

VOYAGEUR DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

Held: Lockerby Legion, 2200 Long Lk Rd, Sudbury, Ontario

Date: Sunday January 26, 2003

D/C Warren Ginson who took the chair called the General Meeting of the District Council to order at 1025 am. D/Sec Lucille Laderoute was the secretary.

ROLL CALL: Taken, there were 10 District Bridge members present, 2 Squadron Commanders, and 3 Squadron Bridge Officers present. **Total 15 present**

Also present was Past Past D/C Earl Bryant District Historian

DISTRICT OFFICERS PRESENT: D/C Warren Ginson written report D/T/O Jack McIrvine written report D/A/O D/Youth Camille Quesnel written report D/Sec Lucille Laderoute written report D/Treas Ian Scott written report D/Marep John Edward written report D/Port/Capt Cliff Curry written report A/D/T/O Paul Yearwood no report P/D/C D/ Comm Gilbert Desjardins written Report

Absent Horst Mattern due to a family death plus Robert Smith.

SQUADRON COMMANDERS PRESENT: Bracebridge Jack McIrvine report

Sudbury Allen Ziminski report

North Channel Mike Dupuis report

Squadrons Represented by Bridge members: Manitoulin represented by Francois Legault report North Bay represented by George Graham, Doug Hay report Parry Sound represented by Ian Scott verbal report **Squadrons not present, no reports, or representation;** Sault Ste. Marie, Huntsville, Tri-Towns

It was noted that there were 15 voting members present which constituted a quorum and therefore the meeting was properly constituted and in order.

Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes accepted . 1st Gil Desjardins 2nd Ian Scott carried unanimously. Business arising from the last meetings minutes . NONE

District Officers Reports: 9 reports in writing

MOTION:: that the treasurers report be accepted 1st Mike Dupuis 2nd Jack McIrvine

Squadron Commanders reports: 5 reports in writing

Important information from Reports: 1. Cliff Curry D/Port Capt is presently reworking some of his material from "Around the Buoy" material for Joan Eyoifson Cadham for Port Hole Magazine. He would appreciate any updates about Port Captain activities to be sent to him at Email huronnorth@isys.ca or res # 705-692-4518 **2.** Gilbert Desjardins informed us that each of us now has an "alias" email by which we can be reached. R/C John Ellison of the Info Systems Committee has linked our personal email to the alias email so that any messages sent to the alias will reach us automatically. These email alias will be made available to members only via the Web Forums, Members Mooring and in upcoming issues of PROMOTO. Please make a note of your alias and use it wherever you feel it would be useful Chair Enviro Comm R/C Richard Bee environment@cps-ecp.org , Chair Marine Reporting R/C Bill Sehl marep@cps-ecp.org Chair Marketing &P/R Committee R/C Anne MacDonald marketing@cps-ecp.org , Chair Memb Service Comm R/C Al Hinge membership@cps-ecp.org , Chair Port/C comm R/C Gil Desjardins portcaptain@cps-ecp.org , Chair National Conference Com P/C/C Doreen Kinksman conference@cps-ecp.org , Editor in Chief Port Hole P/R/C John Eyoifson Cadman porthole@cps-ecp.org Editor National Newsletter (PRPMOTO)S/C Gene Mooney promoto@cps-ecp.org Alias email have also been created for each member of OpCom . These are Chief Commander Tony Gardiner chief@cps-ecp.org , National Exec Officer V/C Howard Peck exec@cps-ecp.org , National T/O V/C Duane Partee nto@cps-ecp.org , National Admin Officer V/C Serge St. Martin nao@cps-ecp.org , National Sec V/C <Malcom Blann secretary@cps-ecp.org National Treas V/C Tony Prichard treasurer@cps-ecp.org Law Officer R/C Lorne Giroux law@cps-ecp.org Chair Committee on Rules R/C Dave Estray rules@cps-ecp.org CHair Committee on Nominations P/C/C David Durward nominations@cps-ecp.org Immediate Past Chief Commander David Durward pcc@cps-ecp.org Chair Info Systems Committee R/C/John Ellison infosystems@cps-ecp.org Chair Multimedia Committee R/C Tony Cooke multimedia@cps-ecp.org and finally Chair Communications Committee R/C Catherine McLeod communications@cps-ecp.org **3.**Jack McIrvine informed us that there has been further progress on modularization of courses, major changes coming soon in the PCOC exams and in the Canadian Coast Guard handling of them **4.** Marep Officer John Edwards informed us that Head Quarters has now made the Marep Manual with up-dates and the required reporting forms with instructions available on the Web. Visit and link Members Moorings enter your certificate number and postal code to down

load.(remember to just leave a space between the first three digits.) **NEW BUSINESS; 1. District Web Site:** Commander Terry Lang from North Bay has established a Great Website for the Voyageur District. The testing server where you can access the mocked up site is: (click below) <http://tlcconsulting.dns2go.com/voyageur/www/index.htm> If you can't get to the site by clicking the above link, please cut and paste it into your browser's address or URL. He would welcome comments and suggestions. He is missing a few pennants for some squadrons and would appreciate it if they could forward them to him. The total cost of hosting with the company that he is recommending for 5 years is \$117.70. That is \$19 dollars per year for the domain registration, \$15 one time setup fee, and all applicable taxes. No additional cost for the hosting. The total cost for hosting with CPS National is \$75 per year = \$375 for 5 years plus taxes. **MOTION :** District to go ahead with the cost of the Website @ 117.70 for 5 years and that Terry Lang be appointed District Webmaster. The expenses have to be paid so approval is required today. It will be activated asap. Web site www.voyageur@cps-ecp.org 1st Gilbert Desjardins 2nd Cliff Curry APPROVED Unanimous

