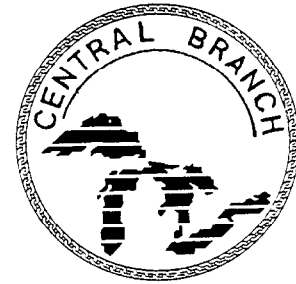


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Communications and Publicity

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: On hold.

Social Events

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

BBQ: - TBA.

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Sam Weller is retiring! I worked for Sam back in 1994, helping draft the replacement for Great Lakes Sailing Direction Volume 1. The work that summer culminated in a different format resulting in not one book but five small booklets. It was while working with Sam that I gained an appreciation for greater scrutiny for one's own work. He told some of us during an in-house Cartography 1 course that "your best friend is the one who finds your mistakes before they get into print", among many other things. I know now what he meant. While the English language is designed to confuse those who do not speak it as their mother tongue (and many who do!) the difference between Hudson Bay the place and Hudson's Bay the company IS important, but to whom? Hmm, Sam, answer me that one?! Lack of objectivity with one's own work, especially when you have been working on a project for many months or years, is a great source of the errors in a project. Sam understood this and so was very gentle when pointing out these errors, especially when he knew how sensitive some of us could be!

Oftentimes, Sam provided the other pair of eyes while working as Sailing Directions Officer, checking not only charts but also proofreading editorials people wrote for the CHA newsletter or Lighthouse. He always strove to give criticism in the most constructive way possible, a good trait he will no doubt employ in his next career as an instructor in English as Second Language training. It's not easy being right, is it? Someone has to do it and I am glad I could always depend on Sam. I, for one, will miss him. I suspect many of us will.

Bye Sam, adios and bon voyage. May your retirement be filled with good health, good wine and good memories of your career!

Enjoy it!

-Fred.

Notice of Next Meeting:

When: Wednesday October 5th at 7:00 PM

Where: J. Weedon Manor, Beamsville.

Central Branch Treasurer's Report
31 December 2004 to 26 May 2005

Balance forward 31 December 2004:		\$21,171.12
Receipts:		
2004 Membership dues	\$120.00	
2005 Membership dues	\$2,827.00	
Conference Proceedings	\$0.00	
H ₂ O Bonspiel	\$17.23	
2004 AGM	\$100.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$7.50	
Technology Course	\$0.00	
Other income	\$122.50	
Bank interest	\$4.49	
		<u>\$3,198.72</u>
		\$24,369.84
Expenditures:		
National Membership Dues 2004	\$0.00	
National Membership Dues 2005	\$0.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	
Newsletter paper	\$0.00	
Seminars & meetings	\$309.28	
H ₂ O Bonspiel Sponsorship	\$200.00	
Summer BBQ	\$0.00	
AGM and Dinner	\$0.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	
Education and Development	\$0.00	
Gerry Wade Library	\$0.00	
CHA Branded Stuff	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Credit Card Expenses	\$28.65	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	
Subsidy to the Launch account	\$0.00	
		<u>\$537.93</u>
Working balance 26 May 2005:		<u>\$23,831.91</u>

Note: To help the *Lighthouse* Editorial team and the *Admiralty Launch Surveyor* Committee, the Central Branch treasurer handles their income and expenditures. The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Lighthouse account

Balance forward 31 December 2004:	\$12,668.49
Receipts:	
Advertising	\$0.00
Copyright	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$609.74
Sponsorship	\$0.00
	\$609.74
	\$13,278.23
Expenditures:	
Stationery	\$103.30
Printing (Spring Edition)	\$5,348.93
Postage	\$0.00
	\$5,452.23
<u>Working balance 26 May 2005:</u>	\$7,826.00

Admiralty Launch Surveyor account

Balance forward 31 December 2004:	\$1,612.93
Receipts:	
Heritage Launch Rental Fee	\$0.00
Re-enactments	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$1,612.93
Expenditures:	
Insurance Renewal *	\$0.00
Launch repairs	\$0.00
Travel expenses	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<u>Working balance 26 May 2005:</u>	\$1,612.93

* 2004 Insurance renewal was paid by CHA National as part of CHC 2004. Note that the insurance premiums have risen over 2003 and are expected to rise again for 2005.

Minutes of General Meeting of Central BRANCH held on 26th May 2005

The meeting was at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington. The meeting was called to order at 16:35.

