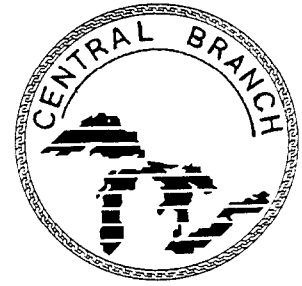


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Membership

Branch: - K. Greenfield, B. Power, G. McFarlane.
International: - F. Oliff.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

B. Power, E. Brown, H. Duller, T. Janzen,

A. Leyzack, J. Walker, J. Weedon.

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.

Meetings: - R. Cameron, K. Greenfield, G. McFarlane.

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, B. Power.
BBQ: - J. Walker
AGM: - J. Weedon, T. Herron, P. Travaglini.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Fourty Years of the Canadian Hydrographic Association:

Yes, hard to believe but some of the founding fathers of the Association are still around and are quite active in the field of hydrography, either as contributors, authors or Friends of Hydrography. Central Branch is discussing how we might mark the milestone, a 40th birthday of sorts, even though it was officially passed sometime last year.

Perhaps it is time to remind some of you just who we are and what we do:

The Canadian Hydrographic Association (CHA) is a non-profit, scientific and technical group of more than 500 (well members with the objective of:

- advancing the development of hydrography, marine cartography and associated activities in Canada;
- furthering the knowledge and professional development of its members;
- enhancing and demonstrating the public need for hydrography;
- assisting in the development of hydrographic sciences in developing countries.

It is the only national hydrographic organization in Canada. It embraces the disciplines of:

- hydrographic surveying;marine cartography;
- marine geodesy;
- offshore exploration;
- tidal and tidal current studies.

The Canadian Hydrographic Association is formally affiliated with the Canadian Institute of Geomatics. It is informally associated with The Hydrographic Society.

What the CHA Can Do For You:

- a. advance your knowledge of hydrography, cartography and associated disciplines, and keep you abreast of the latest developments in these disciplines;
- b. enable you to develop and maintain contacts with others involved with hydrography, nationally and internationally. We are also going to celebrate the christening of the G Wade field survey launch even though it has been in use for a couple of seasons. Please mark May 1st down on your calendars. While I am on the subject of celebrations and the recognition of individuals, I would like to extend Central Branch's congratulations and thanks to out-going

National President Andrew Leyzack for his tireless enthusiasm and hard work in furthering the aims and scope of the Association both nationally and internationally. For the past five years, Andrew has worked long hours, many without thanks or fanfare (such is the life of a volunteer I find!) to heighten the awareness of the association in those circles where it is currently lacking, but he has soldiered on knowing (hope he knows) that we have his back. Andrew, we wish you all the luck in the world as Chair of the FIG Commission 4 on Hydrography.

So, in closing, last year was pretty good what with the two-day GPS course and one of our best-attended annual general meetings; let's try to make 2007 an even better year, starting with our Spirit of Canada vest raffle! Last day to buy tickets and the draw is at the general meeting, February 21st at the Canada Centre of Inland Waters.

Dates of 2007 Meetings:

See minutes below.

Upcoming Events:

THSOA US Hydro 2007: <http://www.thsoa.org/>
GeoConference Quebec, October 2-5, 2007
<http://www.quebec2007.ca/english/program-conferences.asp>

Minutes of General Meeting of Central Branch held on 24th January 2007

The meeting was at the Duller residence in Burlington. Meeting was called to order at 19:10. Fred thanked Heimo for hosting the meeting.

Attendees:

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| F. Oliff - V.P | G. McFarlane - Treasurer | |
| E. Brown | B. Power | A. Leyzack |
| J. Weedon | D. Nicholson | K. Greenfield |
| M. Bennett | J. Walker | S. Weller |
| H. Duller | C. Robinson | J. Medendorp |
| B. Wiley | T. Rowsell | |

Regrets:

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J. Biggar T. Janzen R. Cameron
H. Biberhofer

Action: Fred to send notice of H₂O Bonspiel to other members

- 1) Minutes of General meeting of 26th October 2006 were circulated and discussed.

Annual General Meeting: (F. Oliff) The AGM is scheduled for December 6, 2007.

Motion to accept Minutes as read: E. Brown.
CARRIED

Educational:

Corrections: Change regarding Ken McMillan: the plane was not in Great Slave Lake, but Sharron Lake, Manitoba.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: Christening of the Survey Launch G. Wade is set for May 1st at 12:00.

Motion to accept Minutes as amended: J. Walker/ A. Leyzack
CARRIED

Meetings: (F. Oliff) 2007 schedule:

- 2) Treasurer's Report and 2007 Budget: (G. McFarlane) 2007 Budget reviewed as approved by the Executive. Input from members is welcome. Interest is accruing on the \$15000 in the two GIC's deposited in November. The one at the lower interest rate would be cashed in if the need arises. The Launch account currently stands at \$1800. Financial information for auditing 2006 is ready for auditors J.H. Weller and B. L. Tinney.

