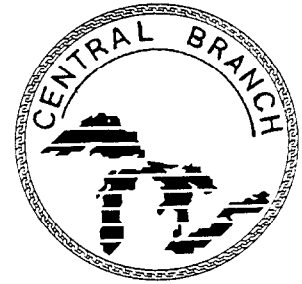


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Central Branch Committees

Communications and Publicity

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

Web Site: - J. Weedon.

Lighthouse: - Branch Ed. - F. Oliff, Layout - J. Weedon.

Membership

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

International: - 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.

2006 Technology Course: F. Oliff - Chair.

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, B. Power.

BBQ: - B. Tinney.

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER? They are the few that do the work for the benefit of the many. They do this work for the sheer joy, the reward being the look of happiness on the recipient’s face. I heard it was something called altruism: a higher calling than doing things for financial gain, fame or fortune. If the accolades come, fine, but that is not why we do it. So, what is stopping you?

But what happens when this volunteer either does not do what he or she said they would or gets burned out. Who is left to fill their shoes or pick up the slack?

We in Central Branch are in the midst of setting up a technology course, (GPS for GIS), for some time in April. We need some eager personnel for a sub-committee. It will more than likely be held in Burlington. Stand by for more information as it becomes available.

On the horizon is World Hydrography Day scheduled for June 21. We are hoping to provide more information on local events as the day approaches, and have CHA play an active role in the celebrations.

On a completely different note, I am nearing the end of my physiotherapy and have now returned to playing ice hockey! Can spring be far away?

-Fred.

Dates of Remaining 2006 Meetings:

Wednesday March 15th, at 7:00 PM

Wednesday April 19th, at 7:00 PM

Wednesday May 17th, at 7:00 PM

CHA Barbeque - Details TBA

Wednesday October 18th, at 7:00 PM

Wednesday November 15th, at 7:00 PM

AGM – Thursday December 7th

The following is a list of CHA Central Branch members in good standing as of March 8, 2006. Please note as per our by-laws, members are required to have paid their dues by January 31, or they are in arrears. Please take some time to renew

your membership, and if you have paid since the time of this writing, thank you very much!

Members in Good Standing

(As of Feb. 20, 2006)

Fosco Bianchetti

Brian Carrigan

Terese Herron

Paola Travaglini

Hans Biberhofer

Earl Brown -Life

Roger Cameron

Heimo Duller

Julia Duller

Kirsten Greenfield

Tim Janzen

George Macdonald - Hon.

Tom McCulloch - Life

George McFarlane

Eivind Mong

Fred Oliff

Brian Power

Carol Robinson

Ab Rogers -Life

Ian Taylor

Brad Tinney

Jeff Walker

Jim Weedon

Sam Weller -Life

35th Annual H₂O Bonspiel

Curling is alive and doing well in Canada as seen by Canada's gold medal win (in men's) and bronze (in women's) at the Olympics and by the turnout for the *Canadian Hydrographic Association's* annual curling bonspiel. It is a testimony to our association that for the last 35 years we have supported the sport of curling in Canada.

This year's 2006 annual H₂O Bonspiel took place at the *Grimsbey Curling Club* on Saturday the 18th of February. Sixty-four enthusiastic curlers showed up to enjoy a day of curling and with the expectation of seeing their names engraved on the first and second place trophies. Once again, this year's bonspiel met with great success. The bonspiel committee enjoyed the tremendous support they received from the curlers and the curling community. As can be expected when organizing an event like this there will always be the inevitable glitch and the bonspiel committee would like to thank all the curlers for their support and understanding.

Congratulation to this year's first place winners goes to the rink of Paul Winslow – skip, Mike Mawhinney – vice, Ryan Winslow – second and Paul Mawhinney as lead.

Congratulations are also extended to the Second Place winners, Michele Clarke as Skip, Mike Campbell - Vice, John Kisneris - Second and a first this year the lead position was shared by mother and daughter - Judy and Claire Campbell.

On behalf of the Canadian Hydrographic Association many thanks to this year's bonspiel committee of Earl Brown and Brian Power for their continued hard work in making this annual curling event a success. 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 following sponsors:

ASI Group
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DataQC Inc.
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Knudsen Engineering Ltd.
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McQuest Marine Sciences
Ontario Great Lakes Area
Seaway Marine Transport
Stanley Tools Canada

Picture of second place team's Claire Campbell, setting up for a shot



Minutes of General Meeting of Central Branch held on 16th February 2006

The meeting was at the Power residence. Meeting was called to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

F. Oliff - V-P
R. Cameron - Secretary
G. McFarlane Treasurer
T. Janzen A. Leyzack B. Power
J. Weedon P. Travaglini H. Duller

Regrets:

L. Robbins

Meeting Agenda Reviewed. Correction: Change date of last meeting to January 26.

1) Minutes of the CHA meeting of 26th January 2006 were circulated and discussed.

Correction: Jeff Walker's tenure as treasurer ended December 31, 2005.

Motion to accept Minutes as corrected:

-Moved: T. Janzen/G. McFarlane CARRIED.

Corporate member ACLS is to be transferred from Ottawa Branch to Central Branch. Andrew has requested Atlantic Branch approach UNB and COGS regarding CHA membership. Brian has begun to receive responses from corporate invoices.

Action: Brian to invoice ACLS

The Joint ACLS and CHA publication "Canada's Offshore: Jurisdiction, Rights and Management" is nearing completion. The objective is to have the book released at CHA 2006. The ACLS and CHA logos will be featured on the cover.

