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Central Branch Committees

Communications and Publicity

Newsletter: - T. Janzen, F. Oliff,
 J. Walker, L. Robbins.

Web Site: - J. Weedon.

Lighthouse: - F. Oliff - Branch Editor, A. Leyzack.

Membership

Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, G. McFarlane.

International: - T. Janzen.

Elections: - B. Power, F. Oliff.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -

T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.

Meetings: - F. Oliff, R. Cameron G. McFarlane.

Social Events

H₂O: - E. Brown, J. Leyzack, B. Power.

BBQ: - TBA.

AGM: - F. Oliff, T. Janzen, J. Weedon.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Say “Hello!” to the New Year and wave goodbye to the old one. While 2005 was not the best of times for yours personally, it was a year of highs around the office here. People got married, had babies, bought new houses; in all it was a year of big highs and big lows. We lost a few folks to retirement, and had some new additions to some of our families. We also lost some relatives, a sad but true reality of life. We also held our 16th Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Mimico Cruising Club in December, a wonderful evening enjoyed by the 32 folks in attendance. Numbers dwindle but we never fail to make a fun evening of it. Perhaps this year will be the one for a change; who knows?

This year marks the next Canadian Hydrographic Conference, which will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. (Editor-Please visit <http://www.chc2006.ca/> for further details). I do not know what other momentous events are on the social calendar but I do know that there are some babies in the offing again.

And while I am missing out on the hockey, there is plenty of excitement in the air about the World Junior tournament in Vancouver and the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Torino (Turin), Italy next month.

So, let’s look forward to the possibilities of 2006, the upcoming Federal election in Canada and reaching the potential that lies within all of us to do our very best, in whatever we attempt. May your New Year be full of good cheer, good health, prosperity and promise!

-Fred.

Notice of Next Meeting:

The details and location of the next meeting will be announced by future email.

Central Branch Treasurer’s Report
31 December 2004 to 22 November 2005

Balance forward 31 December 2004:		\$21,171.12
Receipts:		
2004 Membership dues	\$200.00	
2005 Membership dues	\$3504.16	
2006 Membership dues	\$40.00	
Conference Proceedings	\$0.00	
H ₂ O Bonspiel	\$17.23	
2004 AGM	\$100.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$7.50	
Technology Course	\$0.00	
Other income	\$122.50	
Bank interest	\$10.43	
		<u>\$4,001.82</u>
		\$25,172.94
Expenditures:		
National Membership Dues 2004	\$0.00	
National Membership Dues 2005	\$0.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter paper	\$0.00	
Seminars & meetings	\$365.68	
H ₂ O Bonspiel Sponsorship	\$200.00	
Summer BBQ	\$239.30	
AGM and Dinner	\$0.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	
Education and Development	\$0.00	
Gerry Wade Library	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous †	\$488.54	
Credit Card Expenses	\$52.73	
Bank Charges †	\$59.06	
Subsidy to the Launch account	\$0.00	
		<u>\$1,405.31</u>
Working balance 22 November 2005:		<u>\$23,767.63</u>

† Note: Outstanding funds from a cheque drawn against insufficient funds plus bank charges.

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

Lighthouse account

Balance forward 31 December 2004:	\$12,668.49
Receipts:	
Advertising	\$0.00
Copyright	\$65.02
Subscriptions	\$845.21
Sponsorship	\$0.00
	<u>\$910.23</u>
	\$13,578.72
Expenditures:	
Stationery	\$103.30
Printing	\$5,348.93
Postage	\$116.08
	<u>\$5,568.31</u>
Working balance 22 November 2005:	<u>\$8,010.41</u>

Admiralty Launch Surveyor account

Balance forward 31 December 2004:	\$1,612.93
Receipts:	
Heritage Launch Rental Fee	\$500.00
Re-enactments	\$0.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$2,112.93
Expenditures:	
Insurance Renewal *	\$0.00
Launch repairs	\$243.52
Travel expenses	\$19.00
	<u>\$262.52</u>
Working balance 22 November 2005:	<u>\$1,850.41</u>

* 2005 Insurance renewal was paid by CHA National.
Insurance Premiums will have to be paid by CB for 2006.

Minutes of General Meeting of Central Branch held on 8th December 2005

The meeting was at the Mimico Cruising Club. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 or so.

