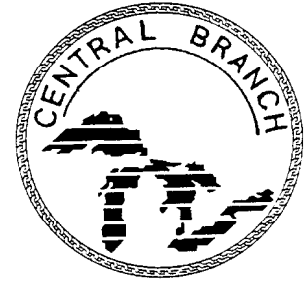


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International: - F. Oliff.

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, A. Leyzack.

Meetings: - R. Cameron, K. Greenfield.

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, B. Power.

BBQ: - J. Walker

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The summer that was! There were the rain storms, very infrequent, the heat waves, again infrequent, a few smog days, and a lot of driving from place to place. Well, it was certainly good to finally get a full summer of field work for once; even it was stuck in the LCF (lower cab forward, aka the office truck or Fred's Cantina as we called it!). It was a good summer, processing field data for Revisory survey for the first time. Yes, the learning curve was almost vertical but aided with Scott's assistance the task was made somewhat more bearable. Working conditions were good, though it was hard to beat being on the waterfront in Picton. Hotel parking lots have a long way to go to becoming an aesthetic place to have an office!

And truth be told, I must say I do prefer being on a launch but that may change in a few years. I did enjoy the few times I got to play launch hydrographer or climb some towers on the St. Lawrence River to assist one of our new recruits. A highlight was occupying one of the towers at a time when an osprey was coming back to a then-unoccupied nest; if only I had the camera! For those of you lucky enough to have been out in the field this year, I hope you had a good and safe and productive summer. Some of you reading this will hopefully remember your field days with fondness.

On another note, I am currently in the third and final year of my three-year term as Branch V-P, and I urge you to consider nominating someone from the attached list to run for a position on the Branch Executive. We need good volunteers to continue fulfilling our mandate and strongly suggest that you put your name forward for either branch V-P, Treasurer or one of the three soon-to-be-vacant Executive positions. We are doing well on the financial front, Atlantic Branch has very ably taken over the reins of editing Lighthouse and next year marks the first time in many years that the Canadian Hydrographic Conference will be co-hosted by both the CHA and ACLS (Association of Canada Land Surveyors).

Happy trails and faire winds,

Fred

Recent Birth Announcements!

Barbara and Tim Janzen are pleased to add another new addition. Sawyer Timothy Reis is a not so little brother to Luke who currently outweighs him by a scant 2 kilos. Dan Dixel and his wife Heather had a girl, Sarah, and her big brother Brandon is excited to have a little sister!

Dates of 2007 Meetings:

October 30, November 14,
December 6 - AGM.

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

1) The meeting was held at the Weller residence. George McFarlane welcomed everyone, thanked Beth and Sam for their hospitality and called the meeting to order at 19:02.

Attendees:

G. McFarlane - Treasurer, Chair
S. Weller - A/ Secretary

E. Brown K. Dixel D. Dixel
J. Walker E. Mong
A. Rogers J. Weedon
I. Kerr-Wilson

Regrets:

T. Janzen F. Oliff L. Robbins
B. Tinney P. Travaglini R. Cameron
C. Robinson

2) Minutes of the 26 April meeting were available. Amendments: Jeff Walker and Jim Weedon were not at that meeting; the name of the artist is Peter Rindlisbacher, not Peter Walker. Clarification: the Adobe was for the Branch for use with the Newsletter.

Motion to accept the minutes:

Moved J. Weller/ E. Brown CARRIED

(George covered items from notes from Roger)

3) Treasurer's Report: George gave a verbal report, saying that a formal written report would be in the coming newsletter. There have been difficulties due to expiry dates on credit cards; these have now been resolved. Uncertainty about financing the new CHA pins has now been resolved. The amount raised from the *Spirit of Canada* jacket raffle was \$90.00 and was topped up to \$100.00. The CHA will be listed as a donor on the hull of the vessel.

Motion to accept the financial statement:

Moved J. Walker /J. Weedon CARRIED

4) Correspondence: Roger received e-mail from International Member George Goldsteen, in Tasmania: reaching the magic age, he has now retired but hopes to keep in touch with us through the CHA and its newsletter. He shared his interesting memories of being on the Lake Erie survey 34 years ago, along with several CHA members. Roger plans to circulate the letter to members.

5) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: Minutes of a meeting held on 17 May were available for information. The big question was whether or not to make expensive repairs while there is no long-term plan for the vessel. Perhaps another organization – or another CHA Branch - would be interested in ownership and upkeep for their own events. If we plan to hire an expert for repairs, we need to have a budget and a written plan of needs.

ACTION: Jeff to contact Gil Bibby for a report soon after the June 2 weekend.

Moved K. Dexel / J. Weedon CARRIED

BBQ: Is there a firm date for the summer Barbecue? Not yet, but our Branch executive is working on this and will set a date.

ACTION: Jeff and Roger to contact all members with the change of date.

Next meeting: The following meeting will be in September.

