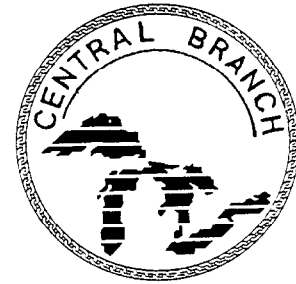


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Central Branch Committees

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, Fred 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.
2005 Technology Course: T. Janzen - Chair
 F. Oliff

Social Events

H2O: - E. Brown, J. Leyzack, B. Power.
BBQ: - TBA.
AGM: - F. Oliff, T. Janzen, J. Weedon

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

How many of us could say that in our formative years we ever considered a career as a hydrographer? It has often been said that there is some romance to a career upon the Seven Seas, but many children, in my era at least, wanted to be a fireman, policeman or forest ranger. Of course my father had gone to sea as a member of the Royal Navy and saw the world, or at least a large part of the British Empire, which was still quite formidable in the years following World War II. I never considered a naval career but police work (which my Dad went into after immigrating to Canada) was a consideration for a time. Nowadays, there is more allure (money?) in being a lawyer, actor or professional athlete. There are lots of options for the youth of today when considering a career. How many of us, other than those who grew up as the sons or daughters of hydrography, even knew of or had heard tell of this science? It is precisely that ability, some might say curse, of flying below the radars of most people that has lead to our present dilemma. In this day and age of sea level rise, lake levels at all-time lows, our data is becoming increasingly important. Our ability to deliver accurate, timely hydrographic data depends largely on government funding yet because we are, to the Canadian public, largely an unknown entity, funding cuts go mostly unnoticed.

Largely unnoticed that is, by the non-boating public. Many of us go to the Toronto International Boat Show to staff the CHS booth every year and in doing so we raise the profile of the Canadian Hydrographic Service. We answer many questions, some of which are as basic as "What do you guys do?" When we tell them, most of the public leave with a better sense of what hydrography is, what hydrographers do and the importance of carrying a chart on whatever boat they happen to be traveling upon. We also get a better idea of why we have chosen this career path. I, for one, am glad that I volunteer to help at the boat show for that reason and that it gives me something to look forward to at the mid-point of the southern Ontario winter.

It is perhaps time to re-visit an earlier time, specifically 1987, when a previous Branch VP passed along the following message: "We have a tremendous potential in the CHA and here in our own Branch. With the help of our members and some effort by us here on the local executive we can get some of this talent in action." Times change, it seems, but situations have a way of repeating themselves. Furthermore, he added the following, "Our Branch meetings and seminars are good ways of getting acquainted with our fellow members, and those who live or work outside Burlington have often missed out on these opportunities. To try and solve this problem, we are aiming to hold meetings alternately in the evening at a member's home and at lunchtime at the CCIW (where most of us work)." In closing, the VP of the day made the following remarks, which I echo: "The Newsletter is another way of keeping our members in touch. The CHA is a very democratic

organization where every voice has the same weight, so SPEAK (my upper-case) to us! We are delighted to hear from our individual members, even if it is a complaint. The members are the CHA, and any Branch is only as vigorous as the members make it." Only through your voice will we be able to deliver the programme to which you are entitled, so please, talk to us and tell us what you, the members, want from the CHA! -Fred.

Notice of Next Meeting:

When: Thursday February 17th at 7:00 PM

Where: Thirty Bench Winery, 4281 Mountainview Rd, Grimsby.

Please check our web site for updates.

