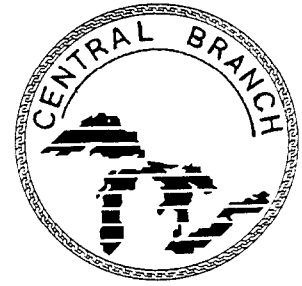


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Branch: - B. Power, T. Janzen, G. McFarlane.
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B. Power, E. Brown, J. Dixon, H. Duller,
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack, J. Walker, J. Weedon.

Education and Development

Gerry Wade Memorial Library: -
T. Janzen, A. Leyzack.
Meetings: - F. Oliff, R. Cameron, G. McFarlane.
2006 Technology Course: F. Oliff.

Social Events

H20: - E. Brown, B. Power.
BBQ: - B. Tinney.
AGM: - F. Oliff, T. Janzen, J. Weedon.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

"Tout comme le fer rouille à ne pas être utilisé, l'inactivité intellectuelle rouille l'esprit"

INNOVATION vs. CONFORMITY

My favourite composer is the 20th century Soviet Dimitri Shostakovitch. You're probably thinking to yourself that I have completely lost it and that this has nothing to do with hydrography. Well, maybe it doesn't, but maybe it has to do with an even bigger picture. You see, Shostakovitch grew up during the reigns of Lenin and Stalin. In fact there were many times when he had a bag packed by the door in case he had to leave "suddenly". It was said that he composed many of his symphonies of the mid-1930s with his middle finger extended toward Stalin who subjected artists, writers and composers to a very strict and dictatorial regimen of constant censorship. It was as if nobody could paint, write, or compose as well as Stalin. Well, one of Shostakovitch's symphonies, the 4th I believe, was so far from the dictator's suggested style—Soviet Realism or formalism—that it did not appear in public until well after Stalin's death in 1953. This formalism demanded that many of the creative musical geniuses of the '20s and '30s sound the same and create State-approved music: Prokofiev bent to the pressure and followed convention whereas Shostakovitch did not. Was it art for art's sake? I will allow you to be the judge. That is the difference between then and now. Freedom of choice, freedom of expression, or is it?

So what is this big picture? Who knows what brilliant works of art could have come out of the Soviet Union had they not been censored by the state. Who dictates what should be written, composed, said? What higher authority do we all have to answer to? What are the guiding principles that we must all follow? Why do you/I/we have to conform? What are the consequences if we do not? What are the consequences if we forsake our own artistic endeavours to the will of this higher authority? Is it only our morale that suffers or do we, in fact, lose some of our self, some of our inner motivating life force that drives us ever onward or fuels our ability to complete tasks of drudgery? For it is with this that we must inevitably be faced: our wonderful ideas trampled by conventional "wisdom", the old-school mentality that "this is the way we have always done it" cannot be challenged, though we are constantly told that we must be innovative to survive. Think too far outside the box and you may face the same fate as the Apple employee fired for space-saving innovations such as suspending his bicycle from the ceiling of his office! Not everyone can be counter-culture. No, there must be those who bend to the will of the big machine, otherwise nothing would ever get done. But boy oh boy, would we ever miss out on some wonderful music! Fred

PS *"Just as iron rusts from disuse, so does inaction spoil intellect"* (Leonardo Da Vinci)

Dear Editor,

Item 5, Other Business, identifies a concern raised by the Director General of the Canadian Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service as to a presentation given by C-Map (Spring 2006). First off, for the respect and benefit of those members not in attendance, I believe the minutes should have identified how this 3rd party discussion was brought before the May 17, 2006 meeting and furthermore, the titles of those involved and their links with this association.

The seminars and presentations offered in conjunction with branch meetings are all about furthering the knowledge of our members. Whether the topics are general interest or focused on hydrographic subject matter, the meetings provide a forum for professional development and "off-line" dialogue. Our members who are employees of the CHS are bound by a code of ethics which governs their conduct with respect to employer confidentiality. Likewise, while I believe we are obligated to preserve this trust, we are also obligated to engage in learning forums which relate to the work we perform and may have an impact on our service to the public. In the case of C-Map's presentation, the branch had an opportunity to learn about "value-added" hydrographic products and the extent to which they are being integrated with commercial and recreational navigational electronics.

It is good to see the DG of the CH&OS is paying attention to CHA Central Branch's activities and I would welcome continued and direct dialogue between Canada's Hydrographic Office and the executive of this branch or the CHA's board of directors.

