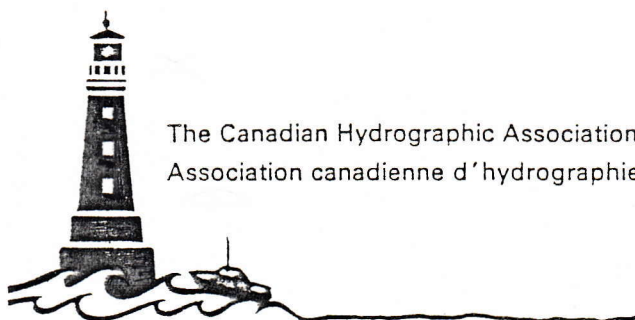


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NEWSLETTER

*** April 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

During the business part of this meeting there was good discussion and support for CHA's projects with CIDA. One or two points, however, still need to be clarified and documented, and at the National Executive Meeting and Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg next month I will present the views of our Branch members as reflected in written feedback on circulated material, and as noted in the Minutes of our recent Branch meetings.

The next NewsLetter will be after the AGM and will report on the Winnipeg meetings and our 1987 Branch activities as presented to the AGM.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of CHA. This year the AGM will be held in Winnipeg during the annual conference of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Mapping. Not many of our Branch members will be able to attend, but those who do will be warmly welcomed.

The National Executive meeting will be on May 26 at 14:00, and will include discussion on incorporation and by-laws as well as CIDA and Lighthouse. The AGM will be on May 27 at 14:00, and will include a report on each Branch's activities for the year 1987. As well as other matters, the membership will receive a report on our journal Lighthouse

News of our Members:

Jim Berry started on the Toronto waterfront in high school days, spending two summers on hydrographic surveys with the Toronto Harbour Commission. His love of the waterfront pulled him back to the THC some years later, and the next twelve years he worked up through the ranks to Project Supervisor, then Project Inspector and Engineering Technician.

In 1980 he joined the Waterfront Section of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, developing parks and recreation areas and shoreline management. His section grew: as well as Waterfront Development he now supervises a Shoreline Management unit, an Environmental Monitoring unit, and [surely the sweetest of them all!] the Land and Hydrographic Survey unit he first worked for in his early days.

Another valued distinction: several of his present and former staff are now members of Central Branch!

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 13 April 1988

Balance forward 29 February 1988: \$ 2,200.01

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 484.38	
Evening meeting	3.90	
Bank Interest	15.17	
		\$ 503.45
		\$ 2,703.46

Expenditures

National dues	\$ 844.00	
Postage	93.26	
Speaker's lunch	11.00	
Bank charges	1.00	
		\$ 949.26

Balance 13 April 1988: \$ 1,754.20

Allocated Funds

1989 Conference	\$ 840.00	
Disbursed	\$ 500.00	
Balance	\$ 340.00	

Working Balance 13 April 1988: \$ 914.20

[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 29 February 1988: \$ 1,684.20

Receipts

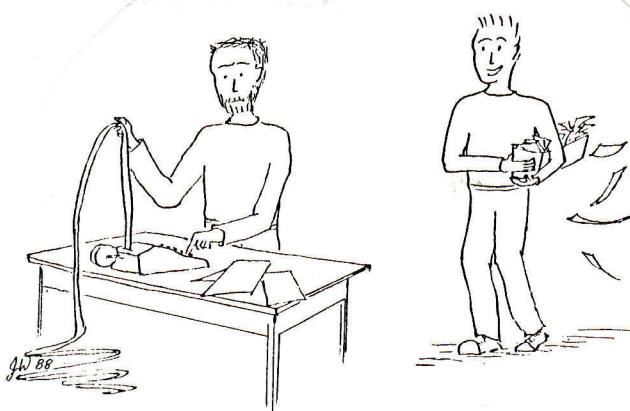
Subscriptions	\$ 586.25	\$ 586.25
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Expenditures

Refund	25.00	25.00
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Balance 13 April 1988: \$ 2,245.45

"Like to do my Income Tax for me when you've finished yours?"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 13 April 1988

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 19:30, welcoming those present and expressing regrets from several who could not be present.

