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Central Branch Committees

Communications and Publicity

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

The travel bug, wanderlust, itchy feet... They are but a few of the ways we describe the need people seem to have to get out and explore their world, whether it be local or global. Many of us in the hydrographic community are very blessed in the opportunities we have through our profession, to have done some international travel, even if only to the country next door.

I am focusing on travel this month partly in thanks to last month's presenter, Sam Weller, who introduced us to a place with which many of us are quite unfamiliar – Latvia, and its capital Tallinn. Sam was there teaching English as a second language, a vocation he pursued while winding down his career at the CHS. Perhaps it was the lure of travel, something Sam had done earlier on in life at sea that drew him

into this line of hobby. No matter, what compels us to put ourselves into a position of hardship, in order to pursue our Zen for travel? A year ago this month (now into April) I was preparing for a trip to Peru, a country of which I knew little except what I could glean from an occasional documentary or some of the guidebooks I had purchased. I could not prepare myself for what would be encountered from those sources; the smells, sights and sounds are sensory beyond what modern technology can deliver. Perhaps THAT is what it is, in essence, the need to give the body something other than the routine to which it has become accustomed. Just be warned, don't drink the water! And, please, mind the stairs!

-Fred.

Treasurer's Report

Branch The Branch maintains one account at the TD Canada Trust - Burlington
Account: Main Branch, located at 510 Brant Street, Burlington.

It is a "Community A" account (an old type of account no longer offered by the Bank, but "grandfathered"). Whereas there will be administrative changes to bank procedures in May 2006, as of now, we are not subject to service charges so long as we maintain *a minimum* of \$10,000.00 in the account.

Our February statement showed a *balance of \$32,359.72* which includes \$8,010.41 for the Lighthouse account and \$1,850.41 for the Admiralty Launch Surveyor account (the latter two sums, *unaudited* balances at December 31, 2005.

We earned the princely sum of \$0.82 interest. As a result, I shall be seeking the Executive's approval to transfer a portion of our balance to a

Money Market GIC, cashable after 30 days without penalty, currently earning 2.8%.

I am unaware of any outstanding cheques, however we do have indebtedness to National for 2006 Dues.

The change over of signatories for the Branch Account was completed on February 21, 2006.

Audit: The Branch Accounts for years 2003, 2004 and 2005 were handed over to Life Member Sam Weller on February 21st to be audited. A "Work in Progress".

Member As of this writing, our Branch has (37) thirty-seven members in good standing – 21 Regular members, 1 Student, 2 International, 5 Life, 1 Honorary and 7 Corporate.

Dues:
Please Note:
1. Dues are not collected from Life or Honorary Members, their fees

to National are paid by the Branch.

2. Students pay only the National portion of dues.

I have been in touch with Lucie Lebrun – Ginn of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics with regard to the processing of outstanding credit card payments. Those in hand will be forwarded to her tomorrow for processing.

Estimated National Dues of \$1,300.00 outstanding for settlement.

I am also anticipating a Financial Statement for our recently completed H₂O Bonspiel.

Note: I have now received Bank Statements for January and February 2006 and once the above activities have been completed, I will attempt reconciliation.

Activity: Branch Financial activity continues to be slow. For the period under review, I have one cheque in hand (received yesterday) for deposit, but am anticipating handover tonight of funds (estimated at \$460.00) collected by the Membership committee.

There is one General Meeting (Feb. '06) Expenditure of \$33.40 and

Lighthouse: No activity this period. Account balances remain as at close

& Admiralty: December 31, 2005.

Launch

Accounts: Lighthouse a/c
\$8,010.41
Admiralty Launch a/c
\$1,850.41

Total

\$9,860.82

Dates of Remaining 2006 Meetings:

- 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

Members in Good Standing

(As of Mar. 20, 2006)

We are no longer publishing the names of paid-up members. If you are in arrears, you will not be getting this month's newsletter.

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

The meeting was at the Weller residence. After thanking the hosts, the meeting was called to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

- F. Oliff - V.P
- R. Cameron - Secretary
- G. McFarlane Treasurer

- B. Power J. Medendorp E. Brown
- A. Rogers J. Walker

Regrets:

- A. Leyzack E. Mong T. Janzen
- K. Dixel P. Travaglini B. Warrender
- J. Weedon

Meeting Agenda Reviewed.

1) Minutes of the CHA meeting of 16th February 2006 were read and discussed.

Correction: Change CHA 2006 to CHC 2006.

Motion to accept Minutes as read: S. Weller/B. Power CARRIED

The Joint ACLS and CHA publication "Canada's

Offshore Jurisdiction, Rights and Management” is to be produced as Print on Demand. Copies will be made available at the book launch scheduled during CHC 2006.

Action: Fred to distribute the National Budget

Motion to accept Minutes:

-Moved: S. Weller/J. Medendorp CARRIED

2) Treasurer’s Report: (G. McFarlane)

George presented his report for the period of February 16 to March 14. The information for the auditing of years 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been delivered to Sam Weller

George suggested more frequent auditing of CHA branches. George has already made this request to Andrew.

The H2O committee has provided the Treasurer a statement regarding the Bonspiel.

All outstanding Credit Card payments are to be sent to CIG by March 16

Action: George to forward credit card payments to CIG for processing.