2. Fridge Magnets: made up by York District east and west. \$20 for 100 magnets. They can be used for promotions. D/C Warren Ginson will be going to Toronto for the Governing Bd meeting Feb 8,2003 and can pick up orders from the Squadrons. Commanders are to notify Warren before the end of the meeting or before Feb 6th if they want an order.

3. District Conference 2004: CHANGE OF WATCH We still need someone to host this meeting. We are hoping that ParrySound will host this Ian Scott will pass this info on to Cdr Stothers since the incoming D/C should host it. The last one was held in Bracebridge. Gilbert Desjardins volunteered to assist members in ParrySound. They conducted a survey to see who had not hosted this conference. It was mentioned that it should go to the squadrons that have not hosted yet but was decided that it wasn't a good idea to force any squadrons It was suggested that it be hosted in the area where the majority of members were located centrally. This is a great opportunity for squadrons to get on the map. They will be better recognized by the public and can promote their squadrons. It is the Administration Officers duty to promote hosting by one squadron in another central location.

4. Awards; 100% Honour Roll 9th award 1. BRACEBRIDGE

6th award 2. MANITOULIN

5th award 3. SUDBURY

4th award 4. TRI-TOWN

3rd & 4th award 5. PARRY SOUND

5. Nomination Report: Bi-Law states that the incoming D/C must provide a report on the incoming year to P/D/C. All bridge members will remain the same except POSITIONS NEEDING TO BE FILLED :Public Relations Officer, Marep Officer, and Membership Officers are needed for 2004 **LUNCH BREAK** 1200 -1300 hrs

6. Merit Marks: D/C Warren Ginson sent back Merit Mark recommendations to 4 squadrons. It has been suggested that each Squadron Commander give each bridge member a sheet or form to log all their activities and hours on a daily basis performed for the squadron. This can then be submitted to their commander at the end of the year when it is time for the Commanders to fill in the forms for Merit Mark Recommendations. These merit mark forms mailed to the D/C must have all the information logged, duties, hours spent listed not just their position.

7. AGM/Graduation Dates: D/C Warren Ginson would appreciate it if every squadron could inform him of their graduation and AGM dates asap. The only two he has to date are Bracebridge April 24 2003 for AGM Graduation to be decided later and Manitoulin AGM May 10, 2003.

8. Pledge in District Historian: D/C Warren Ginson pledged in P/P/D/C Earl Bryant. He has also been nominated for Staff Commander/Port Captain at National Level.

9. Duties of Squadron Officers: John Edward made a note that officers in Squadrons do not read their officer manuals, or may not even have a manual. This manual is to assist the officer in performing his or her duties correctly. This will also allow them to be prepared once they reach the District Level. The District Secretary is responsible to make sure that each squadrons secretary has a manual and reads it.

10. Governing Bd Motions: VHF instructors: Doug Hay has not received his acceptance for VHF instructor to date. D/C Ginson will recheck to make sure it has been sent in.

11. Incentive to encourage Attendance at meetings: It was noted that the District Admin Officer makes arrangements for the meetings and must notify the number of people to be present to have a lunch. It has been in the past that there were 2 persons per squadron plus the Members of the District Bridge would be present which totalled 30 people. Today we did not have adequate representation and the District was responsible to pick up the tab . In future we must not have this happen again.

MOTION; On a motion duly made by Paul Yearwood and seconded by Allen Ziminski be it resolved that: **In future, squadrons must commit to meals 14 days prior to the district meeting. No response from the squadrons will mean there will be no**

meal available. If you do attend the meeting and have not committed to the 14 day prior recommendation there will be no meal available at this meeting. Accepted Carried Unanimously

Invitation To Terminate: There being no further business the chairman requested a motion: Be it resolved that this meeting be terminated.

Time Terminated 1325hrs Moved 1st Allen Ziminski 2nd Paul Yearwood

D/C Warren Ginson_____

D/Sec Lucille Laderoute_____

Next Meeting is April 6, 2003 to be held at Lockerby Legion, 2200 long Lake Rd, Sudbury, Ontario.

Would Tri-Town, Huntsville and Sault Ste. Marie please forward to me the sec your Squadron Commander Report. Thank you.

Also Could Sault Ste. Marie please provide me with someones email address for future immediate correspondence along with mailing if possible. D/Sec Lucille Laderoute e-mail Hygenie@sympatico.ca