Attendees:

Sam Weller	- V-P
Terese Herron	- Sec-Treasurer
Jim Berry	John Dixon
Richard Hancock	John Medendorp
Brian Power	Ab Rogers
Boyd Thorson	Keith Weaver

2) MINUTES: The minutes of the evening meeting held 16 March 1988 were circulated in the newsletter and were available at the meeting.

Moved: T. Herron/J. Berry CARRIED

3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Terese presented the treasurer's report for 29 February to 13 April.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

4) CORRESPONDENCE: Terese reviewed the files, noting the usual membership matters and a new International member: George Goldsteen from Tasmania. George was a Central Branch member many years ago. Welcome back! Other items included a letter from Barry Lusk with the new CHA ad for the Hydrographic Journal and the National Budget for 1988; several letters re the AGM and CIDA and Incorporation; a note from Northern College re the G.E. Wade Essay Award. Letters sent included a reply to Charlie O'Reilly with some material to help in the Atlantic Branch membership drive; a second mailing to educational institutions about the G.E. Wade essay award; a letter to Barry with background on International membership; and a cheque to National for Central Branch 1988 National dues. We tried to circulate all material on Incorporation and CIDA. Anyone who has not seen it and would like to please let us know.

5) CIDA: Boyd presented a report on CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), which is an agency that provides aid to help third world countries. In order to accomplish this one has to understand what these countries are about and what they need. CIDA requires substantial cash input from sponsoring organizations (ie CHA) and assurance that projects are of benefit to the receiving nation. The way it works is that we (CHA) come up with a project and a Project Manager, then approach CIDA with a proposal. If it is approved CIDA and CHA jointly finance the project, the project manager reporting to CHA, and CHA to CIDA.

[See next page for more on CIDA.]

Several concerns were raised by members:

- is CHA strong enough to support this activity?
- can we expect a report from the receiving nation to show us if the projects are of benefit to them?

- what happens if we lose our project manager? Who takes over projects, could we continue ongoing ones? Without a new project manager what happens?
- will we have CHS support as in the past?
- the salary we are "paying" the project manager (he has never collected this): we should have a letter of waiver. If something happened to the project manager his estate could come after us for the "monies owed".
- we need a clear picture of CHA's involvement.
- the concerns outlined by Ottawa Branch in a recent letter require attention before we become involved in these projects.

Boyd put forth a motion "that Central Branch support any CHA/CIDA/developing country initiatives that aid developing countries to establish their own hydrographic survey and chart making capabilities".

Moved: B. Thorson/B. Power CARRIED

6) LIGHTHOUSE: Sam reported that the articles are now being proof read and that most advertising is in. Boyd is getting estimates from printers, going to press about 22 April, ready in about 2-3 weeks.

- Concerns put forth: members would like to see a financial statement from Lighthouse to see where the journal stands now, and then for each issue.
- concern was expressed about having Lighthouse funds in our Branch account. It was felt that this could be confusing. The arrangement is working well at present and will continue for now.

7) MEMBERSHIP: Keith reported that 67 of our Central Branch members are paid up for 1988.

- Terese moved that we set a reduced Student Rate of \$15.00. It was felt that this would enable more students to join. Sam will bring the subject up at the AGM and ask for a discount on National Dues from \$12 to \$7.50 for students.

Moved: T. Herron/R. Hancock CARRIED

8) BARBEQUE: This summer the barbeque will be hosted by Bruce Richards. The date is July 9...

[more on this on the next page.]

9) OTHER BUSINESS: The topic of the National Logo has surfaced again with mention being made about a logo contest. Several members have stated they do not like the logo on the recent lapel pins.