February 21, March 21, April 26,
May 1 at noon –G. Wade event
May 24,
June 23 – BBQ (tentative)
September 26, October 24, November 21,
December 6 - AGM

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: G. McFarlane/ E. Brown
CARRIED

John Medendorp noted that the November 21 meeting and AGM are rather close together. This has to do entirely with the election for Branch executive.

- 3) Correspondence: (F. Oliff for R. Cameron) Internal correspondence and a Branch Executive meeting. An email was received from Peter Knight in New Zealand regarding renewal of his membership.

Membership: (B. Power) Renewal forms have been mailed out to all but a few members including 16 corporate members. Some replies have already come in. Replies to date: 3 of 13 CHS, 8 non-CHS, 7 corporate, 5 Life and 1 Honourary member. Geof Thompson has joined as a new member. Three others, whose memberships had lapsed, have renewed. George noted that our Credit Card payment system with CIG was working well.

- 4) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: Launch is inactive. Some manila rope was donated by Tech-Ops.

Lighthouse: (J. Weedon) The layout for issue #69 is about 75% done.

Social Events H2O: Curling Bonspiel is scheduled for February 17th at the Grimsby Curling Club - all welcome. A full slate of curlers is anticipated. Letters have been sent to sponsors, inviting interested individuals. George suggested that more advance notice would be good, perhaps at the AGM. He also mentioned that Kirsten had offered to update the membership lists, as the many present ones are not compatible with one another.

Website: (J. Weedon) Some updating has been done but more is scheduled after *Lighthouse* is completed. George suggested that the Secretary, as a contact, be added to the website. Brian suggested getting 2007 Executive members from other Branches to add their contacts.

Action: Fred to approach other CHA Executives

National Presidents Election: (F. Oliff) Ballots are now available and will be sent by e-mail. These must be returned by February 9th to Terese Herron.

5) Other Business: Central Branch's Executive has decided to sponsor *The Spirit of Canada* and will present a cheque for \$250.00 to skipper Derek Hatfield. The CHA will join the list of sponsors listed on the hull of *The Spirit of Canada*. As a result of this donation, Central Branch will receive a *Spirit of Canada* vest, which will be put up for raffle. The raffle will be open to all 68 members in good standing for 2006 and anyone else interested. Monies from the raffle will be donated to *The Spirit of Canada*.

Action: CHA Executive

Barbara Wade-Wiley, sister of Gerry Elmer Wade, former Hydrographer-in-charge and namesake for the *G. Wade* survey launch, was introduced. Sam Weller has been in contact with Mrs. Wade-Wiley ever since meeting her at his church. They have instrumental in pushing forward the idea of having a ceremony to christen the G Wade launch. (Note: a plaque is being worked on and will be done in time for the ceremony – the computer it was on was stolen!).

CHA Pins: One of our members has a promotional business and has offered to produce CHA pins. This would be a National initiative on behalf of the branches. Andrew said that he would contact other branches for orders and will be in touch. The pins will supplement our stock of CHA items, of which only 19 (or less) CHA glasses remain.

Carol Robinson noted that it is the 150th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal. Can we work with them in a commemorative event?

Action: CHA Executive

Newsletter: George feels the newsletter is very important. Tim has agreed to continue as editor but is still not able to chase items that should be prepared and sent to him in good time. Good guidelines would be one week to get minutes in after each meeting.

Action: Central Branch Executive

Friends of Hydrography: (E. Brown) Earl looks after requests for information etc. He was contacted by an individual who wishes to donate a boat from the *W.J. Stewart* and also some old 8mm movies. Another was on the *W.J. Stewart* when she hit Ripple Rock in 1944 and has offered his autographed book with the signatures of all the people on board at the time. Earl would like more members to donate personal items. Better pictures are needed for the Website. National President Andrew Leyzack warmly commended all the work Earl does for Friends of Hydrography. George suggested Earl be a speaker for FOH and perhaps the ship's boat would be a good exhibit for the CHC 2008 conference.

Guests: Dale Nicholson, CHS - Central and Arctic's new Director and Tom Rowsell CHS - Central and Arctic's Acting Technical Services Manager from Atlantic Region, and Barbara Wade-Wiley.

Meeting adjourned at 20:32

Moved C. Robinson CARRIED

After the meeting Sam Weller did a presentation on his recent trip to Lithuania where he taught English as a second language. This is Sam's second trip to one of the former Soviet Union's Baltic States and he promises further trips which he will share with us. We look forward to it and thank you Sam!

Continuity: George believes Central Branch needs a safety deposit box to secure Certificates of Deposit, Insurance etc. Currently, important documents are in people's personal possession and in filing cabinet drawers.

Action: CHA Executive to look into securing a safety deposit box.

CHA's 40th Anniversary was in 2006 and George believes the event should have been noted. Suggests we do something this year to mark that event.