



MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th 2009 – OFFICE OF THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION
2392 STATE ROUTE 9-N, LAKE GEORGE, NY

(Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 16 – 1900 – Office of the Lake George Association)

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Commander Stephen Traver called the meeting to order at 1915.

PRESENT

Commander Stephen Traver (Membership)
Lt/C Bruce Catrambone, Executive Officer
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
George Williams, Audit Committee
P/C Armand Canestraro (D2 Fall Conference)
Anthony Rozek, Member at Large (Audit)
P/C Joan Londynsky, Immediate Past Commander
Peter Weill, Member at Large

EXCUSED

Lt/C James Kelley, Safety Officer
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Asst. Treasurer

ABSENT

Lt/C Bruce Catrambone, Executive Officer

GUESTS

Jim McAndrew
Robert & Denise Terry
Justin Russell (Armand's marine electronics helper)

COMMANDER'S REMARKS:

- See Below

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (delivered by Commander Traver):

- Our August cruise takes place aboard the Caldwell Belle on Saturday, August 29th. Anthony Rozek asked if it was still possible to make a reservation. The trip coincides with the Hudson Crossing Festival, at which Dan Bergen, who entertained us at a holiday party, is providing entertainment. We have 10 reservations so far.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

- We need to schedule the exam for the Weather course. Possible dates include October 14 or October 15. Place to be determined.
- We received an e-mail from P/D/C Susan Darcy. Apparently, interest has been expressed in our ABC Course. **SEO Kevin McCarthy**** agreed to follow up on this request.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- No formal report presented. It was noted that one of our CD's has matured and the Treasurer plans to roll it over.

MEMBER AT LARGE:

- Nothing to report.

CHARTS:

1. The Chart Committee can begin the process of updating our chart for the 2010 season to incorporate the necessary changes brought to light by publication of our new chart. We may also want to have them take a look at establishing a Garmin or Magellan version of the Chart. Lt/C Wilkinson cautioned us that we need to maintain control over product quality. Commander Traver noted that the chart is copyrighted and proprietary.
2. It was also suggested that a discussion regarding the suggested retail price of the charts is warranted.
3. P/C McCarthy observed that JIMAPCO produces a map of Lake George, as opposed to a nautical chart, which is what we offer.
4. Discussion about where Garmin and Magellan obtained *their* data for their current on-line versions of a Lake George chart. Commander Traver noted that the accuracy of our new chart is hard to beat and, in fact, the DEC uses our data to set marks on the Lake.
5. Prospective member Jim McAndrew's interest in our chart is more on accuracy and boating safety. Commander Traver invited him to join the Squadron and work on the Chart Committee. Commander Traver noted that chart data is proprietary and will need be kept secure.
6. Potential members for the Chart Committee were discussed to be Jim McAndrew, **Commander Steven Traver****, and **P/C Canestro**** who have agreed to serve. We may want to include Treasurer Gollmer in these discussions. P/C McCarthy feels this would also be good excuse to reach out to P/C John Wainwright and Past Committee Member Buckley Bryant to assess their interest in participating on the Committee.
7. **Commander Traver**** noted that he received an e-mail from Woodworker Bob Dorsky, who makes cases for charts. When complete, they may sell for as much as \$200 each. Mr. Dorsky asked if we could sell him charts at "vendor cost." Discussion included finding out from Mr. Dorsky if it matters if the charts are new or old. P/C Londynsky asked if he wanted all new charts or if we should offer him a good deal on old charts. **Steve**** will obtain contact information for potential publishers of an electronic version of our charts**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- No activity to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

- P/C George Williams noted that the audit would be conducted when the committee can get together.

D-2 FALL CONFERENCE:

1. P/C Canestraro made a motion that we offer a complimentary meal to our DJ that we have hired for our dinner cruise. Passed.
2. The registration form for the D2 Fall Conference, which we are hosting, has been distributed. We have received 4 responses to date and three registrations.
3. Volunteers will be needed to staff the Registration Table on Friday and Saturday. P/C **Joan Londynsky**** and **Commander Traver**** agreed to help.