Attendees:

- Fred Oliff – VP
- Roger Cameron – Secretary
- Jeff Walker - Treasurer
- J. Biggar E. Brown D. Dixel K. Dixel
- A. Leyzack R. Martel B. Power A. Rogers
- C. Robinson S. Weller

Regrets: T. Janzen, L. Robbins

1) Minutes of 21st April meeting were circulated.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved: J. Walker / B. Power CARRIED.

2) Treasurer’s Report: (J. Walker)

The Treasurer’s Report of 31 Dec 2004 to 26 May 2005 was reviewed. Membership payments are still coming in; credit card payments have yet to be processed. Two Corporate Membership payments were received from iXSea and HydroService AS. The \$100.00 U.S (\$121.65 CDN) received from Corporate

Member, L-3 Klein was to cover the 2004 membership dues. The amount fell short of the dues however as it was last year’s dues it will be accepted as such. The H₂O Bonspiel made a profit of \$17.23. Andrew mentioned that National has budgeted to pay for this year’s liability insurance on the *Admiralty Launch Surveyor*. Next year it will be Central Branch’s responsibility. Earl suggested that a substantial amount or the working balance be placed in an investment account in order to receive more interest. This is how the student award is funded. This should not affect the status of CHA as a non-profit organization.

ACTION: Jeff/Fred to investigate the investment account issue.

- Moved: A. Leyzack/ S. Weller CARRIED.

3) Correspondence: (F. Oliff/ R. Cameron)

Some CHA members received a letter from Tom McCulloch promoting his new book *Navigator to Hydrographer*, which is a follow up to his book *Mandalay to Norseman*, published in 2003. Andrew passed around a copy of *Navigator to Hydrographer*. It will become the newest addition to the Gerry Wade Memorial Library.

4) Committee Reports

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (B. Power) A meeting was held last week to take the tarp off the launch. During the check it was noted that bottom paint will be required and some dry rot was discovered forward. Brian has requested assistance with painting the boat. The trailer has been taken for its annual inspection. Heimo has acquired leather for the new oars and Andrew offered some copper/bronze tacks for use. The first event of the season will be held on June 12 during Aboriginal Days at the Six Nations Reserve. It will be a one day event at Pauline Johnson's house, during which a church minister has requested to be on the launch and rowed ashore. It is a paying event with an expected income of \$200.00. The second event will be on July 16-17 at the School of the Sailor at Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Brian would like to know how many CHA members will attend. An August event at the Canada Trade Fair in Amherstburg has been cancelled due to technical problems.

Meetings: (T. Janzen) The Annual General Meeting will be held once again at the Mimico Cruising Club on December 8th. Tim Janzen will host the September meeting on the 29th. Venues for October and November are still required. The October meeting will occur during the 3rd or 4th week with the November meeting scheduled for mid-month.

Lighthouse: (F. Oliff) Andrew contacted Dr. Susan Skone of Prairie Schooner Branch, the Editor of *Lighthouse* as to the status of the Spring Edition. He is awaiting a reply. Steve McPhee has offered to review Tom McCulloch's new book *Navigator to Hydrographer* and Fred Oliff has offered to review *Charting Northern Waters*.

Membership: (B. Power/T. Janzen) A total of 65 members are paid up. There are now a total of three new student members with Mohammed El-Diasty, a student at York University being the newest student member. Currently ten Corporate Members have paid up, with three outstanding. A second set of invoices has been sent out to those members. Brian will send a Certificate of Corporate Membership to RESON Inc., the newest Corporate Member. The International

Membership currently stands at twelve. Atlantic Branch has nominated Mike Eaton as an Honourary Member. He will be presented a certificate on May 30th. Mike was recently awarded the Order of Canada for his contribution to Canadian Hydrography. Andrew mentioned that the per capita dues for the IFHS are due in October, and that he still requires a membership listing for IFHS from Central Branch.

ACTION: Brian to generate a Certificate of Corporate membership for RESON Inc.

ACTION: Brian to fill out a spreadsheet of members in good standing for the IFHS.

BBQ: (B. Power) Jon Biggar will be hosting the Annual CHA BBQ at his residence in Carlisle on June 25. A team is required for purchasing supplies etc. Brian presented Better Bitters with a *Lighthouse* mug in thanks for hosting the April meeting.

ACTION: The Executive is to strike up a committee for the BBQ.

