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Communications and Publicity

Newsletter: - T. Janzen, F. Oliff,
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Lighthouse: - Chair TBD, A. Leyzack, J. Walker.

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, W. Warrender, J. Weedon.

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -

T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.

Meetings: - T. Janzen, G. McFarlane, J. Walker.

2004 Technology Course: Ad Hoc.

Social Events

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

BBQ: - T. Herron, T. Janzen.

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2003 to 18 May 2004

Hello again.

As this will be the last Newsletter before the break for summer survey season, I'll have to make a quick "summery" of all the things I need to tell you before the next/autumn edition. Therefore, I can think of no better way to start than by announcing the 2004 CHA barbecue! This year, Terese Herron and Shawn Cook will be our hosts, at their home in Dundas, on Saturday July 17th. See the enclosed flyer for a map of the location. I will let you know of any changes or updates as they occur.

Next on the docket are hearty congratulations to CHA Ottawa Branch for the part they played in CHC2004. I have spoken with some attendees who said that the event was well done, entertaining and informative.

While congratulations are being handed out, kudos to the Lighthouse team on Edition 65. I have only had a chance to skim through it so far, but it looks to be another good one. If you do not already have your copy, it is in the mail (honestly) and it should be in your hands very soon.

Peter Knight recently returned to his old stomping grounds and spoke at the last CHA meeting about his work with the University of Otago. U of Otago recently attained Category 'A' certification in hydrography, and it was very interesting to hear the journey they went on to get it. I have asked Peter to send me a chronology of events, the procedures they went through, and their resultant curriculum. The CHA is still a proponent for regaining Category 'A' or 'B' status somewhere in Canada, and perhaps the information will be of use to an educational institution that seeks certification.

On a final note, I have been asking for a volunteer for the role of V-P Central Branch and I am still looking. We are in need and I encourage you to step forward and take a crack at it. There may be no monetary incentive, but there is the satisfaction of contributing to the future success of the CHA – and hey, if I have managed the job for the last three years... I have also just found out that we will also be in need of a Treasurer for 2005. Jeff Walker has been doing an admirable job, but thinks his other commitments next year will not allow him to continue. If you would like to be nominated for either of the two positions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

So until the autumn (or until the BBQ)...
Happy Hydrography!

-Tim.

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 bottom, next column). The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Balance forward December 31, 2003:		\$21,110.16
Receipts:		
Membership dues	\$3,176.1	
Conference Proceedings	\$0.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$63.20	
CHA Glasses	\$37.50	
Technology Course	\$0.00	
Other income	\$54.00	
Bank interest	\$3.01	
		\$3,333.87
		\$24,444.03

Expenditures:		
National Membership Dues	\$0.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter paper	\$0.00	
Seminars & meetings	\$231.80	
H2O Bonspiel	\$172.41	
Summer BBQ	\$0.00	
AGM and Dinner	\$0.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	
Education and Development	\$0.00	
Gerry Wade Library	\$37.89	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Credit Card Expenses	\$44.48	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	
Subsidy to the Launch account	\$0.00	
		\$486.58
Working balance 18 May 2004:		\$23,957.45

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31,		\$2,793.77
Receipts:		
Subscriptions	\$485.97	
Sponsorship	\$446.27	
Close-out of Lighthouse account	\$4,900.47	
		\$5,832.71
		\$8,626.48
Expenditures:		
Stationery	\$68.51	
Printing	\$0.00	
		\$68.51
Working balance 18 May 2004:		\$8,557.97

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31,		\$1,811.84
Receipts:		
Heritage Launch Rental Fee	\$0.00	
Re-enactments	\$0.00	
		\$0.00
		\$1,811.84
Expenditures:		
Insurance Renewal	\$0.00	
Launch repairs	\$0.00	
Travel expenses	\$0.00	
		\$0.00
Working balance 18 May 2004:		\$1,811.84

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 20th May 2004

1) The meeting was held at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington. Tim thanked all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 14:05.

Attendees:

Tim Janzen - VP- Chair, F. Oliff – Secretary
J. Walker - Treasurer
B. Power A. Rogers G. McFarlane
D. Dexel K. Dexel K. Greenfield
C. Robinson J. Dixon D. Mahaffy
A. Koudys

Regrets: J. Chubb, E. Brown, L. Robbins, S. Weller

Guest Speaker- Peter Knight, University of Otago

2) Minutes of the April 29th meeting were available.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved J. Walker/G. McFarlane CARRIED

DONE: Fred booked Mimico Cruising Club for Dec 9th AGM.

ACTION: Brian to contact Gord Laco, possible guest speaker for AGM.

ACTION: Brian to forward launch info to Jim for posting to website.

ACTION: Tim continues soliciting for new Central Branch V-P.

3) Treasurer's Report: (J. Walker) There has not been much activity in the account this month. A few new Lighthouse subscriptions were received.

