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Membership

Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, F. Oliff.
International: - T. Janzen.
Elections: - T. Janzen, B. Power.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

B. Power E. Brown, J. Dixon, H. Duller,
 T. Janzen. A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Weedon.

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library:
 T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.
Seminars: - A. Leyzack, S. Hinds, T. Janzen,
 S. Youngblut.
2002 Multibeam course: P. Davies, A. Leyzack,
 K. McMillan, P. Travaglini, C. Robinson.
Registration for CHC2002:
 F. Oliff S. Youngblut.

Social Events

H2O - E. Brown, J. Leyzack, B. Power.
BBQ - J. Biggar, T. Janzen, B. Power.
AGM - F. Oliff, T. Janzen, B. Power, J. Weedon.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Hello again, it's me, your VP!

Our third general meeting for 2002 has just taken place, and was another great success. It was my pleasure to welcome three new members, a member who was attending a meeting for the first time, and a visitor all the way from New Zealand! It was also great to see four members representing Public Works and Government Services Canada, and the Director of CHS, Central & Arctic Region. When we get representation from different sectors and aspects of the hydrographic industry, it adds a lot of depth to the meeting and makes for more interesting conversation in the kitchen, around the pizza, afterward. If you have never attended a meeting, I urge you to make an effort to show up, and if you haven't been to one in a while, give it another try.

I would like to welcome five new Sustaining Members for 2002:

- C & C Technologies of Lafayette, Louisiana;
- Chief Hydrographer of India;
- Canada Centre for Marine Communications;
- McQuest Marine Sciences;
- Octopus Marine Systems.

Welcome aboard!

On a parting note, I am going to ask one last time that you complete the CHA questionnaire enclosed in the January 2002 newsletter and send it to me. If you prefer, you can fax the completed form back to me, at (905) 336-8916.

As always, happy hydrography!

- Tim

Your opportunity to participate at CHC 2002

Central Branch, has been asked to take the lead role for registration at the Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2002 (CHC2002), May 27 to 31, 2002, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto. This is a unique opportunity to participate in the CHC 2002 conference.

Volunteers will staff the registration desk for 1 or 2 shifts of two hours. Responsibilities include welcoming delegates, distributing registration packages, and answering general questions. Adequate training and orientation will be provided to our volunteers.

In exchange for your time and effort, we can offer Out-House members a discount on the conference registration fee or a ticket to the theme dinner at the Hockey Hall of Fame on Thursday May 30.

This is a great chance for CHA members to participate. It is also an opportunity for our membership to continue to support the development of hydrography in Canada.

Call Scott Youngblut (905) 336-4836 or Fred Oliff (905) 336-4491.

Next meeting

Our next general meeting will be at 19:00 on Wednesday 24 April 2002. Brian Power is hosting us: 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington [north of Upper Middle Road, west of Guelph Line].

Our guest speaker is Peter Engelbert, who will be talking about the Marine Heritage Conservation Program and the protection of Ontario's wrecks.

Traditional refreshments will be served. See you there!

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2001 to 21 March 2002

Balance forward December 31, 2001:	\$ 1,024.86
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership Dues (2002)	\$ <u>1,471.83</u>
	\$ 1,471.83
	\$ 2,496.69
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Postage	\$ 114.95
Seminars & Meetings	21.83
Bonspiel	1,531.15
NewsLetter paper	<u>126.12</u>
	\$ 1,794.05
<u>Working Balance 21 March 2002:</u>	<u>\$ 702.64</u>

Note: To help the *Lighthouse* Editorial team and the *Admiralty Launch Surveyor* Committee, the Central Branch treasurer handles some of their income and expenditures (reported below). The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001:	\$ 504.07
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 369.78
Advertising	<u>2,025.00</u>
	\$ 2,394.78
	\$ 2,898.85
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Refund	\$ 12.50
Envelopes	<u>39.05</u>
	\$ 51.55
<u>Working Balance 21 March 2002:</u>	<u>\$ 2,847.30</u>

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001:	\$ 1,933.03
<u>Receipts:</u>	
nil	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
nil	
<u>Working Balance 21 March 2002:</u>	<u>\$ 1,933.03</u>

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 21 March, 2002

1) The meeting was held at the residence of Sam and Beth Weller. Tim welcomed everyone, thanked our hosts, and called the meeting to order at 19:15.