- The G.E. Wade essay award is progressing, with two papers submitted and hoping for more. The committee will come up with criteria for judging.

The business meeting was adjourned at 21:15 and after a short break Richard Hancock spoke to us about photography. The talk was interesting and informative, giving us good pointers on getting better pictures. Now we have no excuse for poor photos in our field reports!

CHA and CIDA

On April 6 we received 47 pages of material about CIDA and about projects proposed as joint endeavours of CHA and CIDA. Some of our earlier impressions were not quite correct, but we are much better informed now.

The material reached us too late for all our Branch members to see it before the April 13 meeting, but we managed to circulate copies of most of it to about 40 of our Branch members for comments. Copies were also available at this meeting.

Included in the package were copies of letters from CIDA officials and Mr. McCulloch, as well as copies of the three proposals whereby CHA and CIDA would jointly sponsor hydrographic projects with Mr. McCulloch as our Project Manager. These proposals are all oriented towards the training of people from less developed countries, with the idea that we can thus share with them our expertise in cartography and hydrography.

Basically these proposals are:

1. To sponsor hydrographic training in Malaysia. The ultimate hope is that we can help establish a continuing hydrographic and cartographic facility at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.
2. To sponsor hydrographic training in Jamaica. This would build on the training of an earlier project jointly sponsored by CISM and CIDA.
3. To sponsor trainees from island states to participate in the 1989 Hydrographic Conference in Vancouver in conjunction with other training courses to be held in Calgary and Victoria.

The CHA has always had the education and encouragement of hydrographic people as its main aim, and all three of these projects are worthwhile and very suitable for the CHA to be sponsoring.

In the past the CHA was the driving force that created in-house training courses in the CHS such as the Hydrography I and II programs, and more recently the CHA was instrumental in organising and establishing the hydrographic survey programs at Humber College and at the Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto. It is thus very appropriate that we should now have an opportunity to help organise and establish similar programs in Malaysia and Jamaica.

Canada is a world leader in hydrography and cartography. These joint projects with CIDA enable us to share this knowledge and expertise with others who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

!! *** SPECIAL EVENT *** !!

Branch Barbecue

Now hear this... Pen and diary ready? Our Summer Barbecue this year will be on Saturday July 9, 1988. The weather will be lovely - guaranteed. Bruce Richards is our host, at 1918 Highway 97, Flamborough. [A map will be provided in the next NewsLetter.] As before, bring your own steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers etc, but the wine and beer and coffee and buns will be provided. (The wine is a donation, and the Film Club is donating the beer.)

The drinks will be cold at 16:00, and the fire hot at 17:00. Spouses and/or friends are warmly welcome, as are new or prospective members!

The perfect computer has been developed. You just feed in your problems, and they never come out.

- Al Goodman

CHA Shipheads

For several years now [Brad Tinney won't admit to just how many - it dates him!] Central Branch of CHA has been sponsoring a team of runners in the annual Burlington Roadrace. This four-leg relay race totals 26 kms: 5, 6 or 7 kilometres per runner. This year the event is on Sunday April 24, starting at around 09:30. Last year our team recorded a very creditable time of 2 hours 2 mins 47 secs. Can we match that this year???

Well! This year we seem to be running out of runners... We need members - or friends - to bring our team up to strength. There is no need to be in racing form, just a fast amble is (nearly) enough! If you can help complete our team please call Brad at (416) 336-4728 or 336-4842. Like, real soon!

Murray Watkins

It is with sadness that we record the death of Murray Watkins, an Ottawa colleague for many years. He first came to the CHS in 1969, joining the Cartographic Development Division as Senior Analyst/Programmer. The CARIS software owes much to him, especially the border and lattice modules and much of the symbolization.

Murray was a quiet studious person so we didn't hear much from him, but he was well liked by those who knew him. He died on 9 April after a valiant battle against illness. Our sympathies are with Catherine, and Brenda and Scott.