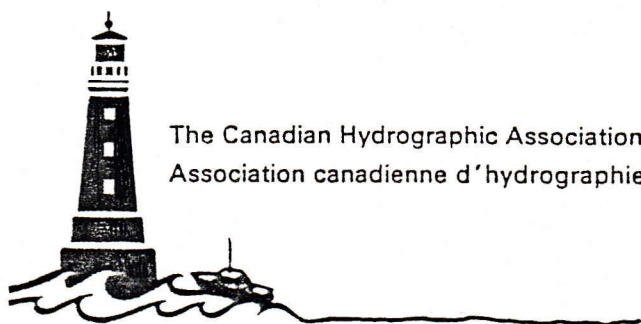
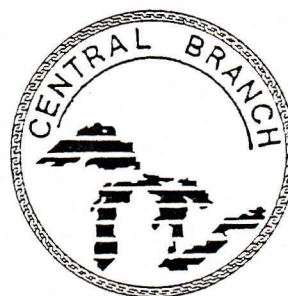


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NEWSLETTER

*** March 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

The main Business at this month's meeting was to discuss proceeding with incorporation, an idea we have talked about for several years. [More: page 3]

The National Executive Meeting in Burlington on February 16 1987 (minutes circulated to all in-house members, and available on request and at meetings), instructed the National President to investigate the pros and cons of incorporation and authorised up to \$1,000.00 for this. In the investigation Barry Lusk found strong "pros" but no "cons". He was getting little response from Branches (and searching the name had itself started proceedings) so he felt he must continue rather than delay.

As well as consulting our members we want to give our National President guidance and support in what he is doing. All Branches received correspondence on the subject of CIDA and incorporation, but many members evidently have not seen the correspondence nor heard of the matter at meetings.

Other Branches are also discussing these issues, and we expect that each of them will realise - as we have done - that incorporation is not only a good idea, but is long overdue.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of Central Branch will be on Wednesday 13 April 1988 at 19:00, at Keith Weaver's home: 2668 Cavendish Drive, Burlington.

Our speaker is Richard Hancock, a freelance commercial photographer and graduate of the Humber hydrographic surveying program. He will be discussing the role of photography on the field survey, and invites members to bring along their own cameras etc. to help with his demonstrations. This will be a great opportunity to get ideas on how the camera can help your work!

News of our Buddies:

W.W. (Smitty) Smith is enjoying retirement to the full. He has an interesting hobby that gives him plenty of exercise in the fresh air and also a bit of an income: he has a metal detector!

He takes his dog for walks in the country and along beaches, and with his detector tuned in he finds all sorts of things. Don't laugh - he found some valuable items these last few years! And he has the biggest bottle cap collection in SW Ontario.

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 29 February 1988

Balance forward 22 February 1988: \$ 2,110.80

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 80.00	
Bank Interest	10.24	
		\$ 90.24
		\$ 2,201.04

Expenditures

Bank charges	1.00	1.00
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Balance 29 February 1988: \$ 2,200.04

Allocated Funds

1989 Conference	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
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Working Balance 29 February 1988: \$ 1,360.04

[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 22 February 1988: \$ 1,275.80

Receipts

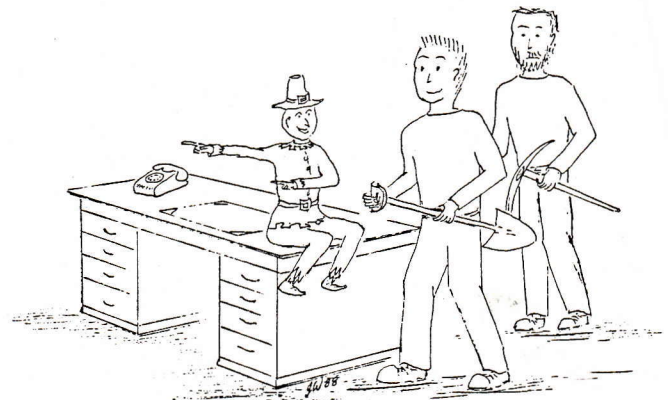
Subscriptions	\$ 408.40	\$ 408.40
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Expenditures

Nil		-
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Balance 29 February 1988: \$ 1,684.20

"Sure and it is St. Patrick's Day! You'll be finding
Incorporation at the end of the rainbow!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 16 March 1988

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 19:20, welcoming those present and expressing regrets from several who could not be present. Special mention was made of Larry Monahan whose brother Bernard passed away the previous evening. Sam extended our sympathy to Larry and the family.

