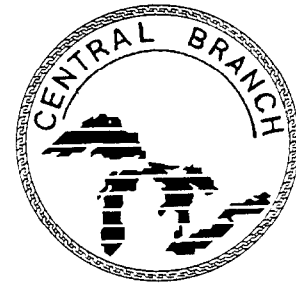


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Membership

Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, F. Oliff.
International: - T. Janzen.
Elections: - T. Janzen, B. Power.

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.
Seminars: - A. Leyzack, S. Hinds, T. Janzen,
 S. Youngblut.
2002 Multibeam course: - P. Davies, A. Leyzack,
 K. McMillan, P. Travaglini, C. Robinson.
Registration for CHC2002:
 F. Oliff, S. Youngblut.

Social Events

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Hello CHA'ers.

It is almost that time of the year again: AGM time! I encourage you to make a spot in your calendars on the evening of Thursday, December 12th to come to the lovely Mimico Cruising Club and join your friends and associates in getting into the festive spirit. I would also like to remind you to take the time to fill out the ballot in this newsletter and help in electing your executive voice in the CHA for 2003. As always, there will be a business component to the evening, and as always, we will try to make the business as painless and short in duration as possible. This year we have a couple of important issues that need to be decided upon, namely an increase in annual dues, and approval of a mechanism by which the Branch can transfer surplus funds to the National coffers. Please note that these items will be voted upon at the AGM, and that there are proxy ballots for them in the newsletter, if you won't be attending the AGM.

A summary of the two items follows here: in the interest of keeping AGM business short, discussion of them will be very limited, so please familiarize yourself with them before the meeting. If you have any questions, comments or concerns prior thereto, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Item 1

At this time, it is the opinion of Central Branch Executive, that we need to increase the annual dues from the current level of \$30 to \$40 dollars. You will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed increase at the December 2002 Central Branch Annual General Meeting, and if accepted, it would become effective for the 2003 dues. The reasons for the needed augmentation are threefold:

- At the CHA National Annual General Meeting held in Toronto, May 27th, 2002, a National Dues increase from \$15 to \$20 was approved.
- As operating costs have grown, for things such as the cost of holding meetings, insurance premiums and the price of postage and stationery, your Executive believes that this increase is necessary for Central Branch to continue to operate at its current capacity, in the long term.
- There has been no increase in the Central Branch Dues since 1990, following the 1989 resolution "...that the National Due be set at \$15 per member for 1990. It is strongly recommended that each Branch set its local dues at a similar level so that all CHA members will be paying the same membership dues of \$30."

Based on the fact that annual dues have been at \$30 for 12 years, this \$10 increase should not seem like an excessive incremental cost. This is especially true considering the fact that \$5 of this sum will be directed toward the National coffers, leaving only an extra \$5 for Branch use. I hope that you can see the value in what we are proposing, and we welcome any comments you have to offer on the matter.

Part 2 of my message is on the back page.

See you at the AGM!

— Tim.

Next meeting

The Central Branch AGM at the Mimico Cruising Club, Toronto. See enclosed poster for details. Share your views and enjoy a fine meal.

Central Branch Treasurer's Report

31 December 2001 to 6 November 2002

Balance forward December 31, 2001:		\$ 1,024.86
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Membership Dues (2002)	\$ 2,769.31	
Bonspiel	1,721.31	
AGM sponsor	250.00	
Multibeam course	44,071.40	
Donations	1.83	
Bank interest	0.43	
		\$ 48,814.28
		\$ 49,839.14
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
National dues for 2002	\$ 1,755.00	
Postage	397.12	
NewsLetter paper	126.12	
Seminars & Meetings	166.09	
Bonspiel	1,681.15	
Summer BBQ	198.28	
Stationery	247.11	
Engraving	24.49	
CHA Pacific Branch: beer glasses	232.00	
CIG credit card charges	24.47	
		\$ 4,851.83
<u>Working Balance 6 November 2002:</u>		<u>\$ 45,987.31</u>

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 below). The balance is held available and is passed on as required.

