



MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
547 SARATOGA ROAD, GLENVILLE, NY

*(Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, July 21, 2010 – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

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Acting Commander Donna Canestraro called the meeting to order at 1900. A quorum was present.

**PRESENT**

Acting Commander Donna Canestraro  
P/C John Jermano, Executive Officer

Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer

Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary

Anthony Rozek, Member at Large/Audit Committee

Peter Weill, Member at Large

P/C Armand Canestraro, Member-at-large/Nominating Committee

**EXCUSED**

P/C Joan Londynsky, Education  
Officer

Lt/C James Kelley, Safety  
Officer/Asst. SEO/Rules

P/C Charles Everson, Public  
Relations Officer

P/C Stephen Traver,

Membership/Member at Large

George Williams, Audit Committee

**ABSENT**

**GUESTS**

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

1. Commander Canestraro presented Lt/C Wilkinson the official Squadron seal for safekeeping.
2. Commander Canestraro thanked the members of the Bridge & Executive Committee for their dedication and service to the Squadron and for all that they do for it.
3. Commander Canestraro noted that P/C Armand Canestraro is checking with Squadron members to gauge their interest in the Squadron and to solicit their opinions about rendezvous, courses, and other issues. Discussion followed relative to Squadron membership and handouts provided by Commander Canestraro relative to her initial analysis of membership and the new Roster, which she is working on.
4. Commander Canestraro suggested we “get back to basics” and work to stabilize Squadron membership, finances, and asset inventory.
5. Commander Canestraro made a motion to nominate P/C Armand Canestraro to serve as Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee. Discussion and review of the standing committees as listed in the Roster ensued. Donna would like to have the new Roster, which is presently in development, out by Mid-July. Associate Members are to be included in the listings.
6. Commander Canestraro encouraged members of the Bridge to take turns at coordinating rendezvous for the dates currently open in our schedule, for example, in November. Donna also raised the idea of using the upcoming Tugboat Festival as a rendezvous. **P/C John Jermano\*\*** is the contact person for the event. Another possible speaker for a rendezvous could be P/C Milt Bloomer. Anthony Rozek noted that we should schedule a

rendezvous for August to promote Squadron training. P/C Armand Canestraro suggested a new years' day cruise on the Adirondack, known as the Frostbite cruise for a January rendezvous and possibly the Tri-Squadron holiday gathering. Shoreline offers open seating with buffet service. Cost per person is roughly \$30 for food and drinks. Perhaps Sacandaga and Mohawk-Hudson might be interested in joining with us for this event. It was suggested that they could bring it up at their respective Bridge meetings to see if the idea is favorably received.

7. **Commander Canestraro\*\*** presented a handout which enumerated the items in storage in our unit at Scotia Lock-up in Glenville and led a discussion about their estimated value and retention value. The total value of all items is approximated to be \$6,300.48. She has made arrangements with National to return approximately \$2,157 of excess materials, which she hopes to accomplish next week. Commander Canestraro also noted that a made up a supply of "Welcome Packets" and are now available and presented a sample for review. Commander Canestraro asked for permission to dispose of obsolete items, which cannot be repaired, including a small p.a. system and slide projector. Commander Canestraro also arranged for the lock on our unit to be changed to establish inventory and key control. She and Lt/C Gollmer will maintain control of the key(s). Lt/C Wilkinson offered kudos to Commander Canestraro for all her hard work in completing the organization, sorting, and inventory of our assets in storage.
8. Commander Canestraro has adopted the interim budget previously presented by Lt/C Gollmer as our Squadron Budget for the 2010-11 year. All expenses need to be pre-approved going forward.
9. Commander Canestraro reported that items from the LGPS collection of fashions, (baseball caps, fleece jackets and wind shirts) which she described, would be available for review and order at the rendezvous this Saturday.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- Schedule of proposed rendezvous was distributed and discussed. Although no firm commitments have been made, we do have a good basis for a schedule.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Acting Commander Canestraro administered the Oath of Office to P/C John Jermano, who is taking over the position of Executive Officer, as the result of a change in administration.
2. P/C John Jermano observed that he is pleased to be on board as our Executive Officer.

#### **EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT (submitted by Peter Weill):**

1. Per P/C Joan Londynsky, 3 Basic Boating classes have been completed at the LGA. Thanks to P/D/C Susan Darcy, D/C Frank DeBaggis and P/C Armand Canestraro for their teaching efforts. 29 students have completed the courses, resulting in a couple of membership applications being submitted. Our timing was fortuitous; there were 2 accidents on the lake in late May and early June, as powerboats collided with paddlers. Lake George boaters appear to be sadly lacking in terms of boating education. We hope we can continue to work with the Lake George Association to provide more boating safety classes in the future.
2. P/C Londynsky has purchased a white board for training purposes.

