, D/Sec
Elizabeth Appleton, D/A/O
Camille Quesnel, D/E/O, D/T/O
Terry Lang, D/C & D/Web
Garry DeCourcy – cdr – Sault Ste Marie
Lorne Hillcoat – D/Memb
Ken Holland – Bracebridge
Estelle Montpellier – Cdr – Parry Sound
Terry Polkinghorne – CDR – Sudbury
Paul McKinnon – Cdr – Huntsville
Horst Mattern – D/Env/O
Bill Ramsay – D/Pro
Anne McKinnon – guest
Paul Darlaston – A/T/O - Sudbury
Robert Groulx – T/O - Sudbury

The minutes of the April 20, 2008 District Council Meeting were distributed.

MOTION # 1: Moved by Camille and seconded by Bill that:

We dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 20, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED.

MOTION # 2: Moved by Garry and seconded by Horst that:

We adopt the minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS / BUSINESS ARISING:

- Discussion of Manitoulin Squadron held over to new business.
- The AGM in Bracebridge on June 1 was well done by the squadron. Only two commanders from the rest of the district were in attendance which is poor by our usual standards. Terry congratulated the Bracebridge squadron on a job well done.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Terry mentioned numerous registered providers and registered examiners and the copies of their contracts filed.
- The minutes from the last OP-Com meeting were presented by Terry. Of note was the Special Projects Committee is looking to put together a plan to retain first year members.

The OPP SAVE team appear to be harassing boaters and CPS is sending a letter to them inquiring as to what is going on. Richard Bee is looking into getting the foundation to help fund the production of the gas refuelling signs and some money is on the way. The PCCC now has insurance available to CPS members; details pending or see the CPS website. Children under 16 must have parental consent for Boat Pro so they can become members. PCOC challenges are still controversial and CPS would rather they take an exam from us so we know it is legitimate.

- Camille received an email about the officer training course and is thinking of putting one on in the spring.
- Tech Soup sells software to non-profit groups at good prices and CPS now qualifies.

DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORTS:

D/C: Terry Lang – copy filed.

D/E/O: Camille Quesnel – no report

D/T/O: Camille Quesnel – copy filed.

D/A/O: Elizabeth Appleton – no report

D/Sec: Caven Ford – no report

D/Tres: Ivan Gough – absent, copy filed. Apparent discrepancies in the report, acceptance deferred until next meeting.

At this point we broke for lunch at 1210 and reconvened at 1245.

D/P/R/O: Bill Ramsay – the recent life jacket survey was not very well put together. Bill suggests the district should prepare a policy paper on our position on required PFD use.

MOTION # 3: Moved by Bill and seconded by Camille that:

The proposed PFD legislation be amended from 6 to 5 meters.

CARRIED. Terry to bring this up at the National AGM.

D/Web/Master: Terry Lang – Terry reiterated an issue with meeting dates.

D/Marep: John Mason – absent, no report

D/Memb: Lorne Hillcoat – no report

D/Youth: Vacant

D/Hist: Earl Bryant – absent – no report filed.

P/D/C: Jack McIrvine – report filed

D/Port: Doug Hay – absent, report filed.

A/D/T/O: Garry DeCourcy – no report

D/Env/O Horst Mattern – copy filed

The training officer's broke off here for their separate meeting

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

- Bracebridge: Ken Holland – report filed
- Huntsville: Paul McKinnon – report given
- Manitoulin: no commander – absent – no report
- North Bay: Doug Hay – absent, copy filed.
- North Channel: Bob Boudreau – absent – no report
- Parry Sound: Estelle Montpellier – report filed.
- Sault Ste Marie: Jean-Marie Wissell – absent, no report
- Sudbury: Terry Polkinghorne – report filed.
- Tri Town: Matt Duke – absent, verbal report given by Lorne Hillcoat

MOTION # 4: Moved by Camille and seconded by Lorne that:

The reports of the District Officers and Squadron Commanders be accepted.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Terry made 2 suggestions for squadron promotion. Get involved with the local sea cadets and give away a free course to their top candidate. Get a local photographer to give a talk to a meeting or special occasion about taking pictures in boards etc.
- All pertinent information etc. regarding the Manitoulin Squadron and their seemingly guaranteed surrendering of their warrant has been sent to National. National feels they are inactive and feels they should be surrendering it. Camille went to June and John Edward's to discuss the future of the squadron. Paul Darlaston is the A/T/O for Sudbury Squadron, taking care of some courses on the island. Terry concurs with National and feels they should surrender their warrant too. Horst noted that at a previous meeting we were to wait for a group to get back to us regarding a meeting taking place on the island. As the outcome of this meeting garnered no interest in merging with CPS, it remains that the only course of action is to surrender. Terry will take this to the next Governing Board meeting and start the process as per the manual instructions.

MOTION # 5: Moved by Horst and seconded by Jack that:

The Voyageur District accept that the Manitoulin Squadron is defunct and have possession of their warrant in trust.

CARRIED.

- Proxies for voting at the National AGM are available and need to be filled out. National does not have a commander listed for Manitoulin and North Channel squadrons. Terry will look

into this. Terry also suggests the proxy forms need to be filled out before the AGM by the date listed.

- Lorne Hilcoat was pledged in as District Membership officer.
- A discussion of meeting start times was held. Meetings in Sudbury start at 11 and finish around 1430. It was decided that the meetings will now start at 1030 with coffee generally being ready for 1000.

TERMINATION:

MOTION # 6: Moved by Bill that:

There being no more business, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

- Meeting adjourned at 1415.
- Next Meeting: Sunday January 25, 2009 at 1000. Email all reports at least a week ahead of time.