Attendees:

- Andrew Leyzack - National President
- Fred Oliff - Vice President
- Roger Cameron - Secretary
- Jeff Walker – Treasurer
- Harold Wilkinson - Guest Speaker

- M. Bennett J. Biggar N. Biggar
- E. Brown C. Burbage J. Campbell
- K. Campbell K. Dixel T. Janzen
- G. McFarlane H. McFarlane K. McMillan
- J. Medendorp A. Power B. Power
- C. Robinson A. Rogers L. Sandilands
- R. Sandilands E. Sinclair S. Thériault
- B. Thuma E. Walker N. Walker
- K. Weaver J. Weedon S. Weller

- Regrets: B. Tinney, L. Robbins,
- D. Dennis H. Biberhofer P. Travaglini

The Master of Ceremonies was Ken McMillan of McQuest Marine.

1) Minutes of 9th November meeting were circulated and discussed.

Andrew said that CHA Directors will be meeting to discuss inactive CHA Branches. Corporate Members

with inactive CHA Branches will have to be realigned with other branches. One Corporate Member from Ottawa Branch, ACLS, is to move to Central Branch. Central Branch will require a correct number of members in good standing for IFHS records.

Action: Brian to follow up with ACLS.

Action: Brian to provide a list of members in good standing for IFHS. Carried forward.

- Moved: T. Janzen / J. Walker CARRIED.

2) Treasurer’s Report: (J. Walker)

The Treasurer’s Report of 31 December 2004 to 22nd November 2005 was reviewed.

A new cheque has been received to cover an NSF cheque from a Corporate Member, but it has not yet been processed.

National Membership dues have yet to be paid.

- Moved: B. Power/R. Cameron CARRIED

3) Correspondence: (F. Oliff/ R. Cameron)

The joint ACLS and CHA publication “Canada’s Offshore, Rights, Jurisdiction, and Management” is close to publication. Final figures have been received as well as the Forward from Mr. Shawn Murphy, M.P. for the PEI riding of Hillsborough.

4) CHA National President Address

Andrew Leyzack provided an update of activities: The CIG Council held an autumn meeting with the CIG Hydrography Committee.

Andrew said that the ACLS/CHA book “Canada’s Offshore, Rights Jurisdiction, and Management” is to be published in time for the spring sitting of the ACLS Exams.

Members of the ACLS/CHA Task Force on the Certification of Hydrographers participated at an ACLS conference/meeting last summer and presented a paper on certification. There was an opportunity to meet with the presidents of the provincial survey associations to discuss their “expanded profession” programs.

There has been a request by the Australasian, Spatial Sciences Institute to the IHO for an endorsement of their accreditation program. The IHO are looking at a policy to endorse certification programs.

The Task Force is seeking an audience with the CHS Data Acquisition and Analysis Committee (DAAC) to clarify its aims and objectives. In particular, the Task Force sees certification as a part of a Career Development Plan for individuals pursuing Hydrographer In Charge positions in CHS.

The certification initiative recognizes and affirms the role of hydrography within the surveying and mapping community.

5) Committee Reports

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) *Surveyor* has been put up for the winter.

Lighthouse: (J. Weedon) The Spring edition was cancelled but the fall edition is underway and is currently at layout stage. It should be published in January.

Andrew is trying to get the CHA Directors together for a meeting on key issues, including *Lighthouse*. The direction of the journal hinges in part on our joining the International Federation of Hydrographic Surveyors (IFHS) and a meeting regarding IFHS is scheduled next week with all directors. One concern

is how to deal with the proposed new £15 fee which would result in a CHA dues increase. The U.S. is interested in establishing a North American Federation because they are concerned that the IFHS fee structure is too expensive.

6) Other Business:

Nominations and Ballots for Central Branches Executive have been slow; however George McFarlane has volunteered to act as Treasurer.

An appeal was made for new members and requests for help with *Lighthouse*.

Fred thanked Tim for producing the *NewsLetter* and the guests for attending the AGM, including Stéphane Thériault of CARIS.

Meeting adjourned at 19:44

- Moved G. McFarlane/F. Oliff CARRIED.

After the business part of the meeting, there was a presentation on the 1907 Quebec Bridge Collapse by the guest speaker Harold Wilkinson, a Forensic Engineer. The bridge actually collapsed twice during construction, once in 1907 and again in 1916. After the presentation, Tim Janzen presented Mr. Wilkinson with a CHA glass and an honorarium as tokens of appreciation. Fred thanked Ken for being the Master of Ceremonies. Fred also thanked the staff of the Mimico Cruising Club for their great job as hosts. Door Prize draws were then held. Ken McMillan of McQuest Marine donated a GPS receiver as a special door prize.


