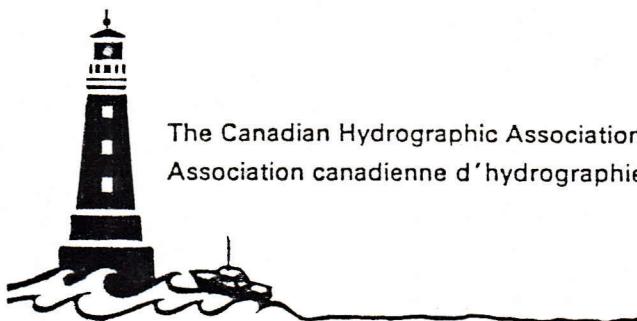


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NEWSLETTER

*** February 1988 ***

Canadian Hydrographic Association

Central Branch

1988 Executive

Vice-President: **Sam Weller**
Secy.-Treasurer: **Terese Herron**

Executive Members: **Raj Beri**
Al Koudys
Brian Power
Dave Pugh
Bruce Richards
Boyd Thorson
Keith Weaver

We are your local Executive. We are here to keep our Branch healthy and interesting, so when you have some ideas, comments or suggestions (or complaints, I suppose...) please contact one of us and we will do our best to do something about it!

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Geof Thompson and John Dixon did a fine job of convening this year's Bonspiel, and a full report is given on page 3. Thank you both for helping make the day such a success. And many thanks to all our generous sponsors for the fine prizes.

We have three more events planned before summer projects take our members away. Mark the dates on your calender: March 16, March 25 and April 13. Please note the Special Motion to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of Central Branch will be on Wednesday 16 March 1988 at 19:00, at Sam Weller's home: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington. [The usual beer & pizza will be served!]

Dr. Norman Rukavina is our guest speaker. A sedimentologist based at CCIW, Dr. Rukavina has long been a friend and colleague of ours and has over 40 papers and reports to his credit. Tonight he is speaking about Fixed Transducer Systems (for monitoring depth changes).

Before his talk, however, we will vote on a Motion of Support for our National President to proceed with incorporating CHA, an idea discussed for several years. The 1987 National Executive Meeting instructed him to investigate the pros and cons of Incorporation, and the time has come for him to proceed. With our support the National President can present Incorporation for a final Yes or No at the CHA National AGM in May. Without our support it may be delayed for another year.

There is more information on the pros and cons of Incorporation on page 3. If you can't make it to this next meeting please give us your opinion/vote!

News of our Members:

Norman Randa is a graduate of Northern College where he earned a Survey Technology Diploma and the Kidd Creek Silver Medal. He then went on to Humber College, graduating in May 1984 with a Hydrographic Survey Technology Diploma.

For several summers he worked with Geodetic Survey of Canada, and since graduating he has worked with legal survey firms in Ontario. He is now party chief with Black, Shoemaker, Robinson & Donaldson, OLS, in Guelph, Ontario.

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 22 February 1988

Balance forward 31 December 1987: \$ 995.24

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 1,248.32
Donation	20.00
Evening meeting	11.14
Bank Interest	10.40
	\$ 1,289.86
	\$ 2,285.10

Expenditures

H ₂ O Bonspiel	150.00
Postage	23.30
Bank charges	1.00
	\$ 174.30

Balance 22 February 1988: \$ 2,110.80

Allocated Funds

1989 Conference	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
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Working Balance 22 February 1988: \$ 1,270.80

[Note: To assist the Lighthouse editorial team, some Lighthouse income and expenditures (reported below) are handled by the Central Branch treasurer. The balance is held available and will be passed on to Lighthouse on request.]

Central Branch
Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1987: \$ 1,262.82

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 2,012.98	\$ 2,012.98
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Expenditures

To Lighthouse	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
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Balance 22 February 1988: \$ 1,275.80

"You should have stayed - the party after the Bonspiel was wild!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 24 February 1988

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 12:08 and welcomed those present.