CHA Central Branch 2005 Budget

Balance Forward (as of 2005/01/19)		\$21,171.12
Anticipated Revenue		
Membership Dues:	\$4,690.00	
In-House+Out-House @ \$40	[29 + 34]	
International @ \$40	[13]	
Corporate @ \$150	[11]	
Newsletter Ads @ \$50.00	\$50.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$30.00	
Technology course (net)	\$0.00	
Other income [GPS, 50/50 draw]	\$160.00	
Bank Interest	\$15.00	
Total revenue:	\$4,945.00	\$4,945.00
		\$26,116.12
Anticipated Expenditures		
National Dues:	\$2,635.00	
Branch @ \$20.	[63 + 4]	
International @ \$15.	[13]	
Corporate @ \$100.	[11]	
Postage - incl. 7 Newsletters	\$10.00	
Newsletter Paper	\$0.00	
Seminars and Meetings (net)	\$400.00	
H2O Bonspiel (net)	\$200.00	
Summer BBQ	\$250.00	
AGM and Dinner (net)	\$500.00	
Stationery [3-year supply]	\$0.00	
Education and Development	\$300.00	
Gerry Wade Library	\$100.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	
* CIG MasterCard expense	\$100.00	
Bank Charges	\$30.00	
Subsidy to the Launch account	\$900.00	
Total expenditures:	\$5,525.00	(\$5,525.00)
		\$20,591.12
2005 Net income (deficit)	(\$580.00)	
Projected 2004 year-end balance		\$20,591.12
* CIG Credit Card expense is \$15.00 per bulk transaction, plus about 3% of the amount.		

CHA Admiralty Launch 2005 Budget

If you are interested in placing a business card advertisement in the Central Branch NewsLetter please contact Tim Janzen at janzent@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Balance Forward (as of 2005/01/19)		\$1,612.93	
Anticipated Revenue			
Honorarium	\$500.00		*****
Other income	\$0.00		
Total revenue:	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$500.00	
		\$2,112.93	
Anticipated Expenditures			
Insurance Renewal	\$1,540.00		
Repairs	\$500.00		
Safety Equipment	\$300.00		
Materials	\$100.00		
Total expenditures:	<u>\$2,440.00</u>	(\$2,440.00)	
		-\$327.07	
2005 Net income (deficit)	(\$1,940.00)		
Projected year-end balance		-\$327.07	*****



Minutes of General Meeting of Central BRANCH held on 20th January 2005

The meeting was at the Morrison-Duller residence. Fred thanked Heimo and Leigh for hosting and the meeting was called to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff – VP	Roger Cameron – Secretary
B. Power	H. Duller
J. Weedon	G. McFarlane
K. Dixel	D. Dixel
J. Weller	N. Prince
	D. Nicholson
	J. Medendorp
	T. Janzen
	E. Mong

Regrets: A. Leyzack, E. Brown, J. Walker, T. Herron.

1) **Minutes** of 9th December meeting had been circulated.

Motion to accept the minutes:

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

2) **Treasurer’s Report:** (F. Oliff for J. Walker)

The Treasurer’s Report and 2005 Central Branch budget were distributed. George said that we should not report any transactions before they occur, as it is misleading. For example, if a cheque is not cashed in 2004 it is just an outstanding expense. 2004 books should include the outstanding cheque, not the 2005 budget. It was noted that we pay dues to National for 4 Life Members. Also, we appear to have lost L3-Klein as a Corporate Member. There was a typo in the budget – 2004 needed to be change to 2005. The Treasurer’s Report needed some modifications by Jeff and was not voted on, and the 2005 budget was amended slightly.

- Moved budget: J. Medendorp/H. Duller CARRIED.

ACTION: J. Walker to amend Treasurer’s Report

3) **Correspondence:** (T. Janzen for R. Cameron)

Tim reviewed Gunter Bellach’s report from Thailand regarding the Tsunami.

4) **Committee Reports**

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) The launch is still on blocks. The launch committee met last week to formulate the 2005 budget. (See above in this NewsLetter)

There was a discussion of why the \$900 launch subsidy was not put in the Launch budget, and it was noted that the money was set aside and will be transferred if needed. George made a point that we should make sure that essentials, like safety equipment are purchased.

- Moved budget: B. Power/G. McFarlane CARRIED.

It was asked if the Launch was on a web site for use as a movie prop. Brian said that it was not, it is only known to associates, and by referrals from historical re-enactment groups.

There are sites on the Net where movie/video props are advertised for free.

ACTION: K. Dixel to look into this possibility.

Possible Admiralty Launch events:

June 20-27 - Lake Champlain Flotilla.

July 16-17 - School of the Sailor at Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is a full-fledged reenactment and training for sailors, with camping out at Navy Hill near Fort George

July 22-24 - Wasaga under siege, Navy Island, meals provided.

