

CPS-ECP

Atlantic District Meeting

April 14, 2007

Meeting called to order 0915hrs.

Welcome by Executive Officer Dave Nickerson.

DC Rik Hall and Communications Officer Bernie Wilcox were not able to attend and send their regrets.

Introductions were made:

Name	Position	Squadron	Email Address
John Coleman	D. Secretary	Avalon	ecoleman@nl.rogers.com
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Johan Spiering	D. Treasurer/ Membership	Shediac	jspiering@rogers.cam
Graham Allen	D. Training Officer	Fredericton	galle@nbnet.nb.ca
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Danielle Grasse	S. Social Officer	Fredericton	danielle.grasse@nbed.nb.ca

There were some errors and omissions from the last meeting minutes were noted and corrections are to be made.

Business Arising from the Minutes.

A motion by Rik Hall on the district brochure, made at the last meeting, was brought up for discussion. John Humphrey had presented the group with a package including the existing brochure from HQ, the district brochure from Cartier and the proposed brochure from Atlantic. He talked about the importance of the Boating Course to CPS Membership and how it is the basis for other courses. The cost of the brochure was discussed, as was a comparison of each of the brochures presented. The contact list printed on the brochures was an area of concern and John noted the contact info did not necessarily have to be the present commander or training officer but it could be a long term member who is willing to act as the contact for a period of time. The question of quantity was raised and that would have to be determined by each squadron through the district.

Motion

John Humphrey moved that the district proceed with finalizing the graphic design of the brochure. Gary Case seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued.

Questions raised:

- Is this brochure redundant considering others brochures produces at HQ?
- Could we localize a national brochure?
- Would it be cheaper to add on to an existing brochure to reduce expenses etc.?

The motion was defeated.

Motion

A motion to use the district share program to localize a national brochure was made by John Van Abbema and seconded by Joe Surrette.

This motion was carried.

Jim Nixon suggested that the District Executive work out the details of the program.

Motion

Shirley Harrity moved that the minutes as amended be accepted.

Seconded by David Estey

The motion was carried.

New Business

A Letter of Appreciation was received from National on the 45th anniversary of the Atlantic District.

Reports

Commander – Rik Hall

Report to be posted on web site

Treasurer

Motion

A motion to accept the treasurers' report was made by Johan Spiering and seconded by Graham Allen.

The motion was carried.

Membership

A motion to accept the membership officers' report was made by Johan Spiering and seconded by John Humphrey.

The motion was carried.

Auditor – Al Cyr

The Auditor reported that all was in good order.

Marketing – Mary Ridgewell

Full report will be posted on the website.

Mary offered some comments:

- Make sure to use the share program to offset the cost of advertising.
- Use the information on the website
- CPS has two displays available for squadron use. The squadron will pay for shipping. Jim Nixon suggested that with a little communication the squadrons of the district could coordinate the use of one of these displays to our advantage.

MAREP - John Humphrey

John will post his report on the website.

Motion

A motion to accept reports as read was made by Jim Nixon and seconded by David Estey.

The motion was carried.

Squadron Reports

Abegweit

Alderney – Mary Ridgewell

Avalon – Gary Case

Blue Heron

Bluenose – Joe Surette

Fredericton – Dave Nickerson

Halifax – Dan White

Kennebecasis – Shirley Harrity

Marimachi

Nipisiquit Bay – Gerard Comeau

Shediac – Jim Nixon

Silver Fox

All reports to be posted on the website.

Motion

A motion to accept the squadron reports was made by David Estey and seconded by John Van Abbema.

The motion was carried.

National Squadron – Claude Martin

Refer to the letter to the members from Serge St. Martin.

Claude commented on:

- The image of CPS-ECP:
 - uniforms
 - pledge

- The efficiency of the organization – Is it top heavy?
- The efforts that have been made to “move forward”.
- The only titles that will be used are the Commander and Past Commander.
- The uniform to be a blazer or business attire.
- PCOC numbers are expected to increase, as we get closer to 2009.
- The membership is not declining as fast as it has been.

Questions:

Mary Ridgewell. - Can uniforms still be worn if so desired?

Claude – Yes, it will be up to the individual.

Gary Case – Will officer flags be presented to incoming Bridge members?

Claude – Yes, this practice will continue.

CPS Foundation – David Estey

- The chair of the CPS foundation is John Hinksman
- The purpose of the foundation is to be a charitable trust.
- The membership is the primary donor.
- It gives money to CPS for special products.
- An annual donation of at least \$1.00 per member puts the squadron on the honour roll for that year.
- It is the hope of the district that all squadron will be on the honour roll.
- The foundation has existed for approximately 15 years.
- Donations from individuals are also accepted.
- Individuals or squadrons can also make donations In Memoriam.

Change of Watch

David Estey gave the report of the nominating committee.

The secretary cast the single vote.

The members of the new Bridge gave their pledge to CPS-ECP.

The meeting continued:

CPS-2 Form Electronic and Hard Copy

Sea Sail Course Director del Buckley asked that hard copies of the CPS-2 form be submitted as well as the electronic version.

Web Based Administration System

Claude Martin talked briefly about the new system and to please forward any issues with the system to headquarters so they could be dealt with.

Atlantic District Fall Meeting

The dates for the fall meeting were decided to be Nov. 2 & 3, 2007 and it is to be held in Moncton.

Lunch break 12:10

Meeting resumed 13:10

Share Program

- All squadrons are encouraged to use the share program to aid in their advertising efforts.
- HQ will develop free ads for squadron use. They will be camera ready so the squadrons need only to print them.

Courtesy Boat Safety Checks

CPS and the Office of Boating Safety concerning Boat Safety Checks have signed a M.O.U.

- CPS will provide the manpower
- Transport Canada will provide the training, supplies and the quality control.
- CPS liability insurance will cover members in the performance of their duties.
- CPS cannot compete with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Each commander will check with their squadron concerning involvement interest and report back to Rik.

Training Session with Graham Allen

- Please read the National Training report on the web site.
- Safe Boating week is approaching so get your squadron involved.

Herb Mitton Award

The Herb Mitton award was presented to Bluenose Squadron. Joe Surette accepted the award.

National Conference – David Estey

The 2007 National Conference will be held in Ottawa. The locations to 2010 have been decided. David suggested that Halifax host the 2011 conference. Mary Ridgewell and David Estey will create a proposal to host the 2011 National Conference in Halifax.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting ended 1510.