Attendees:

Sam Weller	- V-P
Terese Herron	- Sec-Treasurer
Brent Beale	Al Koudys
Bob Covey	John Medendorp
Mike Crutchlow	Brian Power
John Dixon	Boyd Thorson
George Fenn	Geof Thompson
Sean Hinds	Keith Weaver

2) MINUTES: The minutes of the evening meeting held on 13 January 1987 were circulated in the newsletter and were available at the meeting.

Moved: T. Herron/G. Thompson. CARRIED

3) Terese presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 01 January to 22 February 1988.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power. CARRIED

4) Terese reviewed the correspondence, noting that since the last meeting we had received letters from the National President with proposed Bylaws for Incorporation; with information on CIDA and U of NB; and asking for input to the agenda for our AGM to be held in Winnipeg during the CISM Conference. These have been circulated, and the files are available on request and at each meeting.

5) INCORPORATION OF CHA: Boyd suggested that Central Branch of the CHA support the National President in proceeding with incorporation of the CHA. A good discussion followed, with several questions being raised:

- would there be any tax consequences?
- will we (the Branches) require official financial statements and auditors?
- would the Branches still be able to sponsor local activities such as the Bonspiel?
- what does Incorporation mean for the CHA, what would we be involved in, and will there be any annual fees?
- what are the pros and the cons of being incorporated (especially cons)?
- what is the advantage to CHA of being involved with CIDA, and how will involvement with CIDA affect CHA? To what extent if any are we involved with CIDA at present?
- what liabilities are involved in Incorporation and what insurance coverage is required?

As a result of the discussion it was felt that more information was required by the membership before they could support the idea of incorporation. Boyd was asked to present the Motion at the next meeting and Sam was asked to obtain answers to the questions raised, a statement of the pros and cons, and the lawyer's report.

ACTION - Sam

6) BONSPIEL: Geof reported that the bonspiel was held on 14 February and everyone had a good time. Some money was left over and would be used for engraving the winning teams' names on the trophies. He also said that the names of last year's winners would have to be added as well.

[More on the Bonspiel on the next page!]

7) LIGHTHOUSE: George Macdonald was unable to attend so Sam reviewed the minutes of a Lighthouse volunteers' meeting held on 22 February. The April Edition of Lighthouse is on schedule, with only the advertising still to come.

[More on Lighthouse on the next page.]

8) MEMBERSHIP: Keith reported that most of our Central Branch members are paid up for 1988.

[More on Membership on the next page.]

9) SEMINAR: Brian reported that the luncheon seminar on 17 February at the Surf Restaurant went well. Farrell Boyce spoke to us on limnology and currents in the Great Lakes. Meetings coming up: an evening meeting on March 16 with Dr. Norm Rukavina speaking on Fixed Transducer Systems; an afternoon seminar on March 25 with Len Faulkner and a video on the removal of the barge in the Niagara River; and an evening meeting on April 13 with Richard Hancock speaking about photography on field surveys. Richard is a Humber graduate and former student hydrographer. Anyone who would like to host the April evening meeting please contact Brian, Sam or Terese.

10) GERRY WADE ESSAY AWARD: Boyd reported that 19 letters were sent out. This mailing was kept within central Canada except for a letter to an International Member who is a student in The Netherlands, and one to Dr. David Wells who is a professor at the University of New Brunswick. A letter is also going to George Goldstein, a former Central Branch member who is an instructor at the Australian Maritime College. Two replies to date: from Tony Bonnici, a Teaching Master at Sir Sandford Fleming College; and from Gordon Gracie, Professor & Director at University of Toronto. Both replies were enthusiastic.

11) The meeting adjourned at 13:04.

You heard it here!

The four animals a woman wants most...?

- a mink on her back
- a Jaguar in her garage
- a tiger in her bed
- and a jackass to pay for it all...