July 30-31 - Upper Canada Trade Faire at Amhurstview in Adolphous Reach, outside Kingston.

Possible BBQ to obtain income for the launch.

Social Events: (B. Power) The 2005 H2O bonspiel will be the 34th for this event. It will be held on February 19th in Grimsby. The cost is \$35 per person, with a \$5 discount for CHA members. Please see Brian or Earl Brown to sign up. Brian said it would be great to see more CHA members at the bonspiel this year.

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: (T. Janzen) Some recently obtained volumes need to be catalogued and then J. Weedon will update the library spreadsheet on the web site. An additional bookcase may be needed soon.

Meetings: (T. Janzen) The next meeting is on February 17th at Thirty Bench Winery, Grimsby. Please check the web site for further updates. A possible meeting event may be a “geo-cache.” A member of Toastmasters was a suggested guest speaker. Fred noted that the Mimico Cruising Club will require an attendance greater than 32 persons at the 2005 CB AGM for that venue to be viable.

2005 Technology Course: (T. Janzen) CB is still looking at the GPS training course, and hopefully we can get this going. It could possibly tie into the suggested “geo-cache” meeting.

Membership: (F. Oliff) Fred: There has been a slow dribble of payments. All have been forwarded to Jeff. Tim said that the announcement to pay 2005 dues has been made by email and renewal forms have been sent out. Renewal forms will be posted to the web site as soon as Jim can manage it.

As it stands to date, we have 16 members paid up. George suggested that payments for last year should be put under

miscellaneous in budget. We should review how long we keep sending publications for members who have not paid up.

Web site: (J. Weedon) Nothing to report.

5) Other Business:

Fred asked for other ideas of an alternate AGM location? He would like to see 40+ in attendance. It was suggested that we should start advertising in September before people’s calendars get full with other Holiday events. Fred said that we are open to ideas for a Guest Speaker to cover subjects which that appeal to a broader audience than strictly hydrographers.

Fred volunteered to be the Branch Editor for Lighthouse.

We would like to get some assistance for Jim on the web site.

Our Constitution and bylaws should be present at meetings.

7) Meeting adjourned at 2020.

- Moved J. Weller/J. Medendorp CARRIED.

After the business part of the meeting, we enjoyed pizza and beverages and had a frank Q&A session with Dale Nicholson, Acting Director of CHS Central and Arctic Region. It was a great discussion of a wide range of hot topics in hydrography today – if you missed it, you missed out! Thank you very much Dale!

Upcoming Events

The 98th Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics



"Geomatics: Powering the Future"

June 13 - 15, 2005, Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

The 98th Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG), **Geomatics: Powering the Future** is just around the corner and it promises to be an exciting event for the geomatics community.

FIG Working Week and GSDI-8 “From Pharaohs to Geoinformatics” Cairo, Egypt, April 16-21, 2005



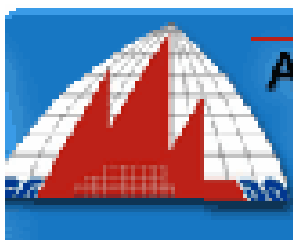
Read more about the technical and social programme, pre-conference workshops etc. at:

<http://www.fig.net/cairo> .

Online registration as well as hotel booking forms are now also available on the conference web site.

Please visit the web site also for pre-conference workshops such as the "Virtual Academy and the Surveying/Geoinformatics Community" to be held April 16, 2005.

ACLS



An Ontario ACLS Regional Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. The meeting will take place in the Arthur Lismer Room, Deerhust Resort, Huntsville. A confirmation of your attendance via email to Cindy Kliaman at ckliaman@NRCan.gc.ca by Friday, February 18, would be greatly appreciated.

ACLS and APEILS National Surveyors’ Conference 2005- call for papers.

GPS for Cadastral Surveys Seminar June 21, 2005 PEI. The presentations must focus on the application of GPS for cadastral surveys, with emphasis on innovative methods and quality control procedures. Abstracts of 250 words may be submitted until February 28, 2005. Please see the web site www.acls-aatc.ca for details and more events.