Attendees:

Sam Weller	- V-P
Terese Herron	- Sec-Treasurer
Jim Berry	Joseph Delle Fave
John Dixon	John Medendorp
Brian Power	Roger Robitaille
Ab Rogers	Boyd Thorson
Keith Weaver	

2) MINUTES: The minutes of the noon business meeting held 24 February 1988 were circulated in the newsletter and were available at the meeting.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Terese presented the treasurer's report for the period 22 to 29 February with an amendment.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Thorson CARRIED

4) CORRESPONDENCE: Terese reviewed the files, noting the usual membership correspondence, a letter from Quebec Branch with their 1988 executive, letters to and from Cdr. Roulstone concerning the use of his poetry in Lighthouse, a letter from Richard Hancock confirming his guest appearance, a letter to Charlie O'Reilly and Atlantic Branch executive congratulating them on their election, and a letter with a CHA pin attached from Barry. The rest of the correspondence was about Incorporation and CIDA, all of which has been circulated.

5) INCORPORATION: Boyd moved that **"Central Branch of the CHA support the National President in proceeding with Incorporation of the CHA"**.

There was considerable discussion on this issue with the following points mentioned:

- Incorporation will provide CHA executive members with some liability protection
- At the last AGM the National President was directed to investigate incorporation.
- the issue has been considered for several years
- Incorporation and CIDA are separate issues
- CIDA projects would help third world countries become more adept at marine surveys and chart making: this would fall under the aims of the CHA
- Further involvement with CIDA would be something to consider later: incorporation does not itself mean that CHA will become more involved with CIDA
- Once CHA is incorporated we would be eligible for grants which would help fund Lighthouse and other CHA activities.

- The bylaws still need cleaning up and revising, this will be done before we are incorporated

- Problems with the bylaws include a change in quorum, and why do we need both a Board of Directors and a National Executive? Why would a Board of Directors (10 people) have the power that the National Executive of about 30 people has now?

The Motion was moved by Boyd Thorson, seconded by John Medendorp and was CARRIED with one vote against. Six members cast votes by proxy.

6) LIGHTHOUSE: Sam reported that we now have all the artwork from U of Toronto. They released it on Admiral Kapoor's assurance that we would pay our debt off. The next edition is well in hand. We will be sending copies only to paid up subscribers, those who are not paid for 1988 will be sent a letter. The next edition will be printed locally but a printer has not yet been selected.

7) MEMBERSHIP: Keith reported that we now have 58 paid up Central Branch members. A reminder will be mailed to the International members and a Final Notice sent to Central Branch members who are in arrears.

8) SEMINAR: Brian reported that there are two more seminars before field parties depart for the field: Len Falkiner will be showing a video on the removal of the barge in the Niagara River (Friday 25 March at 13:00 at CCIW), and Richard Hancock will speak to us about photography on 13 April. (If you own a camera bring it along to the meeting.) Dr. Barabas and George Fenn will talk to us next fall and if anyone has any suggestions for seminars please let the executive know.

9) BARBEQUE: This summer the barbeque will be held at Bruce Richards' place. The tentative date is July 9. More on this in the next NewsLetter.

10) The business meeting was adjourned at 20:10 and after a short break Dr. Norm Rukavina spoke to us about Fixed Beam Transducers and how they are used for sedimentation studies. The talk was very interesting with a good discussion, and was enjoyed by all.

"Today's appetizer..."

A recipe is a series of step-by-step instructions for preparing ingredients you forgot to buy in utensils you don't own to make a dish the dog won't eat the rest of.

