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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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## Central Branch Committees

### Communications and Publicity

*Newsletter:* - T. Janzen, F. Oliff.  
*Communications:* - R. Cameron.  
*Web Site:* - J. Weedon.

### 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.

### Social Events

*H20:* - E. Brown, B. Power.

*BBQ:* - J. Walker

*AGM:* - J. Weedon, T. Herron, P. Travaglini.

## Notes from the Branch Vice-President

**Retirements - Freedom 55?:**

Another one bites the dust! Well two in actual fact have “left the building”. Longtime CHA members and CHS employees Brian Power and John Medendorp have recently retired from the Public Service after many years of loyal service.

So, in closing, hope to see you May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Canada Centre of Inland Waters.

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**Dates of 2007 Meetings:**

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.

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**Upcoming Events:**

THSOA US Hydro 2007: <http://www.thsoa.org/>

GeoConference Quebec, October 2-5, 2007

<http://www.quebec2007.ca/english/program-conferences.asp>

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**Minutes of General Meeting of Central Branch held on 24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

4) Committee Reports:

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

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.

**Action:** Fred to send notice of H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel to other members

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

Educational:

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

Meetings: (F. Oliff) 2007 schedule:

February 21,

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.

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.

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

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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*.

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.

**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.

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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was in 2006 and George believes the event should have been noted. Suggests we do something this year to mark that event.

**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!).

Carol Robinson noted that it is the 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

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!