Attendees:

Tim Janzen - VP- Chair

Earl Brown – Secretary Sam Weller - Treasurer

Dennis St. Jacques - Guest Speaker

Kirsten Greenfield John Dixon Heimo Duller

George McFarlane Mike Bennett Andrew Leyzack

Carol Robinson Paola Travaglini Bill Warrender

Jim Weedon Jeff Walker Brian Power

Heather MacArthur Brian Carrigan John Medendorp

Gabriel Bincik Linda Nguyen

2) Minutes of the February 21, 2002, general meeting as circulated in the February newsletter were made available.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved B. Power/A. Leyzack CARRIED

Before proceeding with the balance of the agenda, Tim introduced three new Branch members and one member who was attending a meeting for the first time. Gabriel, Brian, Heather, and Kirsten, as well as our special guest Linda Nguyen were extended a warm welcome.

3) Treasurer's Report: Sam presented the treasurer's report.

Motion to accept the report as presented:

- Moved S. Weller/B. Warrender CARRIED

4) Correspondence:

a) An e-mail was received from Vlad Ustinoff of St. Petersburg, Russia, thanking Tim for his efforts to assist him in seeking hydrographic employment in Canada.

b) A letter has been received from the Marine Heritage Association, Midland, Ontario, stating that they could no longer continue with the memorandum of understanding with respect to the Heritage Launch *Surveyor*.

ACTION: It was agreed that Brian would acknowledge the letter and ensure that our relationship with the Marine Heritage Association would remain amicable.

c) An e-mail had been received from Barry Lusk, Student Award Manager, commending the Branch for a very good and useful web page. Tim has acknowledged Barry's kind words and also passed on thanks to Jim Weedon who has done the excellent web work.

d) Sam Weller stated he had a letter from the Company of Master Mariners who were looking for a speaker for May 21. It was suggested that a speaker from Central Branch might find it of interest to use this as an opportunity for a "dry run", for CHC2002.

5) Committee Reports:

a) Admiralty Launch *Surveyor*:

Brian reiterated the contents of the letter from the Marine Heritage Association and confirmed that the Launch will not be based at Discovery Harbour this year.

Brian stated that *Surveyor* will be at CHC2002 in May and there are tentative plans to provide short trips to those conference attendees who indicate an interest. There has been a request to have the launch at the Upper Canada Trade Fair in April. Brian has also received a request from the town of Grimsby for *Surveyor* to be part of several events during the summer of 2002.

There was considerable discussion about the proposed 2003 Cook commemorative voyage in the Atlantic. Also discussed was the need to have a "dry run" to gear up for this event.

The immediate concerns for *Surveyor* were to obtain appropriate and adequate insurance as well as normal maintenance.

Dennis mentioned that there may be occasions for *Surveyor* to be involved in promoting CHS activities and charts at Lake Temiskaming. As well there may be opportunities through Hamilton heritage programs being initiated by the Heritage Minister S. Copps.

b) Social:

BBQ - Brian reported that the BBQ is on as originally scheduled.

H2O - Brian also mentioned that the recent H2O went well and a full report will appear in Lighthouse as well as the newsletter.

c) Educational:

Tim reported that a sign was now in place announcing the purpose of and how to use the Gerry Wade Memorial Library. The cataloguing of material is yet to be done. Tim also informed the meeting that the H2O curling trophies are now on display with the library.

With respect to the 2002 AGM, there was a motion "that the 2002 AGM be held at the Mimico Cruising Club on December 5, 2002".

-Moved T. Janzen/S. Weller CARRIED

Andrew discussed the upcoming Multibeam course. Registrations are coming in and all seed money has been repaid. The program, including demonstrations, continues to be developed. To date, 27 participants are registered, 6 are arranging financing and another 4 are making inquiries. Andrew is confident that the objective of 40 participants will be met and that the program will end up "in the black," financially.

d) Membership: Brian reported that we have four new members so far this year. Membership is as follows:

In House: 24	Out House: 19	Life: 4
International: 8	Sustaining: 7	Honorary: 1

Brian displayed and discussed the new membership cards that were designed and printed by Tim Janzen and Paola Travaglini. Members seemed pleased with the cards, which will be sent to all Branch members.