H2O committee to provide the Treasurer with a statement after the Bonspiel.

Action: H2O committee to provide George with a statement.

2006 Technology Course: Fred contacted the

potential instructor at NRCAN and is awaiting a reply. Carol is willing to create a website for the course.

Action: Fred to contact Jon Biggar and Pierre Sauve at NRCAN regarding the course.

Advertising: George has approached some corporate members regarding advertising in the *Newsletter* but noted that cost may be an issue.

Action: Defer advertising issue to next Executive meeting.

The proposed subscription to *Hydro International* has been withdrawn due to the impracticality of circulating it among CHA members.

2) Treasurer's Report: (G. McFarlane) George presented his report for the period of January 1 to February 15. George assumed his duties after January 1 but the handover was not completed till after the January 26 General Meeting. Fred and George now have signing authority as Jeff and Tim have signed off from the account. Auditing for year's 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been arranged. Credit card payment issues were discussed with regard to the costs incurred in processing. Twenty two members were in good standing as of January 31. An updated list is to be forwarded to the *Newsletter* Editor.

Action: George to hand over financial information for year's 2003, 2004 and 2005 for auditing.

Action: George to contact CIG regarding the system of credit card payment processing.

Action: George to forward an updated list of members in good standing to the *Newsletter* Editor.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: H. Duller/ A. Leyzack CARRIED

3) Correspondence: (F. Oliff/ R. Cameron). Internal correspondence within members of the CHA Executive and Larry Robbins. The I.H.O.

has declared June 21st as World Hydrography Day. Information to be circulated to members.

Action: Fred to e-mail members information on World Hydrography Day.

4) Central Branch Committees

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) No programs as of yet however there is potential in organizing something for World Hydrography Day. The proposed 2006 budget allotted a subsidy of \$1600 to cover Launch expenses.

Action: Brian to contact the *Marine Discovery Centre* in Hamilton regarding World Hydrography day.

Action: Launch committee to investigate potential costs.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: (T. Janzen) Tim catalogued 10-15 new items and updated the index.

Meetings: (F. Oliff) The next meeting is scheduled for March 15. A venue and speaker are to be arranged. Brian suggested a hydrography related field trip for the meeting.

Action: Fred to contact Eivind Mong of C-Map as a potential speaker.

Annual General Meeting: (F. Oliff) The AGM is scheduled for December 7, 2006.

Action: Fred to confirm the venue and date with the Mimico Cruising Club.

Membership: (B. Power) Corporate members have been invoiced. Brian has received four payments to date. Renewal forms were distributed to CHS members. Two individual members who joined late last year should be considered as 2006 members.

Website: (J. Weedon) As of February 16, the Website has been updated for meetings. The possibility of enhancing features on the website was discussed.

Action: Jim to investigate enhancements to website – ongoing.

Lighthouse: *Lighthouse* is to be at the printers by months end.

GPS for GIS course: (F. Oliff) Fred to contact Jon Biggar and discuss course setup with Andrew and Tim. George suggested we refer to files from previous courses.

Action: Fred to contact Andrew regarding information on previous courses and setup.

Action: Fred to approach Jon Biggar as to the target audience of the course and number of anticipated participants within CHS

5) Other Business: The proposed National Budget is to be distributed to branch members and approved at the CHA National AGM in Halifax during CHC 2006.

Action: Fred to distribute via e-mail the CHA National Budget to Central branch members

6) National President: Status of *Lighthouse*
A new Editor of *Lighthouse* has been found. Craig Zeller of Atlantic branch is the new Editor. A special Conference Edition of *Lighthouse* may be available during CHC 2006. Material is due by April 15th and September 15th. Full participation from branches is required for news and soliciting papers.

Action: CHA Executive to meet and determine a branch co-editor to submit information in the specified format for *Lighthouse*.

Meeting attendance, CHA directorship and conflicts of Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. Andrew responded that conflicts of Constitution and By-Laws were a result of incorporation.

Action: Fred to consult with Andrew the issue of conflicts with the Constitution and By-Laws.

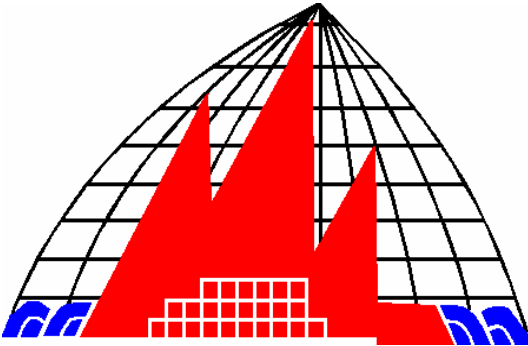
Meeting adjourned at 22:48

Moved R. Cameron/G. McFarlane CARRIED

After the business part of the meeting, we enjoyed a spirited discussion on the future direction of the CHA.

Upcoming Events

Association of Canada Lands Surveyors



ACLS 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Date: June 20th to 23rd, 2006.

Where: Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort, Kelowna, BC.

Please see the web site www.acls-aatc.ca and navigate to the AGM selection for more details.

Canadian Institute of Geomatics



The Montreal Branch of CIG will be holding its biennial symposium.

Date: October 25th to 26th, 2006.

Where: Hilton Montreal Bonaventure.

Visit www.geomatique2006.com/ for details.

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