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Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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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

Greetings one and all, where ever you are!

It's newsletter time again and as I write this I have to be careful of what I put to paper. In my last column I started out by remarking on how fair the winter weather had been in local climes, and we were then immediately subjected to the most significant snowfall event of the season and some of the coldest temperatures. I suppose it was kind of like whistling for the wind, not that I'm superstitious.

Our monthly meeting and seminar was held last night, and I was very encouraged by a good turnout, well-rounded discussion on a number of topics, and a warm atmosphere between friends and colleagues. During the seventh inning stretch we paused to see Canada's fairer hockey team strike gold, and then the evening was showcased by a Central Branch member, who gave an interesting presentation on current and relevant technology, that most of those present could personally identify with. The Seminar Committee chair assures us that a number of high quality speakers have been retained for upcoming seminars, but I would encourage any of you to consider presenting on projects you are involved with.

On a final note, I would suppose you have had a chance to look at the membership questionnaire in the last newsletter. Please take a few minutes to respond to it and return it to me. If you would like to fax the completed form back, the number is (905) 336-8916.

Until the next time, 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 is at 19:00 on Wednesday, 21 March 2002 at the Weller residence: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington. (One block SE of Walkers Line and New Street.)

Our speaker is Dennis St. Jacques, Director of Hydrography for Central and Arctic Region of Canadian Hydrographic Service. Dennis will talk about Commission IV of the *International Hydrographic Organization*. Dennis is completing his term as Chairman and will be able to give us a real insight into the workings of the Committee.

Our traditional refreshments will be available.

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2001 to 21 February 2002

Balance forward December 31, 2001: \$ 1,024.86

Receipts:

Membership Dues (2002) \$ 660.00
\$ 660.00
\$ 1,684.86

Expenditures:

Postage \$ 29.01
Seminars & Meetings 21.83
NewsLetter paper 126.12
\$ 176.96

Working Balance 21 February 2002: \$ 1,507.90

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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.

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Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001: \$ 504.07

Receipts:

Subscriptions \$ 169.78
\$ 673.85

Expenditures:

Refund \$ 12.50

Working Balance 21 February 2002: \$ 661.35

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Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001: \$ 1,933.03

Receipts:

nil

Expenditures:

nil

Working Balance 21 February 2002: \$ 1,933.03

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

The second general meeting for 2002 was hosted by Tim Janzen, at his residence, 3 Glengrove Avenue in Grimsby. Vice President Tim Janzen called the meeting to order at 19:05 with the following in attendance:

Tim Janzen	Vice President	
Sam Weller	Treasurer	
Earl Brown	Secretary	
Dan Brousseau	Heimo Duller	Fred Olif
Al Koudys	Andrew Leyzack	John Medendorp
Brian Power	Carol Robinson	Ab Rogers
Paola Travaglini	Jim Weedon	Scott Youngblut

1. Minutes of last meeting (January 23, 2002)

Minutes of the January 23, 2002, general meeting, as distributed in the January newsletter, were made available at the meeting.

Action items were addressed as follows:

- a) Fred reported that the questionnaire regarding the AGM venue and other issues with respect to evening meetings had been distributed with the January newsletter.
- b) Earl said that the announcement about the H2O bonspiel also appeared in the January newsletter.
- c) Andrew has contacted the CCIW library with respect to the books that Bruce Calderbank was prepared to donate. The library would be pleased to accept the books, however it appears that other concerns may preclude the donation.
- d) Andrew reported that he has had further discussions with Jim Statham and Jean-Claude Tétrault (Executive Director of the ACLS) regarding ACLS activities which may impact Hydrographers. The conclusion of the discussions was that Jean-Claude would be the guest speaker at the CHA 2002 AGM in Toronto. The grandfathering clause and other issues will be addressed at the meeting.
- e) Tim said that the motion to increase Branch membership fees had been addressed by the executive. At the 2002 AGM, Branch members will be presented with a number of options for increases and the impact of each option will be stated.

Brian made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Seconded by Sam. Andrew suggested that part 4.A. should be amended. He suggested that John Dixon rather than himself would seek the appropriate individual to chair the launch committee.

With this amendment the minutes were approved.

2. Treasurers Report

Sam Weller presented the financial report indicating that as of Feb 21, 2002, we had a working balance of \$1,507.90

Sam made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Fred Oliff.

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3. Correspondence

Tim reported that he has had further correspondence from Vlad Ustinoff, St. Petersburg, Russia, who continues to seek hydrographic work in Canada. Tim has sent him a message with various options for seeking hydrographic employment in Canada.

Correspondence has been received from Atlantic Region of CHS and it is sad to report that they are having problems in getting a CHA Branch active in that part of the country.

4. Committee Reports

a. Admiralty launch Surveyor: Brian is now chairing this committee. He reported that at the moment *SURVEYOR* is stored under cover at CCIW.

There is an urgent need to revisit the MOU that exists with the Marine Heritage Association. Brian and John will work on clarifying the agreement as well as getting a better understanding on what insurance coverage exists for the launch.