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

CHA National dues to Lighthouse account for 2005 are outstanding.

Action: Brian to contact Scott to resolve this matter. George would like to be informed of any correspondence regarding this matter.

Action: Brian to cc any emails regarding this to George.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: J. Walker/ E. Brown CARRIED

3) Correspondence: (R. Cameron)

Internal correspondence with CHA Executive. Brian received an email from Jack Wallace regarding CHA National’s Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2006 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Apparently no minutes have been made available for the 2004 and 2005 AGMs. Fred received an email from Keith regarding World Hydrography Day. Sam received a call from Bob Marshall regarding an outstanding item – see Membership section.

4) Central Branch Committees:

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) World Hydrography Day is the only event to date. Brian contacted the *Canada Marine Discovery Centre* in Hamilton, Ontario regarding an exhibit celebrating WHD. A week-long static display at the *Canada Marine Discovery Centre* involving *Surveyor* is planned. CHS has established committees within each Region to promote WHD and will also be displaying Hydrographic information at the exhibit. The exhibit is to be staffed by volunteers. *Surveyor’s* condition has yet to be assessed.

Educational:

Meetings: (F. Oliff) The next meeting is scheduled for April 19. Glenn Butt and Eivind Mong of C-Map are the planned speakers. Ab Rogers has offered to host the meeting. A venue and speaker for the May 17 is not yet decided. A video of Derek Hatfield’s solo voyage has been suggested as possible presentation material. The June meeting may focus on the renovation of the old Beach strip lighthouse located at the entrance to Hamilton Harbour.

Annual General Meeting: (F. Oliff) The AGM is scheduled for December 7, 2006. The venue has been confirmed and will once again be the Mimico Cruising Club. A speaker has not yet been arranged, however solo sailor Derek Hatfield was suggested as a possibility.

Action: Fred to contact Mr. Hatfield as a possible speaker.

Membership: (B. Power) Mailed invoices has proven to be more effective than emails, so invoices are to be mailed out to delinquent members. There are 39 paid-up members as of March 15. The list of paid up members will be discontinued as of the March *Newsletter*. The list of members in good standing has been delivered to the *Newsletter* editor. Invoices for annual membership renewals are to be sent out by October. The distribution list is to be reviewed. The ACLS invoice has been mailed but is still outstanding.

Action: Brian to mail out invoices to delinquent members.

Action: Brian to ensure that invoices for 2007 are to be sent out in October.

Sam received a call from Bob Marshall regarding an outstanding item. The invoice was apparently missed and was not mailed out.

Action: Fred to contact Bob Marshall to check validity of email address on file.

Website: (J. Weedon). No report as Jim was absent.

GPS for GIS course: (F. Oliff) The tentative dates for the course have changed from April 26-27 to April 19-20. Fred is scheduled to receive a syllabus this week. Fred contacted Andrew regarding course setup. The course is open to any interested parties.

Action: Fred to distribute a syllabus of the course when available

Action: Fred to contact Pierre Sauvé regarding the course name and date change.

5) Other Business:

A possible CHA promotional product “Coffee Covers” consisting of a Neoprene sleeve for covering disposable coffee cups was presented. Andrew suggested that the CHA logo could be added to the product. Cost of the product is dependent on volume

Action: Fred to contact Andrew regarding a decision on this item.

6) Executive Items:

Lighthouse: Fred and Roger received an email from Andrew regarding contributions for *Lighthouse*. Roger contacted Brent and Jon for information on CHS charting and survey plans for 2006.

Brian suggested that corporate members be solicited for information they may like to submit to *Lighthouse*.

Action: Fred to contact corporate members.

Action: Explore the possibility of obtaining corporate members profile from their websites.

Action: Fred to contact Colleen O’Meara and Eric McGuinness of *The Hamilton Spectator* regarding World Hydrography Day.

George is awaiting a response from Andrew regarding his concerns on possible conflicts with the CHA Constitution and By-Laws. By-Laws must be in accordance with the Constitution. This issue may be raised at the CHA AGM in June if it is not adequately addressed.

Action: Fred to approach Andrew regarding this issue.

George attended the Ontario ACLS Regional Group meeting on February 23 in London. He requested information on how profits of the Joint ACLS and CHA publication “Canada’s Offshore Jurisdiction, Rights and Management” will be distributed. He is awaiting a response.

Meeting adjourned at 21:20

Moved J. Medendorp/B. Power CARRIED

After the meeting Sam Weller presented a Power Point presentation on his trip to Estonia where he taught English as a second language.

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.

CHC 2006

Bridging Disciplines – The theme of CHC 2006
Topics covered will include but not be limited to:

- Tsunamis and Water Levels
- Law of the Sea
- Marine Archaeology
- Emergency Response and Disaster Mitigation
- Mapping: New Frontiers and Technology
- Harbour and Marine Security

Exhibitor Information:

Companies interested in exhibiting at CHC 2006 may contact the Exhibit Manager at exhibitinfo@chc2006.ca

Call for Abstracts and Posters:

Participants wishing to submit a paper or a poster are invited to send an abstract of no more than 2 pages (in a .PDF or MS-Word format) to abstracts@chc2006.ca

Web-site: Visit www.chc2006.ca for details.