Regards,
Andrew Leyzack
President CHA



Dates of Remaining 2006 Meetings:

AGM – Thursday 7th December

CHA AGM

Where: Mimico Cruising Club

When: Thursday, December 7th

How much: Same as last year, \$28.00

CHA Central branch meeting minutes, October 26, 2006 CCIW

Attendees: George M., Earl B., Jeff W. Brian P., Tim J. Andrew L.

Regrets: Larry R., Mike B., Sam W. Paola T., Carol R., Jim W., Roger C.

Minutes were circulated. Motion to accept. Jeff, Seconded, Earl.

Corrections as follows: Triton Imaging and NetSurveys. Jim Statham's position is Executive Director. It is highly important that we get this right as the newsletter goes out to these corporate members. Corporate members are contacted by Brian for advertising on an ongoing basis. The term "advertising management" needs clarification. The 2003, 2004 and 2005 audits have been finished by Sam Weller and Jeff is now looking at them.

2. Treasurer's report.

1. National Membership Dues not yet paid.

Prepared by: George P. McFarlane

2. Awaiting outstanding payments of GIS/GPS Committee.

Treasurer

3. Amount shown for 2006 Membership Dues to be confirmed by Membership

October 24, 2006

Committee Chairman.

The budget reconciliation was presented. Anticipated revenue of \$3500 from membership dues was actually \$2840. A cheque will be drawn and presented to National. The GPS course expense report has not yet been forwarded to the Treasurer.

ACTION: Fred to complete report and forward to George (once three more cheques have been received).

There is/was some discrepancy between how much the Branch keeps of our anticipated dues and how much goes

to National. This will be resolved by next month's report. Central Branch should retain approximately \$1680 after the National dues are paid.

It was agreed that CIG gets a pittance for the service they provide.

G.M. to forward to B.P. for the launch insurance.

G.M. thanked E.B. for the Bonspiel report and inquired about the extra monies received. These were apparently for Lighthouse not the bonspiel.

G.M. reported that he had collected money at some of the general meetings for beer.

G.M. donated Branch bequest to the CHA Social at CHC2006 in Halifax.

G.M. also keeps a record of membership numbers; all cheques are copied and originals are sent to G.M. from B.P. E.B. questioned why there is so little interest in the account; we still have not done anything as treasurer required instructions to proceed.

ACTION: Treasurer to proceed with investment.

Correspondence: (F.O for R.C.)

Not a lot of correspondence other than from A.L. and T.J. to be forwarded to membership.

Launch report: (B.P.) The launch was involved in a static display at the CMDC in Hamilton for World Hydrography Day and at Ports Day the following weekend.

The rot found near the junction of the keel and transom is not an easy fix as was reported in May meeting minutes.

The new trailer, containing the launch equipment and display materials, in the compound is ready for moving and we await the word.

There are some events for 2007 including School of the Sailor at Fort Malden in Amherstburg, which might require a row down the Detroit River from Windsor??!!)

There has been correspondence from an individual at the Office of the Coast Survey from NOAA regarding 200-year anniversary and a role the *Surveyor* could play. B.P. has sent back some information.

Vic Suthren has sent on lots of "stuff" to B.P.

The 2008 Halifax Dockyards anniversary may want a small launch component but so far there has been no response to information B.P. has sent them.

The question "Where are we going from here?" was asked. The launch is an asset of the association but is languishing. Numbers are dropping off, what with retirement and lack of interest. The Faire at the Forks was attended, but without the launch this year; this might be the last year for the event.

It was suggested that there be one Regional boat in each Region so that the Provincial Marines (a re-enactment group) do not have to haul boats all o'er the place to events where there might be already be a launch closer at hand.

B.P. will call a launch committee meeting once all hands are back in town.

ACTION: A.L. to contact Gil Bibby to inspect the launch.

A.L has been in correspondence with the folks from the *Picton Castle*, a 3-masted barque, who have expressed interest in taking *Surveyor* around the world. They are part of the Lunenburg historical group trying to protect the harbour from development.

We are not at the stage where we want to get rid of the launch just yet, but maybe we ought to consider loaning *Surveyor* to the *Picton Castle* or another branch on a temporary basis.

BBQ: The summer barbecue was held at Brad Tinney's new Ancaster residence; we were down a few in numbers and went over-budget but everyone present agreed we had lots of fun!

Gerry Wade Library: The ACLS book has now been released and the GWL has a copy that is already out on loan! Due to space constraints, the Chartmakers en francais may have to find another home.

The GW library and G Wade launch dedication may take place at the same time.

Meetings: November 15th and December 7th (AGM).

ACTION: Fred to contact Ken McMillan regarding a WWII plane found in Great Slave Lake.