Brian stated that *SURVEYOR* will be at CHC 2002 in May and there are tentative plans to provide short trips to those conference attendees who indicate an interest. There has been 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. Only a few hands were raised in response to a request for an indication of interest.

Jim reported that the MHA has some concerns about seaworthiness certificates for the Tecumseth and Bee. It appears that certification is becoming more difficult. The certification of these vessels may have an impact on the request for the use of *SURVEYOR*.

b. H2O: Earl reported that planning for the 31st annual H2O bonspiel, scheduled for Feb. 23, 2002, have gone very well. Our target of 64 curlers was exceeded and the response from sponsors has been very positive.

c. Gerry Wade Memorial Library: Paola agreed to search her files for a photograph and biography of Gerry Wade for appropriate display with the Branch library.

d. Seminar: Andrew confirmed the following guest speakers for the balance of our 2002 seminar schedule:

Thur. Mar 21	- at Sam Weller	- D. St. Jacques (<i>FIG Commission IV</i>)
Wed. Apr 24	- at Brian Power	- Peter Engelbert (<i>Marine Heritage Conservation Program</i>)
1st. week in May	- Day time seminar	- Dan Dixel (<i>Chicago Dock and Dredge</i>)
Sat. Jul 13	- at Brian Power	- BBQ
Thur. Oct 10	- at TBA	- Lee Grapentine
Wed. Nov 6	- at TBA	- Paola Travaglini
Thur. Dec 5	- AGM at TBA	- Speaker TBA

Andrew stated that he needs venues for the October and November meetings. Members are asked to contact Andrew if they can host one of these meetings.

Fred said that he is seeking member assistance in finding a good speaker for the 2002 AGM. Please give it some thought and get your recommendations to Fred.

e. 2002 Multibeam course: Paul Davies, course Director, was not at the meeting but Andrew reported on his behalf.

Activities have not changed much from the report last month. That is, there are 15 confirmed registrants and lots of expressions of interest.

Kongsberg has committed to be part of the Saturday demonstration program. As well, DPW, with their launch, Ontario Surveyor will demonstrate their RESON equipment.

f. Membership: Brian reported current 2002 membership is:

In House: 15	Out House: 12	International: 6
Life: 4	Honorary: 1	Sustaining: 4

g. WEB site: Jim reported that he has recently done a lot of work on the Central Branch Site. Jim asked members to have a look at the site and provide feedback.

5. Other Business

Tim suggested that the newsletter should have a reminder for past members to pay their membership fees as well as a reminder to submit completed questionnaires. He also asked the H2O committee to have a report on the 31st annual bonspiel ready for publication.

John reminded the meeting that the CHA President was asked to provide a brief report on National events at our meetings. Andrew was pleased to do so.

Andrew reported that the 2002 National AGM would be held in Toronto, at the Westin Hotel, on Monday May 27, at 2:00PM. The room is to be announced at a later date.

He also reported that a Directors meeting, via conference call, was scheduled for Noon Feb 21.

Dave Gartley, recently elected vice president of Pacific Branch, would attend this meeting in Burlington.

Andrew advised the meeting that Tom McCulloch was preparing a proposal to be submitted to CIDA to seek assistance for CHA to provide Cartographic training to the Technical University of Malaysia.

The CHA national office is also investigating opportunities for CHA to be instrumental in establishing a Category A training program in Canada. Several avenues are being explored.

Under other business Paola informed the meeting on progress with *LIGHTHOUSE*. Paola confirmed that the next edition, Spring/Summer 2002, will be a 'Special' conference edition.

The conference program as well as other information of interest to conference participants will be included in the journal. Paola said that a small committee with Sam Weller, Tim Janzen, Al Koudys, Mike Bennett, George Fenn, Paola Travaglini and Earl Brown had recently been formed to look at conference program alternatives and to look at means of integrating the program with *LIGHTHOUSE*.

Paola discussed the need to have a strong membership drive. (A similar recommendation was made by George McFarlane at our last meeting) Various alternatives for attracting new members were discussed. Andrew said we have to show value to attract new members.

Scott said he was looking for volunteers to staff the CHA booth during the Conference. Please let Scott know if you can spare a few hours.

The business meeting adjourned at 20:50 after a motion by Andrew and seconded by Fred.

Immediately following the meeting Andrew thanked Paola for her role in getting *LIGHTHOUSE* re-established and presented to her a small Lighthouse replica as a token of appreciation. Paola was most grateful.

Following the business meeting we enjoyed traditional beverages and enjoyed delicious burgers prepared by our generous host.

The evening concluded with Dan Brousseau, CHS Central & Arctic Region, giving a power point presentation on Remote Sensing Technology. Dan made an excellent presentation on the tools and technology available to hydrography.

Thanks to Tim for hosting this meeting and to Dan for his excellent presentation.

Newsflash

The H₂O Bonspiel on Saturday 23rd February was by all accounts a huge success: a sell-out crowd and a fun day. Brian has submitted a report with great action shots.

Watch for his report in the next NewsLetter!