

**Minutes of Voyageur District Council Meeting  
September 19, 2004,  
Lockerby Legion, Sudbury**

The meeting called to order at 1100 and Roll Call was conducted.

**Present: District Officers:**

Horst Mattern, D/C  
Caven Ford, D/Sec  
Camille Quesnel, D/Youth  
Jack McIrvine, D/E/O & Cdr-Bracebridge  
Emer Bowes, D/P/R/O  
Ian Scott, D/Tres & Cdr-Parry Sound  
Francois Legault, D/T/O & Cdr-Manitoulin  
Gil Desjardins, P/D/C, D/Comm/O

**Squadron Commanders:**

Bill Ramsay, Cdr-Tri-Towns  
Doug Hay, Cdr-North Channel

**Squadron Officers:**

Dave Bithelt – S/T/O & Sec – Tri-Towns  
Donna Sanderson – Treas – Sault Ste Marie  
Tania Burrows – Sec & Soc – Sault Ste Marie  
George Graham – S/T/O – North Bay  
Keith Shantz – Boat Pro - Bracebridge

**Regrets:** Terry Lang, D/A/O & D/Web  
Elizabeth Appleton, Cdr-North Bay  
Jean-Marie Wissel, Cdr-Sault Ste Marie  
John Mason, D/Marep

**Absent:** Earl Bryant, D/Hist  
Rick Keevil, Cdr-Huntsville  
Allen Ziminski, Cdr-Sudbury  
Warren Ginsen, D/Memb & P/D/C

The minutes of the April 25, 2004 District Council Meeting were distributed. One minor correction was noted: John Edward is not D/Marep officer.

**MOTION # 1:** Moved by Camille Quesnel and seconded by Doug Hay that:

We dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 25, 2004 meeting and adopt them as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**DISTRICT OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**D/C:** Horst Mattern – copy filed

D/E/O: Jack McIrvine – copy filed  
D/T/O: Francois Legault – copy filed  
D/A/O: Terry Lang – copy filed  
D/Sec: Caven Ford – no report  
D/Tres: Ian Scott – copy filed

**MOTION # 2:** Moved by Gil Desjardins and seconded by Bill Ramsay that:  
The report of the District Treasurer is accepted.

**CARRIED.**

D/P/R/O: Emer Bowes – copy filed  
D/Web/Master: Terry Lang – copy filed  
D/Marep: John Mason – copy filed  
D/Memb: Warren Ginsen – absent – no report  
D/Youth: Camille Quesnel – copy filed  
D/Hist: Earl Bryant  
P/D/C: Warren Ginsen – Absent – no report  
D/Port: Vacant – no report  
A/D/T/O: Vacant – no report  
D/Comm/O: Gil Desjardins – verbal report filed

**MOTION # 3:** Moved by Doug Hay and seconded by Camille Quesnel that:  
The District Officer's reports be accepted as read.

**CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- No old business.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER'S REPORTS:**

Bracebridge: Jack McIrvine – copy filed  
Huntsville: Rick Keevil – absent – no report  
Manitoulin: Francois Legault – copy filed

North Bay: Elizabeth Appleton - absent – copy filed by George Graham

North Channel: Doug Hay – copy filed

Parry Sound: Ian Scott – copy filed

Sault Ste Marie: Jean-Marie Wissell – absent – copy filed by Donna Sanderson

Sudbury: Allen Ziminski – absent – copy filed by Camille Quesnel

Tri Town: Bill Ramsay – copy filed

**MOTION # 4:** Moved by George Graham and seconded by Jack McIrvine that:

The Squadron Officer's reports be accepted as read.

**CARRIED.**

Break for Lunch at 1200.

Resume meeting at 1302.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The district AGM was very well done. Horst proposes we congratulate Betty Tomlinson with a letter or a plaque. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION # 5:** Moved by Camille Quesnel and seconded by Bill Ramsay that:

The District prepares a plaque for Betty Tomlinson congratulating her on the good job putting on the AGM.

**CARRIED.**

- The national AGM is October 21 and 22, 2004. Commanders are encouraged to attend the full morning session on October 22 from 0800 until 1200 at the Airport Marriott Hotel.
- District Meeting schedule is January 16, 2005 and April 3, 2005 with the AGM being May 29, 2005. The AGM will be business style in Sudbury. Squadrons are asked to consider hosting the 2006 AGM. Please discuss at a bridge meeting and volunteer.
- Merit marks are due in November/December. All must be submitted in the proper forms. Horst will not forward incorrectly filled out forms or any that are not complete. The merit marks must be at National by end of December so Horst would like them by November 30, 2004. The forms can be found in the operations manual (pg 41 of 46) or the e-forms package can be used.
- There are positions open on the District Bridge. Any squadron member is eligible to fill the position so if any squadron has an interested member in A/D/T/O, D/Port or D/O/Train, please let D/C Mattern know.
- Horst requests that all district officers use the standard letterhead for all written communications. Horst will send everyone a copy of his letterhead and they can edit it as required.

- There are no district pins and only 1 district pennant left. At the rendezvous, Sarnia wanted to trade pennants. Horst asked if we wanted to send them a pennant. The general consensus was to send them the last pennant.
- Should we purchase more pins and pendants? Flags Unlimited is a possible supplier. Maryanne King-Wilson has the official file of the pennant for use in obtaining more. It was suggested we get cost and minimum quantity information and then make a decision. Jack McIrvine was asked to take on the task of checking out prices.

**MOTION # 6:** Moved by Gil Desjardins and seconded by Red Bowes that:

We table discussion on Pins and Pennants until the next meeting and in the meantime get prices and details on their purchase.

**CARRIED.**

- Jack McIrvine has an application for RP approved by Bracebridge Squadron. One individual wishes to provide training to registered Insurance Brokers of Ontario and has the opportunity to teach it to over the 9 districts and 76 squadrons territories. Bill Ramsay suggests a RP for one-client people like this situation. Much discussion ensued. Eventually it was decided to sign the RP application and send it along with the condition that it be 'subject to National Approval.
- A discussion was held on the Governing Board ruling that it appropriate, for its own use, anything created for training purposes and will also not acknowledge the original creator. Parry Sound Squadron made a motion that Governing Board seek independent Legal Council to provide an unbiased opinion on the legality of this provision. Much discussion ensued and it was decided thus:

**MOTION # 7:** Moved by Bill Ramsay and seconded by Francois Legault that:

Voyageur District will propose at the next Governing Board meeting that OpComm seek advice from an independent law firm with expertise in Canadian Copyright law to get and publish an unbiased opinion on the legality of the Governing Board rule that, in effect, confiscates members' creative works or alternately recommend a program that is workable within Canadian Copyright Law.

**CARRIED.**

- Gil Desjardins expressed displeasure at the high price of the meal. He felt, and many agreed, that \$15.00 was a bit steep from the food presented. We should ask the Admin Officer to review the cost.

**MOTION # 8:** Moved by Gil Desjardins and seconded by Doug Hay that:

The Voyageur District subsidizes those members that attend the meeting, the sum of \$5.00 per lunch.

**CARRIED.**

- Governing Board wants a void cheque so they can deposit membership money directly into the Squadron's account. Please send a void blank cheque to National Headquarters or Allen Briere.

**TERMINATION:**

**MOTION # 9:** Moved by Bill Ramsay that:

There being no more business, the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED.**

- Meeting adjourned at 1420.
- Next Meeting: Sunday Jan 16, 2005 at the Lockerby Legion, Sudbury at 1100.