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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.

Meetings: - R. Cameron, K. Greenfield.

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, B. Power.
BBQ: - J. Walker
AGM: - F. Oliff, J. Weedon

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

A synopsis of the 18th Annual General Meeting and Dinner: By all accounts this was one of the best AGMs ever! Even though there is a lot of effort required getting it all up and running, once it is done, it seems to take care of itself. Special thanks go to the MC Andrew Leyzack, secretary Roger Cameron for not only procuring the speaker of the evening, Ian Kerr-Wilson, but for doing the door prize shopping. We will be examining our options for the 2008 AGM venue as some of us feel it is a long way to go and it makes for a rather long drive home afterwards. We had 35 people in attendance including Andrew Smith from Atlantic Branch. The rest of the Executive and I, welcome any suggestions and/or criticism with respect to venue and speaker(s). It is your Association and feedback is beneficial and is really the only way we can improve. On the work front, processing continues on the remainder of the field submissions for last year's Revisory survey and we will soon begin preparation for the 2008 field season here in Central & Arctic Region. On another note, and completely unrelated to hydrography: winter can only mean one thing, home improvement projects! This year, meaning since last fall, I decided to renovate the bathroom, an addition of my 100-year old (plus) house. The fellow who built the original (there was an outhouse at one point though I have not been able to pinpoint the location) used found construction materials and consequently the floor was never level, the walls were cold and it was in serious need of some TLC, or a demolition crew! To find out the floor was not level because there were loose scraps of pressure-treated wood, and loose 2x12 rough cut joists was somewhat irritating. Those of you who know me better will know I am understating my true feelings at these discoveries. I did attempt to invite someone I know who is a lot more adept at the home renovation experience but he turned me down flat. So, I am now at the grouting of the floor tiles part of the job and all that is left of this exercise is tiling around the toilet. I followed the advice of some of you and installed the radiant in-floor heating. It was a great idea thanks!

Happy trails and faire winds,

Fred

Dates of 2008 Meetings

January 23, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 28 BBQ, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 11 AGM.

Minutes of General Meeting of Central Branch held on 14th November 2007

The meeting was held at CCIW in Boardroom L205. Meeting called to order at 14:05 or so. Fred thanked CCIW for hosting the meeting.

Attendees:

F. Oliff - V.P

R. Cameron -Secretary

D. Nicholson B. Power K. Greenfield

K. Weaver J. Medendorp K. Dixel

T. Janzen J. Walker E. Mong

M. Bennett R. Beri B. Tinney

L. Reiach

Regrets:

G. McFarlane L. Robbins S. Weller

B. Warrender E. Brown

- 1) Minutes of meeting of 30th October 2007 were circulated and discussed.

Motion to accept Minutes: K. Weaver/ T. Janzen
CARRIED

Corrections:

Change "Danish Icebreaker *Oden* to "Swedish Icebreaker *Oden*"

Change "*50 years of History*" to "*50 Years of Victory*"

Note: Action items from the previous meeting are in *Italic*.

Motion to accept Minutes as amended: J. Walker /B. Tinney
CARRIED

2) Treasurer's Report: (G. McFarlane) No report is available. George is attending the 6th Regional FIG Conference in Costa Rica.

Action: George to provide a Treasurers Report to Nov 14th and circulate to members.

Action: George to update the Treasurers Report to Oct 30th and circulate to members. Ongoing

3) Correspondence: (R.Cameron) Internal correspondence with CHA Executive and notification of General Meetings to membership.

4) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) Surveyor is inactive awaiting repairs however Brian and Earl tarped it for winter storage. Brian advised Gil Bibby to proceed with maintenance and requested a written estimate for repairs and a timeframe for the work.

Brian contacted Bernard Labrecque of Quebec Branch regarding the 2008 Quebec Chop event and nominations will be submitted prior to the AGM in December.

The Halifax event in 2009 commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Halifax dockyards and will feature Tall Ships. Vic Southern has made an official request for the launch to attend and noted that there is interest in crewing it.

Action: Brian and Heimo to tarp the launch in preparation for winter. Closed

Action: Terese to provide status report on negotiations with insurance company. Ongoing

Action: Executive to contact other CHA branches for expressions of interest in the launch. Carry forward

Educational:

Meetings: (R. Cameron, K. Greenfield) Notification of the AGM on December 6th has been sent out to members. Fred has received payment for one ticket to date.