Membership: Nominations for 2007 Branch Executive and all positions now open! There is to be one executive member for every 15 members.

Numbers as of 4 PM that day are as follows: in-house -16 (down from 18), private sector - 18 (down from 22), international - 12 (down from 13), corporate - 16 (up from 11), life - 4 and honorary - 1.

The reason for the drop in the numbers of in-house members is that two CHS employees retired and lapsed their memberships.

A member lapsed his personal membership but signed up his company for a corporate membership. The membership drive that B.P. started had good results.

Formal invoices to regular membership will go out very soon in the same way that they did with the corporate members.

There is a need for an up-to-date e-mail distribution list, which FO will forward to BP.

There was some discussion about the Lighthouse "convenience" account. This is what Central Branch now administers on behalf of National, ever since the separate Lighthouse account was dissolved and rolled into the Central Branch. As there is some uncertainty regarding this account, GM did not prepare a report for it. EB sends GM monies to be deposited into this account, which is a separate ledger entry. There are some corporate ads, which have been invoiced, which are still outstanding, due to some changes in personnel at those corporate members.

Lighthouse payments have been made out of the main account as the years go by and the LH account no longer exists as a separate entity.

A new and separate account has been discussed so that CZ (editor in Atlantic Branch) can access funds.

A cheque from the copyright "clearing house" was the last deposit.

There is no reason a new LH account could not be opened by the existing editor. All LH monies could go to the new account. EB commented that we could just "leave it be" though some funds could be sent to Atlantic for contingencies.

There was some discussion about who said what to whom regarding the C-Map presentation. There is an arm's length relationship between the CHA and CHS. It is in our mandate to deliver the most up-to-date information to our membership, through meetings, newsletters and LH as well as e-mail, etc., many who are currently employed by CHS.

ACTION: F.O. to contact Derek Hatfield about speaking at the AGM

CDs from FIG Commission 4 were distributed.

Motion to adjourn from T.J. at 2145.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 Executive are now open. We are pleased to present the list of paid-up members so that you might be able to choose from the following list.

CHA Central Branch 2006 Membership

CCIW In-House 16

Bennett, Mike	Bartlett, Jason
Cameron, Roger	Herron, Terese
Campbell, Jennifer	Medendorp, John
Janzen, Tim	Leyzack, Andrew
Oliff, Fred	Power, Brian
Robinson, Carol	Travaglini, Paola

Walker, Jeff,	Weaver, Keith
Weedon, Jim	Youngblut, Scott

Private Industry etc. 18 + 4 + 1

Brent, Michael	Brown, Earl (Life)
Biberhofer, Hans	Carrigan Brian
Denniss, Dean	Dexel Dan
Dexel, Ken	Duller, Heimo
Duller, Julia (student)	El-Rabbany, Ahmed
Greenfield, Kirsten	Halsall, John
Hinchley, Robert	Macdonald, George (Hon)
Marshall, Bob	McFarlane, George
Mong Eivind Eik	Rogers, Ab (Life)
Statham, Jim	Tinney, Brad
Weller, Sam (Life)	Warrender, Bill
McCulloch, Tom (Life)	

International 12 + 1

Barr, Peter	Bellach, Guenter
Bianchetti, Fosco	Emerson, Nick
Goldsteen, George	Halmarick, John
Kerr, Adam	Kieninger, Karl
Knight, Peter	Robbins, Larry
Ritchie, Steve (Life)	Taylor, Ian
Wallace L. Jack	

Corporate 16

ACLS	ASI Group
C-Map	C&C Technologies
Fugro Jacques Geosurveys	HydroService A.S
HAS Surveys	IXSEA
L3 Klein Associates Inc.	Knudsen Engineering Ltd
Kongsberg Maritime	Net Surveys
McQuest Marine Sciences	RESON Inc
Sani-International Technology Advisors Inc.	
Triton Imaging	

National Dues for 2005

In-house:	16 X20 = \$320.00
Private Industry:	18 X 20 = \$360
International:	12 X20 = \$240
Corporate:	16 X 100 = \$1600
Life Members:	5 X 20 = \$100
Honorary Member:	Nil

Total Dues owing as of 2006-10-26 is - \$2,620.00

Note:

Hydroservice AS paid 2006 corporate dues by wire Transfer back at the end of February. Information obtained through e-mail correspondence with Egil Arstad.

Ahmed El – Rabbany paid his 2007 dues in advance in 2006.

I have a new member Geof Thompson (CHS) who joined yesterday, his dues are for 2007.