- Dolores Kiss

The CHA: Incorporation & CIDA

Recognised by Revenue Canada since 1978 as a non-profit organization, CHA has been discussing incorporation for several years. Three main reasons:

1. CHA could more fully advance the educational side of hydrography, always our main purpose.
2. CHA could seek a grant to help pay off Lighthouse debt accumulated in past years, and to help defray current costs.
3. This would provide some coverage for individuals against personal legal liability.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is the vehicle for Canada's international aid. CIDA does not directly mount programs, but seeks groups with the expertise to do this. Canada is the world leader in civilian hydrography and can help smaller countries. The 1986 National AGM of CHA undertook to assist CIDA in this.

Correspondance and proposed bylaws are being circulated to our in-house members. Other members please call Terese at 336-4847 or Sam at 336-4732 (or 4842) for more information, and to express your opinion/vote. **[Do it before the next meeting!]**

Report on Memberships

The Committee reports 54 Central Branch members paid-up for 1988. Thank you! Your receipt, CHA Seal, and 1988 sticker are now enclosed. If you've not sent your cheque yet please do it now!

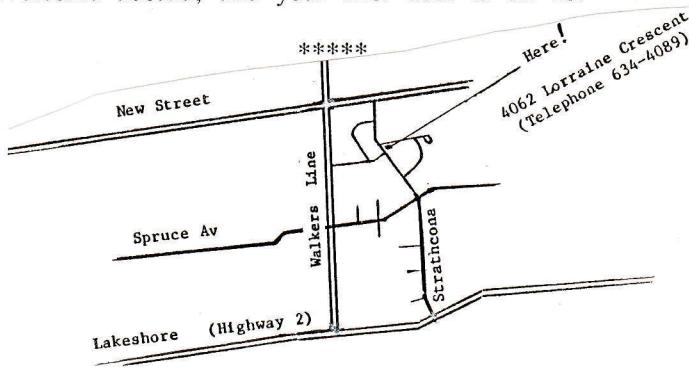
We have three new International Members:

- Matt Murphy, director of the Sherkin Island Marine Station in County Cork, Ireland.
- Ian M.M. Taylor, a freelance land and hydrographic surveyor in Plymouth, England.
- Karl Stertzbach, a navigation engineer with NCS International in Houston, Texas.

We also have two new Central Branch members:

- Alfie Yip, with Coast Guard in Toronto
- H.B. Macdonald, CHS/Environment (Retired).

Welcome aboard, and your first beer is on us!



(Map: Evening meeting - 16 March 1988)

H₂O Bonspiel

Our 17th Annual H₂O Bonspiel was a great success and a fun day, with 47 curlers participating. We can't all be winners, but thanks to our generous sponsors there were prizes for everyone!

Our congratulations to the winning teams:

- 1st: R.Solvason, L.Belitski, S.Rhamey & M.Jones.
- 2nd: R.Covey, K.Dexel, J.Dixon & R.Dermott.

We especially thank the sponsors for their support:

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Sponsors were invited to bring their own teams, and this year the Norman Wade team was: Dave Fudge, Bill Dorion, Shirley Fudge and Colleen Kennedy. Now is the time to get your teams lined up for next year. The ice is already booked!

"Marriage: the deep, deep peace of the double bed
...after the hurly-burly of the chaise-longue."

- Mrs. Patrick Campbell (1865-1940)

Lighthouse

As outlined in the Committee report, Edition 37 of Lighthouse is coming along nicely, and on schedule.

Good response to calls for articles, and George Macdonald (our new Editor) has five articles on computer file, two more to do. Social notes are in from Ottawa and Quebec Branches, others on the way. Advertisers are being contacted, and we expect to have the traditional strong support from them.

George has two articles for the next Edition but says to keep them coming! Our journal is very important to the CHA and the more material he has the better quality journal he can produce.

NEWS FLASH!

We have just heard that Dave Pugh has now had his credentials accepted, and has been approved as a Canada Lands Surveyor. Congratulations, Dave!