- Norma Bidwell, in The Hamilton Spectator.

Incorporation and the CHA

Information received from our National President has been circulated. This consisted mainly of copies of letters etc of past years giving background on the matters of incorporating CHA, and our association with the Canadian International Development Agency.

We later received material (40 pages of it) from the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs which gave specific answers to many of our questions. Relevant pages were circulated to in-house members and others who expressed interest.

Any tax consequences?

No. We are already recognised by Revenue Canada as a non-profit organisation. No change

Would we require auditors?

Yes. These do not need to be professionals. We do this now (or should!) and will continue. No change

Could we sponsor Bonspiels? Lighthouse?

Yes. Covered by our "Objects". No change

Insurance?

Insurance is a good idea either way. No change

Liability?

By incorporating, CHA would take on a legal identity. Individuals would then be protected and not liable personally except in case of wilful neglect or default. At the moment we have no protection...

What are the Costs? Annual fees?

Initially: - Registration fees total about \$375.
- Lawyers fees etc. of about \$1,000.
Annually: - To file annual reports about \$50.

Pros?

1. CHA could more fully advance the educational side of our profession, as stated in our Constitution.
2. CHA would be eligible for annual grants to help fund Lighthouse and conferences or workshops.
3. Individuals on the CHA executive would not have personal liability in case of accidents, theft etc.

Cons?

1. Initial expense (about \$1,375). This would be paid out of the CHA National budget.
2. We'd need to inform Consumer & Corporate Affairs when we make changes to our Constitution.
3. We'd also need to inform them each year of the new executive, and if the National Office moves.

Know why blind people don't sky-dive?

... It scares the heck out of their dogs!

- Brad Petersen's Golf Shop.

CHA and CIDA

Advantages of CHA working with CIDA:

1. The main Aim of CHA as stated in our Constitution is educational, and our association with CIDA enables CHA to help Canada share its expertise in hydrography with other nations who could otherwise not afford it.
2. CHA gains considerable stature and recognition in the international hydrographic community; more members and subscriptions to Lighthouse; and more registrants at conferences and workshops.

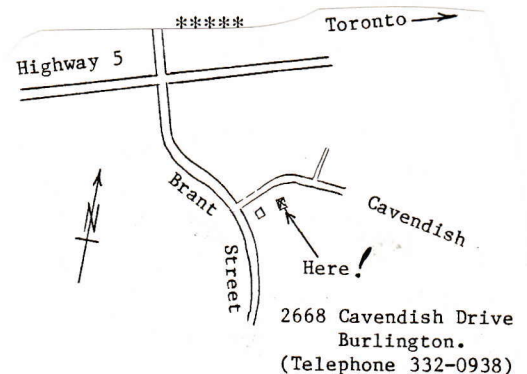
Other points?

1. Effect on day-to-day CHA affairs is that the National Executive (ie. the National President and his Secretary/Treasurer) corresponds with CIDA and the project manager approved by CIDA.
2. The 1986 National Executive Meeting made a commitment that the CHA would assist CIDA in hydrographic-related projects. This was recorded in the minutes (Lake Louise, April 21 1986) and in letters sent to the Branches asking for comments.
3. Incorporation of CHA will make things easier, and will ensure that no personal liability for CIDA affairs falls on any CHA individuals.
4. CHA is not accountable for CIDA funds. The Project Manager has his expenses audited and submits them directly to CIDA.

1988 Annual General Meeting

The 1988 Annual General Meeting and National Executive Meeting of the CHA will be held during the CISM Conference in Winnipeg. Dates: National Executive on 25 May, General Meeting on 26 May. Notices will be posted with times, locations etc.

The National President has asked for agenda items. If you have any concerns you would like to have raised at the meeting(s) please let us know immediately! Agenda items must be in our hands by April 4, 1988 to meet our notification deadline. For your convenience a copy of Barry's letter is enclosed. Write on it, fold it, stamp it, mail it.



(Map: Evening meeting - 13 April 1988)