

**Minutes of Voyageur District Council Meeting
January 25, 2009
Teleconference**

The meeting called to order at 1005 and Roll Call was conducted. There being 12 members present, a quorum was attained. The Agenda was confirmed.

Present: Jack McIrvine, P/D/C
Caven Ford, D/Sec
Camille Quesnel, D/E/O, D/T/O
Terry Lang, D/C & D/Web
Garry DeCourcy – A/D/T/O
Lorne Hillcoat – D/Memb
Ken Holland – Bracebridge
Estelle Montpellier – Cdr – Parry Sound
Doug Hay – D/Port
Ivan Gough – D/Treas
Jean-Marie Whissel – SSM
Bill Fee – Bracebridge
Keith Shantz

The minutes of the April September 21, 2008 District Council Meeting were distributed.

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

We dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 21, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED.

MOTION # 3: Moved by Doug and seconded by Jack that:

We adopt the minutes as modified.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Ivan explained the apparent discrepancy with the last treasurer's report.

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

The treasurer's report from September is accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- none

DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORTS: (circulated prior to the meeting)

D/C: Terry Lang

D/E/O: Camille Quesnel – Camille brought up the new CPS Plotter and mentions he does not like it. Ken noted he thought it was okay. Terry noted that national wants to know if there are problems with them so they can be replaced by the manufacturer.

D/T/O: Camille Quesnel

D/A/O: Elizabeth Appleton

D/Sec: Caven Ford

D/Tres: Ivan Gough.

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

The treasurer's report is accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

D/P/R/O: Bill Ramsay

D/Web/Master: Terry Lang

D/Marep: John Mason

D/Memb: Lorne Hillcoat

D/Youth: Vacant

D/Hist: Earl Bryant

P/D/C: Jack McIrvine – recommends using TechSoup for obtaining cheap software for newsletters and such.

D/Port: Doug Hay

A/D/T/O: Garry DeCourcy

D/Env/O Horst Mattern

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:

Bracebridge: Ken Holland – Ken Shantz has been doing on-water instruction for a few years; unofficially. Recently he has started to look into the liability concerns with National. He will share the details if and when they are comfortable with being covered by CPS insurance. Cowan insurance notes that if a member has their insurance and does not charge a fee, they are covered.

Huntsville: Paul McKinnon

Manitoulin: no commander

North Bay: Doug Hay

North Channel: Bob Boudreau

Parry Sound: Estelle Montpellier

Sault Ste Marie: Jean-Marie Wissell

Sudbury: Terry Polkinghorne

Tri Town: Matt Duke

MOTION # 5: Moved by Doug and seconded by Ivan that:

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

CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A special meeting was called on December 8, 2008 for the purpose of seeking out interest among Manitoulin Squadron members in forming a new Bridge or surrender their Warrant. The National Chair of the Squadron Support committee, Rick Cowan was present to assist. No one from the squadron showed up for the meeting so a motion will now be presented to the governing Board meeting next weekend allowing for the revocation of Manitoulin Squadron's Charter. Terry has the actual copy of the Warrant. Letters will be going out to all members of the Manitoulin Squadron telling them their options, If no reply is received by a certain date, they will automatically become members of Sudbury Squadron. Garry thanked all members involved in the attempt to revive the squadron.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval was made for the RP requests for Sudbury Squadron. Terry noted there will likely be a large number of requests over the next 2 years. Garry asked if there were any remuneration guidelines for RP's and their courses. It was noted that they are basically free to charge whatever they like. Generally, their contract will stipulate they purchase all supplies through the local squadron.
- Online membership renewals went out on Friday. Terry renewed online with no issues and Estelle noted it takes 17 minutes on dial-up.
- The new Safe Boating guide is now out. There have been many changes and squadrons are encouraged to get a supply of these great resources for use in courses.
- There are 15 new motions to Governing Board that were to be discussed here at the meeting but Terry neglected to send them out ahead of time. An email discussion will take place before the GB meeting. About 10 of them are general housekeeping items and the rest may generate some discussion.
- As Garry is slated to replace Camille as D/T/O, he will be attending the next National training meeting with Camille.

MOTION # 6: Moved by Camille and seconded by Doug that:

The district cover Garry's hotel and travel expenses at CPS rates.

CARRIED.

- The next meeting will be Sunday April 19, 2009 at 1030 in Sudbury

- The AGM will be Sunday May 24, 2009 at 1030 in Sudbury
- Estelle is wondering if others are getting error messages and not getting a membership report. She can list the members but cannot get it in Excel even after setting up her browser according to the directions. Estelle will call Heather at headquarters IT support and get her to help. If squadrons wish, they can request a copy of the WBAS help CD from Terry.

TERMINATION:

MOTION # 6: Moved by Doug that:

There being no more business, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

- Meeting adjourned at 1108.