Action: Roger and Kirsten to fix a date, speaker and venue for the next meeting Closed

Action: Roger or Kirsten to contact Ed Lewis and George Hobson regarding speaking at a future meeting. Carry Forward

Membership: (B. Power) Membership now stands at 69 members with the addition of Christine Delbridge. Invoices have been prepared for 2008 membership renewals.

Action: Brian to mail invoices to members in January.

Action: Brian to supply Jim with new addresses of corporate members. Carry forward

Website: (F. Oliff for J. Weedon) Carol has agreed to take over the website from Jim.

Action: Executive to approach Carol for possible interest in taking over the website. Closed

5) Other Business: Jeff commented that very few nominations for the 2008 Executive have been received. The 2008 Quebec Chop event and nominations will be submitted prior to the AGM in December.

Fred congratulated member Eivind Eik Mong on the recent birth of his son.

Dale Nicholson – Director CHS Central and Arctic voiced his support for daytime meetings covering relevant topics at CCIW and suggested that new employees be offered free membership in CHA during the first year of employment.

Fred responded that a half-price incentive for new CHS employees was discussed at the Executive meeting on October 14th and this proposal was accepted by the Executive. Fred would like CHA to achieve a higher profile within CHS

Brian suggested future topics may cover local issues such as “Randle Reef” in Hamilton Harbour - a site contaminated with hazardous waste

Tim suggested John Hall from Environment Canada Remedial Action Plan co-ordinator for Hamilton Harbour as a potential speaker.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved T. Janzen/ R. Cameron CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 14:27

After the meeting Lindsay Reiach- Senior Project Manager of SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System)of the City of Hamilton did a Power Point presentation on Data entitled “A Journey not a Destination” from his teachings at Queen’s University in Kingston.

Lindsay outlined how data has changed the workplace and how meta-data (data on the data itself) increases its value. Data is now being viewed as an asset, especially if the data is geo-referenced. The data’s value can be substantially higher than the equipment it is stored within. This particularly true with historical data as the equipment or media it is stored in/on becomes obsolete. Lindsay outlined that Knowledge management becomes key and that current trends point to a “pull market” where 24/7 accessibility is expected and customers become more sophisticated and more demanding of information.

After the presentation, Fred thanked Lindsay and presented him with a CHA pilsner glass and CHA lapel pin.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Central Branch held on 6th December 2007

The meeting was held at the Mimico Cruising Club. Meeting was called to order at 18:15 or so. Master of Ceremonies Andrew Leyzack opened the evening with welcoming remarks and introduced Fred Oliff, CHA Central Branch V.P. Fred thanked Andrew for the introduction and also thanked Jim Weedon for creating the AGM program and Roger Cameron for purchasing the door prizes.

Attendees:

Jeff	Walker
Eugene	Walker
Noreen	Walker
Jennifer	Campbell
Kent	Campbell
Garrett	Campbell
George	McFarlane
Hope	McFarlane
Sam	Weller
Mike	Bennett
Cathy	Burbage
Brian	Power
Dale	Nicholson

Wendy	Nicholson
Leyzack	Andrew
Cameron	Roger
Weedon	Jim
Biggar	Jon
Biggar	Norma
McMillan	Ken
McMillan	Wendy
Morrison-	
Duller	Julia
Duller	Heimo
John	Medendorp
Earl	Brown
Christine	Delbridge
Bil	Thuma
A.	Yakavenko
Oliff	Fred
Kerr-	
Wilson	Ian
Robinson	Carol
Goguen	Michel
Smith	Andrew
Dexel	Ken

Regrets:

Keith Weaver, Kirsten Greenfield, Tim Janzen, Terese Herron and Paola Travaglini

- 1) Minutes of the CHA meeting of 14th November 2007 were circulated and discussed.

Motion to accept Minutes:

-Moved: S. Weller/B. Power CARRIED.

Corrections:

Change spelling of Vic Southern to Vic Suthren

Motion to accept Minutes as amended: J. Walker /R. Cameron CARRIED

- 2) Treasurer’s Report: (G. McFarlane) George presented the report for the period of January 1 to November 30, 2007. The report was reviewed. George indicated that an interest statement will be received at the end of December and at that time the report for 2007 will be finalized. Fred thanked George for preparing the Treasurers report and for performing his duties as Treasurer of Central Branch for the past three years.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: J. Walker. F. Oliff
CARRIED

3) Introduction of the 2008 Executive: Jeff Walker of the Nominations Committee thanked Fred for arranging the AGM and stated that Central Branch will be soon be going through the formalities of Electing the 2008 Executive. The positions available are for Vice President, Treasurer and two Executive positions. The position of Vice President has not been filled as no nominations were accepted. Fred has offered to continue on as V.P. until someone steps forward to run for election or remain as V.P. until next years election. This extends his term past the three year mandate and is in contravention of the By-Laws. Unless the membership opposes Fred will remain as V.P. as the Branch cannot continue effectively without a V.P. Carol Robinson has accepted the position as Treasurer. Jim Weedon, Jeff Walker and Kirsten Greenfield have accepted positions on the Executive.