Lighthouse Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001:		\$ 504.07
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Subscriptions	\$ 1,626.65	
Advertising	6,025.00	
Artwork and negs	4,800.00	
Royalties	17.25	
CHC program printing	4,000.00	
		\$ 16,468.90
		\$ 16,972.97
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Transfer to Lighthouse account	\$ 11,000.00	
Refund	12.50	
Postage	18.03	
CIG credit card charges	29.55	
Stationery	177.05	
		\$ 11,237.13
<u>Working Balance 6 November 2002:</u>		<u>\$ 5,735.84</u>

Admiralty Launch Surveyor Convenience account

Balance forward December 31, 2001:		\$ 1,933.03
<u>Receipts:</u>		
nil	\$	
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Insurance	\$ 864.00	
Maintenance	171.13	
		\$ 1,035.13
<u>Working Balance 6 November 2002:</u>		<u>\$ 897.90</u>

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 6 November 2002

The meeting was held at the residence of John Dixon. Tim welcomed everyone, thanked John for his hospitality, and called the meeting to order at 19:10.

Attendees:

Tim Janzen - VP- Chair
Earl Brown - Secretary
Paola Travaglini - Guest Speaker
Heimo Duller Scott Youngblut Ab Rogers
Ken Dixel Andrew Leyzack Mike Bennett
Carol Robinson Brian Power Bill Warrender
Jeff Walker Jim Weedon John Dixon
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Regrets: Larry Robbins, Sam Weller and Fred Oliff

Tim introduced our new member L. Liatukas, who then gave a brief overview of his reason for joining CHA. He recently came to Canada to seek opportunities in the Hydrography. He was particularly interested in areas that would provide growth to his background of Port Authority work. He was pleased to be part of the CHA.

1) Minutes of the October 10, 2002, general meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes:

- Moved B. Power/B. Warrender CARRIED

2) Treasurer's Report: Tim, reporting for Sam, presented the report for the period Dec. 31, 2001 to November 6, 2002.

- Moved A. Leyzack/A. Rogers CARRIED

3) Correspondence: There was no new correspondence since our last meeting.

4) Committee Reports:

a) Admiralty Launch Surveyor:

Brian reported that the Surveyor was now prepared for the winter. She is flipped over and covered in a location near the boat shop at CCIW.

Brian also stated there has been correspondence with Vic Suthren about the Surveyor participating in a significant event beginning June 6, 2003. The event would entail assembling in Toronto then sailing to Fort Niagara, NY. To participate, there is a need to revise the insurance to allow for black powder action. Also need to ensure that the participants, the boat and the Association are covered.

ACTION: Brian to contact CHS to see if they would provide complimentary charts for the participants.

Brian also stated that members of the Launch Committee need to meet with the people at Bath, Ontario, to explore opportunities for the Surveyor at that location.

Brian and Andrew have met with representatives of the Canadian Marine Discovery Centre in Hamilton to discuss possible involvement of CHA and Surveyor at that new site. The opportunities seem to be very limited.

b) Social events: Fred is working on this event which is scheduled for December 12, at the Mimico cruising club.

c) Educational:

- Gerry Wade Memorial Library - Tim reported that the library contents are now listed on the shared drive at CCIW and will soon be added to the Branch web site.

- Seminar - Andrew thanked Heimo, Sam, Brian, Tim, Keith and John who had provided their homes for CHA meeting this past year. He also thanked the speakers for the excellent presentations that we enjoyed.

ACTION: The executive is open for offers to host meetings for the coming year.

d) Membership/Elections: Brian reported that we had one new member since the last meeting. Membership is as follows:

In House: 35 Out House:30 Life: 4

International: 17 Sustaining: 7 Honorary: 1

Nominations for new executive are open and will remain open until November 13. Ballots will be distributed with the next newsletter.

e) Web site: The Web site is in good shape thanks to the work of Jim Weedon. There is a movement within the CHA executive to have the web site independent of the CHS.

5) Proposed dues increase: Tim presented a draft proposal to support an increase of dues. The proposal will appear in the next newsletter and a vote will be held at the AGM.

6) Friends of Hydrography: Andrew reported on a recent meeting to bring the Friends of Hydrography initiative under the CHA umbrella. The meeting went well and the move has the support from the Branches. A suggestion has been to have the Ottawa Branch lead in this activity with each Branch to have a Chairperson to support the flow of information. The FOH web site is 'http://www.canfoh.org'. Andrew will be meeting with the Ottawa group again on November 19, 2002.

7) National Activities Update: Andrew reported that FOH is one of the current activities. Another significant activity is a proposal to share surplus funds generated by Branches. There is a need to develop a formula for funds to go to the National office to fund approved activities of all Branches.

ACTION: The executive will meet soon to work on this fund sharing initiative.

Andrew also reported that CHA has been approached by CHS HQ for the next Canadian Hydrographic Conference, where CHS and CHA would partner, along with a third party.

The business meeting came to a close at 2125.

- Moved A. Leyzack/ B. Power CARRIED

After the business meeting we enjoyed the traditional beer, pizza and discussion.