5) Other Business: CHA President Andrew Leyzack met with the CHS Director General on Tuesday May 24 on behalf of an ACLS working group regarding CLS certification of hydrographers. The CHS has concerns on how the certification will fit with the organization.

The Joint ACLS and CHA publication "Canada's Offshore, Jurisdiction, Rights and Management" 3rd edition is currently being proof read by a number of individuals and should be done by the end of June. It will be ready for the CLS Offshore Property Rights exam in September and is a good reference for anyone interested in UNCLOS.

The April FIG meeting in Cairo was a success with a good turnout from Canada as 17 CIG delegates attended. Andrew had an opportunity to meet with John McCarthy who is instrumental in the work of the Australasian Hydrographer Accreditation Panel. A pitch was made for Edmonton to host the 2010 congress but was lost to Australia. There is an interest for Edmonton to host the 2009 Working Week.

Andrew Leyzack will be resigning as CHA National President effective at year end due to his work obligations to FIG. He has been nominated as Chair of Commission 4 for the 2006-2010 term. The CHA would like to thank Andrew for his tireless work in leading the CHA and promoting it as a world class organization.

Andrew asked about the situation with the Wade family regarding a ceremony to dedicate a new hydrographic launch: G. Wade and the CHA Gerry Wade Memorial Library. Earl suggested a function be held whenever a launch is named for a hydrographer. Fred suggested families be contacted directly as one family apparently found out indirectly and after the fact that a launch was named in honour of a deceased family member. In that situation Andrew responded by sending photographs of the launch and a copy of the announcement in *Lighthouse* to the family. Earl

suggested that the recently deceased Mike Bolton be nominated for a future launch dedication.

ACTION: Fred to draft a letter to CHS suggesting that Mike Bolton's name is considered for a future launch.

Meeting adjourned at 17:40.

- Moved F. Oliff / J. Walker CARRIED.

After the business part of the meeting, we enjoyed a presentation by Robin Martel of Fugawi. Fugawi produces GPS navigation software with 25 products in their line including products which support CHS and NOAA charts. He demonstrated new navigation software with hydrographic and topographic applications. After the presentation Fred presented Robin with a *Lighthouse* lager mug. Thank you very much Robin!

Corporate Members of the Canadian Hydrographic Association Central Branch

Corporate Membership allows companies closely linked with the hydrographic field to become more involved with the activities of the CHA and to maintain closer contact with users of their products. Through *Lighthouse*, these Corporate Members are also able to reach a world-wide hydrographic audience. The Canadian Hydrographic Association appreciates the support of these organizations:

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- L-3 Klein Associates Inc., Salem NH, USA
- Knudsen Engineering Ltd., Perth ON, Canada
- Kongsberg Maritime, Dartmouth NS, Canada
- McQuest Marine Sciences Ltd., Burlington ON, Canada
- NetSurvey Ltd., Banbury, Oxon, United Kingdom
- RESON Inc., Goleta CA, USA
- Sani Int'l Technology Advisors Inc., Markham ON, Canada



Sam Weller Retires?

As a correction to Fred’s comments in the V-P notes column, Sam has not retired! He has just changed ships. After 3.5 decades of work in the field of hydrography, Sam has traded in his sextant and lead line (but not his red pen) for chalk and a blackboard; or the modern day equivalents thereof. His first assignment in a new career of teaching English as a second language will start in Estonia as of this July.

On June 23, it was a pleasure for his friends and long-time colleagues to gather and see him off at the beginning of this transition, and did so, in part, by granting him a Life Membership in the CHA in recognition of his many years of valuable service to our organization. We all wish you the very best in your new adventures Sam!



Sam Receives CHA Life Membership from Fred Oliff



Sam Proudly Displays his First Pension Payment

Editor’s Note: Any errors, omissions, or typographical errors in this and subsequent editions of the NewsLetter *can* and *will* be blamed on Sam globetrotting and no longer being around to proofread it.

Heritage Launch – First Event of 2005

On June 12, the Heritage Launch Surveyor and her crew participated in the first event of 2005. During Aboriginal Days at the Six Nations Reserve, the Launch and crew, in full dress, participated in a rowing event on the Grand River.

It turned out to be a nice sunny day, which always makes for a pleasant row.

Note the period plastic water bottle and cell phone; you just can’t seem to get away from these things, no matter where you are!



Surveyor’s Crew having a Grand Time on the Grand