ACTION: Brian will send an e-mail to all past Branch members who are not paid up for 2002.

There was considerable discussion about the proper home for Sustaining Members. Should they be members of a Branch or the National Office?

e) Web site: Jim reported that considerable new work had been completed and reiterated his request for feedback.

6) Other Business: Sam stated that there is a requirement for CHA envelopes. A motion was made "that we order 1500 or 2000 envelopes with the CHA logo." The cost will be about \$200.00 for a three year supply.

- Moved S. Weller/B. Power CARRIED

- George McFarlane asked to see a copy of CHA constitution and by laws.

ACTION: Tim will have copies of the CHA constitution and by-laws available at the next general meeting.

- Scott Youngblut stated that he continues to need volunteers for registration at the CHC2002.

ACTION: Please see Scott and volunteer for this important activity.

- Tim said that he has received some responses to the recently circulated questionnaire, particularly from out house members.

ACTION: Please get your completed questionnaire to Tim ASAP.

- In response to a question from Tim, Sam said he was not too interested in more than one advertisement in the newsletter, primarily because of space concerns.

- Tim thanked Dennis for attending the meeting as he believes it is important to have CHS management representatives attend and participate in CHA activities.

- Andrew gave a brief report on CHA national activities. He indicated that CHA national had agreed to support a "Toast and Topics" breakfast function at the CHC2002.

- Brian presented CHA membership certificates to the new members present as well as to several members who had not received a certificate in the past.

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 2035.

-Moved S.Weller/H. Duller CARRIED

Our guest speaker, Dennis St. Jacques, Regional Director of CHS Central and Arctic Region, gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk about FIG. As part of the discussion, Dennis revealed that Andrew will become involved, as secretary, in the FIG organization. Congratulations to Andrew for offering his expertise to this position.

After the talk we enjoyed the traditional beer, pizza and friendly discussion.

31st Annual H₂O Bonspiel

By Brian Power

The year has passed by quickly and it seems like only yesterday that I was writing about the 2001 H₂O Bonspiel. On a recent weekend, the *Canadian Hydrographic Association* hosted its 31st annual H₂O Bonspiel. On Saturday the 23rd of February 2002, sixty-four enthusiastic curlers showed up at the *Grimsby Curling Club* to enjoy a day of curling. The Olympic spirit must have been running high as curlers rushed to get their registrations in early. This was the first time in a very long time that this organizer has seen this curling event fill up a month in advance with only one or two curlers having to drop out, many thanks to our curling friends who have continued to support the CHA H₂O Bonspiel.

During the awards presentation, many favorable reviews were received. One skip commented that the Bonspiel has taken on a family spirit with many of the teams being made up of family members. You are never too young or too old to curl: Bradley Zeleny was celebrating his ninth birthday on Saturday by curling with Ab Rogers, who has seen eight decades come and go. Ab Rogers, a long-retired hydrographer of the CHS, still curls regularly.

Congratulations to this year's first place winners Rick Kiriluk – Skip, Andy Thomson – Vice, Brent Valere – Second and Elaina Gendron as Lead. Rick had his name engraved on the First Place trophy in 2001 and was the only member from last year's winning team to return and defend the title. The Beaucage Team that won the H₂O

Bonspiel in 2001 were unable to be here this year because they were curling in their own Bonspiel in Sarnia.



The First Place team.

Congratulations also extended to the Second Place winners, Brian Power - Skip, Austin Rogers - Vice, Jason Power - Second and Scott Youngblut who played Lead.

The organizers of this year's event, Jacqueline Leyzack, Brian Power and Earl Brown, wish to thank all the curlers who made the day a lot of fun. As well, we wish to thank our sponsors for their generosity and continuous support. This year's prize table had an excellent selection of goodies for all curlers. Our sincere thanks to the sponsors:

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- Small Craft Harbours**
- Stanley Hardware**
- Upper Lakes Group Inc.**



Ab Rogers and Bradley Zeleny