This was followed by a very excellent presentation by Paola Travaglini on recent Multibeam surveys.

Message from Central Branch Vice-President (cont'd)

Item 2

In the past, there have been discussions of what Branches should do with surplus funds that they come into, as a result of revenue generating initiatives, and there has never been any action taken to resolve the matter. Central Branch now finds itself in possession of a windfall of money as a result of the fantastic and profitable efforts that a small group of our members put into the recent multibeam training course. We are also in the unique position of providing an example and leading the way for all Branches to implement this revenue sharing initiative, by transferring a portion of these funds into the National coffers. Your Central Branch Executive believes that this initiative will strengthen the national image and unity of the CHA. It will also allow the National Directors to more effectively conduct the National functions of the organization and stimulate Branch initiatives, by being able to provide funding and apportion seed money. We, as your executive, need to define exactly what a surplus of funds is and what formula or mechanism should be used to determine the amount of funds to transfer to the National Office, but those details are not what we are asking you to decide upon at this time.

The question that we are putting to you now is, will you grant your Executive the authority to transfer these funds to the National Office, at our discretion, once we have decided upon a suitable definition of surplus funds, and to adopt an equitable formula for the relative apportionment of those funds? I ask for your confidence in your Executive to arrive at an equitable resolution, that performs in the best interest of both the Branch and of future National endeavours. There is currently majority support for this type of policy among the National Directors, but the affirmation by Central Branch membership will be a crucial step in fleshing out the details and adopting this as a common policy in all Branches.

Whew! Sorry to berate you on this, but your Executive and I feel that this is an important and significant issue for the future of the CHA.

On that long-winded note I bid you adieu until the next time, and hope to see you on December 12th.

As always and ever, happy hydrography!

- Tim.

Hydrographic Software Presentation
9:30-11:00 on Wednesday, 27 November, 2002

Location: Canada Centre for Inland Waters, auditorium, Burlington.

Neil Chaulk, President of ICAN Ltd., will present the latest release of **QINSy 7 (Quality Integrated Navigation System)**, an integrated application package for survey planning, data acquisition, data validation and chart production. QINSy's functionality includes tools for pipeline inspection, dredging operations and multibeam surveys as well as a number of features to increase safety during surveys by supporting ENC (Electronic Navigational Charts) and interfacing with ARPA Radar and AIS (Automatic Identification System). For multibeam surveys, QINSy connects to moving sound velocity profilers. The system also supports side scan sonar and bottom classification functionality.

Refreshments will be served at 9:15, compliments of ICAN Ltd.

The International Column

Larry Robbins, our International Correspondent, passed on these news items about CHA International Members in New Zealand.

Kevin Smith, Operations Manager with HAS (NZ) and CHA international member, was elected as chairman of the New Zealand region of the Australasian Hydrographic Society at its AGM in November. **Peter Knight** (Otago University) continues his excellent work as (Hon) regional secretary of the Society.

Plans are well advanced for **HYDRO 2003**, which is to be held in Christchurch, NZ, in November 2003. The theme is *surveying extremes: the southern frontier*.

The University of Otago (Dunedin, NZ) has recently submitted its proposals for recognition of its Category A course to the IHO and is hopeful of receiving full recognition shortly. The university will be working closely with the Royal New Zealand Navy Hydrographic service, who have undertaken to provide a 10 day voyage opportunity each year for the course students.

The RNZN Hydrographic Office has undergone various changes in recent years. In September the Hydrographic unit moved from its civilian premises in Takapuna into the Naval Base. On 11 November the new facility was opened as the Joint Geospatial Support Facility (JGSF), serving the Joint Commander of the NZ Defence Force with geospatial information, technical and policy advice. The RNZN Hydrographic Service and Business Unit, as a constituent part of this new facility (the Director JGSF is Commander Clive Holmes who retains responsibility as Hydrographer RNZN), will continue to supply hydrographic products to the public by wholesale and through the internet and to undertake commercial surveys and charting under contract to Land Information New Zealand. JGSF also takes responsibility for the supply of hydrographic charts, topo and air maps to the NZ Defence Force.

If you have International items of interest to our members, just drop me a line larry@robbins.gen.nz or visit me at: www.robbins.gen.nz.

Lest we forget

Ab Rogers, Central Branch Life Member, was one of the Canadian liberators of The Netherlands in 1945, then helped rebuild their bridges.

In this photo from *The Hamilton Spectator*, he is seen with Dutch students who were visiting Burlington as part of their Remembrance Week activities.



Thank you, Ab.