Motion to accept the report:

- Moved B. Power/A. Rogers CARRIED

G. McFarlane enquired about National dues included under Expenditures. Nothing has yet been sent to CHA National and it is customary to do it in June or July. Brian has not yet finished collecting dues in-house.

4) Correspondence: (F. Oliff) Correspondence was received from Emmanuel Takyi from Ghana, with tragic news. This prevented him from attending CHC 2004 in Ottawa and from receiving the CHA travel subsidy. Tim forwarded condolences on behalf of the Branch.

An e-mail was received from Larry Robbins with regrets that he would be unable to attend the meeting, but that Peter's work as Secretary of the local Branch of the NZ Hydrographic Society was most appreciated.

There has been correspondence from Ted Wickson, (author of a history of the Toronto waterfront) with a possibility of having this person speak at the December AGM.

ACTION: Tim to contact this person.

5) Committee Reports:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) The launch participated as a static display at the Upper Canada Trade Faire at Odessa, May 7-9. It will be picked up on the way to Ottawa where it will be a static display, set up on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa. It is anticipated that the launch

will be put in the water at Dow's Lake and towed to the site, where it will remain in the water with the other survey vessels. An invitation has been sent to Ottawa Branch members to row. Brian has been in contact with someone in the marine insurance industry to see about insurance so that *Surveyor* may participate in black powder events; this would open up more events, such as 1812 War re-enactments. Two groups at Bath, holding annual events, have made enquiries and one at Adolphustown is being explored as a possible permanent home for the launch.

Meetings: (T. Janzen) Today's meeting is the last one until early October. Nominations for CHA Central Branch executive will open at that meeting. There will then be only one meeting in November before the December 9th AGM.

This year's barbeque will be held at the Herron/Cook residence in Dundas, on Saturday July 17th.

Gerry Wade Library: (T. Janzen) No activity.

Membership: (B. Power) There are currently 56 paid-up members of Central Branch. This includes 15 In-house, 19 Out-of-house, 8 International, 4 Life, 1 Honourary, and 9 Corporate Members.

Web-site: (T. Janzen for J. Weedon) No report.

6) Other Business: (T. Janzen) If Gord Laco is not contacted soon, he should be removed from the short list of possible speakers at AGM.

The new CHA ball caps are almost ready and will be distributed in the following way: 25 for the multibeam course participants, 25 for Ottawa Branch to sell at the conference and 25 for Central Branch. A notice will be sent out when pricing has been set.

Peter Knight questioned the issue of profit from the multibeam course. "Have I paid too much"? Tim answered the question and also addressed the issue about the transfer of surplus funds. The price for the course is set in part by the instructors, hard costs, and the possibility of getting a minimum number of participants, and the course fee was on par for what is normally charged. There is a break-even point in the number of registrants, after which the host makes a profit. CB received more registrants than anticipated and so made more money than was expected. A large portion of those excess funds were transferred to the National Account through the Transfer of Surplus Funds Formula, and the much-needed infusion has since given CHA National an enhanced capacity in which to operate.

A question was asked about where the National Student Award comes from. The National Student Award is not covered in the transfer of surplus funds agreement. The student bursary and associated fees are paid by returns from an investment of capital, which has been self-sustaining.

A question was asked about hydrographic conference seed money. Seed money transferred to CB for CHC2002 was

cash in/cash out and was not part of the multibeam course surplus funds. Conference seed funds were either transferred to the National Account or directly to Ottawa Branch for CHC2004.

What about Lighthouse? The Lighthouse Convenience Account, though administered here, is a National Account. The entire 'National' portion of Corporate Membership dues go towards the production of Lighthouse.

The reason our present CB balance is high is that it provides the option of hosting another technology course, perhaps on GPS.

7) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 14:39.
- F. Oliff/J. Dixon CARRIED.

Coffee and cookies were available to CHA members and CHS staff who were also invited to hear their former colleague Peter Knight.

Guest Speaker Peter Knight, a Ph. D. candidate at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, is a former employee of the Canadian Hydrographic Service at Burlington, Ontario. Peter is a professor of hydrographic surveying in the Survey Department at the University. Peter spoke to the gathering about his department's success of overcoming the struggle of developing a curriculum that meets the requirements of the International Hydrographic Organization's Category "A" standards of competency for hydrographic surveyors. He also touched on the subject of his thesis on the mussel fishery at Foveaux Strait. Thanks Peter! Has it really been seven years?!

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 7th. No venue has been set yet – please stay tuned and check the web site for updates.

Upcoming Events

97th Annual Conference of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, in Ottawa, Ontario



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Canadian Institute of Geomatics

97e Conférence annuelle de l'Association
canadienne des sciences géomatiques



Geomatics: Powering the Future

Note: Unfortunately, the previously advertised conference, scheduled for June 21-23, 2004, in Ottawa, Ontario has been postponed. Please check the web site for further updates.

Web site www.ciq-acsg.ca

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