3. A check, representing course fees, was presented for deposit. Lt/C Gollmer noted that he has not yet received reconciliation with respect to classes taught.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Lt/C Max Gollmer reported that he continues to work on the reconciliation of dues collection with National. Contact person is either their finance person or, alternatively, Delia Rettew. \$366 in dues payments has been received to date.
2. A requirement to file a 990 EZ form by July 19 with National exists in order for the Squadron to maintain its status as a 501C-3 not-for-profit. This will be completed.

### **MEMBER AT LARGE:**

- No report.

### **CHARTS:**

1. We have received \$800 from sales of charts, which may have been sold by P/C Stephen Traver. Brief discussion with respect to chart inventory followed. Current inventory of charts on-hand is believed to be 119. 92 charts are presently stored in the basement of the LGA and 27 in our storage unit. It was suggested that the price be raised from \$20 to \$25 when the charts are distributed again.
2. Commander Canestraro noted that she is working on crafting a Data Sharing Agreement, to be used with any non-LGPS volunteers or associations who will or has worked on the charts. She will review this with the Law Officer Marvin Snyder for counsel.

### **SAFETY OFFICER:**

- No report.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

- Commander Canestraro reported that the **Audit Committee\*\*** hopes to meet in July.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Lt/C Gollmer suggested that applications not be forwarded to National without payment attached, lest we create a confusing situation, which is difficult to rectify. The executive committee agreed that no membership applications are to be entered on-line unless dues payment is received along with the application. Lt/C Gollmer also noted that he could provide billing details at the time the application is submitted. Commander Canestraro asked **Lt/C Gollmer\*\*** to follow up on an application which was received at a class recently taught by P/C Armand Canestraro. Donna also asked **Max\*\*** to prepare a schedule to indicate dues payments, which will provide applicants for membership with a "bottom line" dollar amount cost to join the Squadron. Going forward, no application is to be accepted without payment.
2. Anthony Rozek noted that membership applications need to be reviewed by the Executive Committee, in accordance with Article 3.9 of the Squadron's Bylaws.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Motion made by Commander Canestraro to approve the minutes from the May 2010 meeting, as distributed, subject to minor edits requested by Commander Canestraro, P/C Traver, and Lt/C Gollmer. Second by Lt/C Gollmer. Motion passed.
2. **Lt/C Wilkinson\*\*** noted that he is willing to expand his role beyond Minutes and occasional correspondence. Commander Canestraro thanked him and asked him to forward a packet of handouts from tonight's meeting to P/C Stephen Traver, who was unable to attend. Going forward, Lt/C Wilkinson is to set aside a set of materials for absent members for distribution to them.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- A letter to the Editor, promoting Safe Boating Week, was recently submitted by P/C Armand Canestraro to the Glens Falls *Post Star*. We received a response that future articles of between 500-700 words are welcome and may be included in their Opinion page. Commander Canestraro also sent similar letters to the *Gazette* and *Times Union*. Apparently, some papers need more lead-time than others.

### SOUNDINGS:

1. Commander Canestraro reported that this next issue of *Soundings* would be the last one that Peter Weill will edit. Peter has found that the job has become too time consuming and tedious. **P/C John Jermano\*\*** will assist **Commander Canestraro\*\*** who will work on it. It will be done in "letter style" for the time being and will most likely include a request for someone to step forward and take over editing.
2. Commander Canestraro noted that the next issue of *Soundings* will include a letter of resignation from P/C Bruce Catrambone, along with a forward prepared by **P/C John Jermano,\*\*** Executive Officer.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- None to report.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **P/C Armand Canestraro\*\*** suggested we should inquire if we can negotiate free use of the classroom space at the Lake George Association's office.
2. Commander Canestraro asked for recommendations for meeting times and locations. It was discussed and voted on by those present to have the Executive Committee meeting held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd but moved to 6:00 pm to accommodate members of the Bridge who work in the Capital District but live north of the region.

*Motion to adjourn made by P/C Jermano. Second by Lt/C Gollmer. Passed and meeting adjourned at 2115.*

NEXT MEETING – JULY 21, 2010, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
@6pm (1800 hrs)

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Lt./C David J. Wilkinson, Secretary*

**\*\* - Action Item**

cc: Committee members  
Historian/File  
Guests present  
Susan Darcy (website – once approved)

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