Fred thanked Jeff for his work on the Nominations committee.

4) Committee Reports:

Committee Reports are included in the AGM Agenda and are to be read at your leisure.

Brian Power of the Membership committee mentioned that invoices for 2008 membership renewals are to be mailed in November, not January. Andrew asked Brian about the costs of repairing the Launch *Surveyor*. Brian (of the Launch committee) responded that he has yet to receive a written estimate however work is set to start in early Spring. It is likely that the repair to the stern will involve putting a dutchman in the affected area.

5) Correspondence: (R. Cameron). Internal correspondence within CHA and with tonight's speaker Mr. Ian Kerr-Wilson.

6) Update from the National President:

CHA National President George McFarlane passed on his regrets to Andrew on the recent loss of his father. George reviewed the recent FIG conference he attended in Costa Rica and promoted CHC 2008 conference set to be held in Victoria B.C. next May. The theme of the conference is "*Bringing Land and Sea Together*". Earlier this year George met with CHS

Central and Arctic's Director Mr. Dale Nicholson and aims to improve the relationship between CHS and CHA.

George commented on Central Branches situation and stated that the Governance does not allow for a V.P. to stand for more than three consecutive years however Fred will be allowed stay on until someone stands for the office. George thanked Fred for remaining as V.P. of Central Branch.

George would like more awareness of the CHA Student Award and would like to see it promoted at CHC 2008. The CIG Terms of Reference are outdated and he would like to see more emphasis on training and education. A University in Germany is now offering a Masters in Hydrography, so George plans to get information on the program and pass it on to all CHA Branches.

World Hydrography Day should continue to be promoted by all Branches. The ACLS is now offering membership for Hydrographers. CHC 2008 is being jointly hosted by CHA and the ACLS however a Memorandum of Understanding will not be signed by CHA until the wording satisfies the CHA. George would also like to see a good turnout at the National AGM in Victoria.

Fred thanked George for his presentation.

7) Greetings from the AOLS: Kent Campbell, Vice-President of the Ontario Association of Land Surveyors offered greetings to CHA. He commented that this was his 18th year attending the CHA AGM at the Mimico Cruising Club. Kent spoke of the importance of cross communication between Survey Associations and of working together on initiatives of continuing education and guidance to new Canadians regarding employment in surveying. Fred thanked Kent for his greetings.

8) Other Business:

Fred announced that Ken McMillan, President of corporate member McQuest Marine was recently married.

Meeting adjourned at 18:40

Moved S. Weller/B. Power CARRIED.

Following the meeting Master of Ceremonies Andrew Leyzack introduced Ian Kerr-Wilson, Curator of the

Dundurn National Historical Site and Project co-ordinator of the Hamilton and Scourge Project. Ian gave an entertaining and informative presentation of the War of 1812 American warships *Hamilton* and *Scourge*. Both ships were sunk by a freak Summer squall in Lake Ontario off St. Catharines during the War of 1812. Both ships are the only examples of their type in existence today and are in very good condition, residing upright in 90m of water. Ian spoke of the history of both ships, the events leading to their discovery in the 1970's and the ongoing efforts to preserve them. He also spoke the on future plans being considered and the efforts to bring them to more public attention. For more information on the *Hamilton* and *Scourge*, please visit <http://www.hamilton-scourge.hamilton.ca/home.htm>

After his presentation, Roger thanked Ian and presented him with a CHA swag and 40th Anniversary CHA lapel pin. He also thanked Ian for repeating his presentation for the AGM as he had previously done so at the CHA meeting in May. Andrew closed the evening by thanking the Mimico Cruising Club and its staff for the fine food and ambiance.

Upcoming Events:

Canadian Hydrographic Conference, Victoria BC
Canada, May 5-8, 2008

for more information <http://www.chc2008.ca>

CARiS 2008: Make a Spatial Connection: 12th
International User Group Conference and Educational
Sessions, Bath, UK September 22-26