4. A committee is needed to solicit door prize and run the raffle to give them away. P/C Canestraro is working with Fort William Henry to secure the prize of a weekend stay in the off-season.
5. P/D/C Susan Darcy has agreed to collect our visiting National dignitary and bring them to the conference.
6. Disc Jockey David Wilkinson has been engaged to provide entertainment on the Saturday night dinner cruise. We will provide him with a complementary meal in addition to his fee, as is custom for live entertainers.
7. A limited number of incorrectly produced Lake George Squadron burgees are available for purchase. These are real collector's items. Discussion as to whether we need to order a supply of correct ones for the Conference. The minimum order is 25. Consensus: Let's wait and see. P/C **George Williams**** offered to lend P/C Canestraro a proper burgee to photocopy and send to Prestige Flags to use as a reference.
8. The role of the Commander will be to welcome folks and make necessary announcements. In addition, (s)he also serves as the Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday dinner dance. P/C Canestraro noted that we may have the *Adirondac* all to ourselves that evening. The boat can hold about 75 people.
9. Lt/C Wilkinson suggested Committee members wear something distinctive, such as a Leigh or hat, or ribbon, so attendees with questions can easily spot them.
10. Commander Traver suggested we consider a [special meeting just to discuss the conference](#). It was suggested that a date for such a meeting could be set at the September Bridge/Executive Committee meeting.
11. P/C Kevin McCarthy asked if anyone had commented on the price. If you participate in all meetings and activities, your cost could run into the range of \$450.
12. **P/C Canestraro**** asked if he needed to confirm reservations as they are received. Consensus was that yes, he should.
13. Denise Terry asked about a date and time for a proposed "stuffing party" to ready the attendee packets for distribution. She also provided Jim McAndrew and overview of Squadron Districts and District meetings, and delivered an updated D2 directory in both electronic and paper form.
14. Denise also noted that she needs a room at the Fort William Henry for a meeting of the D2 Conferences and Councils Committee meeting. If need be, her hotel room could be used.
15. Robert Terry suggested that promotional materials for the Squadron and area businesses be included in the information packets.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Commander Traver introduced Jim McAndrew who is considering membership in the Squadron. Jim has a long history of boating on Lake George and all around the world from a 19 foot boat up to a 30-foot sloop. Jim is the former owner of the sailing vessel *Telperion*, which is now located on the Sacandaga Lake at the Mayfield Yacht Club. An Electrical Engineer by profession, Jim works for Barton Mines and is currently working on a wind energy project. He is quite familiar with mapping technology and has an interest in the Lake George chart and how to use available GIS data to aid in setting navigation marks. Jim is interested in the potential development of an electronic version of our chart. Commander Traver noted that we had previously discussed an electronic version of the chart, which we could make available for purchase. One concern that arose was whether or not its production might hinder the sale of paper charts, however, the consensus was that the impact would be minimal, since the number of folks on the lake who use electronic media to navigate are probably few in number probably also have paper copies in addition to electronic.
2. P/C Londynsky noted that she took some brochures to Crandall. She also needs an updated member list for the purpose of mailing the *Soundings*. **Commander Traver**** agreed to e-mail the information to Joan.
3. More display stands for the new membership brochure are available. **Commander Traver**** noted that he could drop off some at Armand's Marina, where a party is being held on Friday night. It's a good publicity opportunity.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. P/C Kevin McCarthy made a motion to approve the minutes from the July Bridge/Executive Committee, as distributed. Second by P/C Joan Londynsky. Motion passed.
2. Denise and Robert Terry, accompanied by Lt/C Wilkinson, performed 4 Vessel Safety Checks at the Mayfield Yacht Club, located on the Great Sacandaga Lake. All boats passed and we spread the "good word" about the Squadron. This was accomplished despite a persistent light rain.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- No report.

SOUNDINGS:

1. Peter thanked P/C Canestraro and John Jermano for the articles they contributed about Vessel Safety Checks and new legislation recently passed concerning cold weather boating on vessels twenty-one feet or less.
2. Lt/C Wilkinson suggested we may want to offer copies of the *Soundings* at the Fall Conference and recalled receiving requests in the past for multiple copies for upcoming D2 events.
3. Lt/C Wilkinson further noted that the *Soundings* should be going to Virginia Moore and Delia Rettew (sp ?) for review. We may also want to send courtesy copies to other local squadrons, including Champlain and Berkshire. Contact info for these squadrons is available via DB2000. **Commander Traver**** agreed to forward the contact information to **P/C Londynsky**** for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Anthony Rozek inquired as to the status of membership renewals as discussed based on the list previously obtained from National. **Commander Traver**** has yet to obtain a response from Lt/C Gollmer regarding the status of the subject members and said he would follow up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None to report

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- None to report

Motion to adjourn made by P/C Kevin McCarthy. Second by P/C Armand Canestraro. Passed and meeting adjourned at 2027.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 – OFFICES OF THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION
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*Respectfully submitted,
Lt./C David J. Wilkinson, Secretary*

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cc: Committee members
Guests present

Historian/File
Susan Darcy (website – once approved)