Membership: (George for B. Power) More membership dues have come in lately; we are now about level with last year. Corporate Membership is particularly strong.

Web site: Jim said the focus now is converting files to PDF format.

Other Business:

Dan Dexel presented the CHA banner he had produced. It is of a fine sturdy material and will be very good for conferences and seminars. Should we have another similar one with "Central Branch" on it, so we can offer this one for National use? Question was raised: Where is our existing banner?

Motion of thanks to Dan for all his work on the banner and on the two CHA pins he passed to the Chair; a version with "40" in honour of our 40th Anniversary, and a stock like our existing pins.

Moved J. Weller / G. McFarlane CARRIED, with applause.

A special presentation of the first 40th Anniversary pin was made to our senior Life Member Ab Rogers, in recognition of all he has done for CHA, right from the very beginnings in 1966.

George McFarlane reported to the meeting on CIG Council Meeting he attended the previous day. He has agreed to update the CIG Hydrographic Committee Terms of Reference as they are out of date. He will also circulate his report to all the CHA Branch V-Ps to share with the membership.

Sam Weller reported on a special event Central Branch hosted on Monday 30th April; this was the occasion when a new Canadian Hydrographic Service survey launch was officially dedicated and named "G. Wade" in honour of Gerry Wade, who was one of the founding dozen hydrographers who gave life and vision to a new organization in 1965 to be called "The Hydrographers Association", which officially began the following year.

In 1977, taking early retirement, he was the first non-CHS staff person to be elected National President of the CHA. He was also the first person to be awarded a Life Membership in CHA. Among the 60 people at the ceremony were Gerry's sister Barbara Wiley and Gerry's son Bill, who is now a practicing lawyer in Kingston, and a few former colleagues and friends of Gerry. Speakers at the event included Dale Nicholson,

CHS Central Region's Director of Hydrography, Barbara Wiley, Bill Wade, Andrew Leyzack and Sam Weller. It was a beautiful day, and Ian Bell, Curator of Port Dover marine museum, provided music of sea shanties. Our CHA Central Branch Gerry Wade Memorial Library was also honoured.

Adjournment at 20.33

Moved J. Walker / J Weedon.

After the meeting Ian Kerr-Wilson, Curator of Dundurn National Historic Site and Project Coordinator of the *Hamilton* and *Scourge* National Historic Site did a presentation on the *Hamilton* and *Scourge*, two schooners from the war of 1812.

He spoke on the history of the U.S. vessels now lying in 90 metres of water in the southwest part of Lake Ontario. He brought to life for us the story of the sinking and the efforts over the years to find a suitable home for these historic vessels, both of which are in magnificent condition, preserved in the cold waters at the bottom of the lake since they sank in a squall in 1814.

For the benefit of our members who were unable to attend the meeting, please visit the following website.

<http://www.hamilton-scourge.hamilton.ca/home.htm>

We then enjoyed pizza and refreshments and some social time together.

Nominations for 2008 Central Branch Executive Now Open!

CHA Central Branch 2007 Membership

CCIW In-House 17

Bennett, Mike	Bartlett, Jason
Biggar, Jon	Cameron, Roger
Campbell, Jennifer	Delbridge, Christine
Herron, Terese	Janzen, Tim
Leyzack, Andrew	Nicholson, Dale
Oliff, Fred	Robinson, Carol
Thompson, Geof	Travaglini, Paola
Walker, Jeff	Weaver, Keith
Weedon, Jim	Youngblut, Scott

Private Industry etc. 20 + 4 + 2

Brent Michael	Brown, Earl (Life)
Carrigan Brian	Corriveau, Jean-Luc
Denniss, Dean	Dexel, Dan

Dexel, Ken	Duller, Heimo
El-Rabbany, Dr. Ahmed	Evangelatos Tim (Hon)
Greenfield, Kirsten	Halsall, John
Hinchley, Robert	Macdonald, George (Hon)
Marshall, Robert	McFarlane, George
Medendorp, John	Mong, Eivind Eik
Morrison-Duller, Julia (student)	Power, Brian
Rogers, Ab (Life)	Statham, Jim
Tinney, Brad	Weller, Sam (Life)
Warrender, Bill	McCulloch, Tom (Life)

International 9 + 1

Alkan, Reha Metin	Barr, Peter
Goldsteen, George	Kerr, Adam
Knight, Peter	Meador, Charles
Ritchie, Steve (Life)	Robbins, Larry
Wallace L. Jack	

Corporate 16

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C-Map by Jeppesen	C&C Technologies
Fugro Jacques Geosurveys	HydroService A.S.
HSA Systems Limited	IXSEA
L3 Klein Associates Inc.	Knudsen Engineering Ltd
Kongsberg Maritime	Net Surveys
McQuest Marine Sciences	RESON Inc
Mackay, Mackay & Peters Limited	
Sani-International Technology Advisors Inc.	

