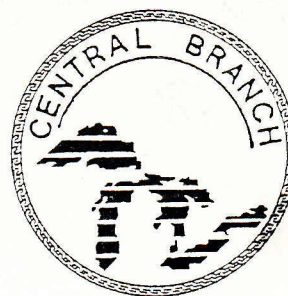


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NEWSLETTER

*** April/May 1989 ***

Canadian Hydrographic Association

Central Branch

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Central Branch Committees

Bonspiel

Boyd Thorson, Brian Power, John Dixon,
Keith Weaver, Terese Herron.

Lighthouse

Sam Weller, Keith Weaver, Terese Herron,
Boyd Thorson, Brian Power, Sean Hinds.

Membership

Keith Weaver, Sean Hinds, Jim Berry.

Newsletter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Terese Herron,
Brian Power, Keith Weaver.

Publicity

Boyd Thorson, Jim Berry.

Seminar

Brian Power, Sean Hinds, John Dixon.

Wade Essay Award

Boyd Thorson, Keith Weaver, Sam Weller.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

With most Central Branch members now leaving for the field, this was our last business meeting until we re-group in the fall. The CHA continues, though in a somewhat lower key, and we are already planning the summer barbecue. We are also compiling our summer NewsLetter... so get those juicy tit bits of news in to us!

This is a good time to thank Hermo Nepomuceno, our calligrapher. He does a fine job of the lettering on our membership Certificates, and each one takes him close to 30 minutes to complete. Thanks again, Hermo!

The Spring 1989 edition of our CHA journal Lighthouse is now in the lay-out process, and it will be printed and mailed to you in due course. Due to other pressures on the time of the volunteer staff this issue will be a bit delayed, but not by much, we hope.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

Next Meeting

Our next Central Branch function will be our mid-summer barbecue! Bruce and Jo Anne Richards have agreed to be our hosts again this year, so we are guaranteed great summer weather and a great barbecue.

Mark the date and address on your calendar: Saturday 12 August, Regional Road 49, 2 miles east of Ayr (SW of Cambridge). Friends, spouses and members are warmly welcome. Beer, wine, buns and coffee will be provided. Bring your own hot dogs, steak, hamburgers etc.

Bruce is now in the throes of moving, but he says he'll be well settled in a month or so, and a Central Branch social event such as our Summer Barbecue will make a great house-warming party!

If you can bring a salad or dessert please call Jo Anne at (519) 632-8633, or Beth Weller: (416) 634-4089. Drinks will be cold at 16:00, fire hot at 17:00. See you there on August 12. Don't miss the social event of the year!

News of our Members:

Maarten J.T. Beisterveld is a student at HZS Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. He graduated from college with his VWO [scientific education] diploma in 1986, and being very interested in marine science then enrolled in the 5 year Hydrographic course at Amsterdam Polytechnic.

As well as having a real interest in everything to do with the seas and oceans, his hobbies include backpacking, camping, mountaineering, tri-athletics, rowing and writing short stories. Somehow he also finds time to study, and he is looking forward to 1991 when he graduates as a Hydrographer!

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 30 March 1989

Balance forward 31 December 1988: \$ 1,078.96

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 1,460.00	
Bonspiel cash in	1,377.00	
Conference 1987 funds	1,090.19	
For Malaysians' expenses	5,000.00	
Bank Interest	22.92	
		\$ 8,950.11
		\$ 10,029.07

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 147.30	
Bonspiel cash out	1,577.00	
Conference '87 to National	545.09	
Loan for hats	405.00	
Evening meetings	102.20	
Excise Tax	23.78	
Expenses to Malaysians	534.15	
Bank charges	2.00	
		\$ 3,336.52

Balance 30 March 1989: \$ 6,692.55

Allocated Funds

Wade Essay Award	\$ 200.00	
For Malaysians' expenses	4,465.85	
		\$ 4,665.86

Working Balance 30 March 1989: \$ 2,026.70

[Note: To assist the Editorial team, some Lighthouse money (reported below) is handled by Central Branch treasurer. This is passed on to Lighthouse on request.]

Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1988: \$ 136.11

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 1,788.35	\$ 1,788.35
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Expenditures

Postage	\$ 76.68	\$ 76.68
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Working balance 30 March 1989: \$ 1,847.78

"Good news, Hermo! A whole stack of new members!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 5 April 1989

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 19:15, welcomed everyone and introduced visitors from Malaysia: Lt. Zaa'im bin Hasan, Razalini Ruji and Mohd. Rosli Abdul Aziz.

Attendees:

Sam Weller	- V-P	
Terese Herron	- Sec-Treas.	
Mike Bennett	Jim Berry	Sean Chard
Paul Davies	George Fenn	Andrew Leyzack
Ken McMillan	John Medendorp	Brian Power
Ken Richmond	Brad Robinson	Ab Rogers
Brad Tinney	Boyd Thorson	Keith Weaver

2) MINUTES: The minutes of the March 1 meeting were circulated in the newsletter and were available.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

3) Terese presented the treasurer's report for the period 01 January to the 30 March 1989.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Tinney CARRIED

4) CORRESPONDENCE: from National President an Agenda for the Vancouver meetings; a letter with the logo ballots; and a copy of a letter from Tony O'Connor to Barry about a two year job possibility in Saudi Arabia. From Atlantic VP Galo Carrera about setting up study groups within the CHA. Newsletters from Atlantic and Pacific. Correspondence sent out included a letter with a \$100.00 cheque to Ryk Karczuga for best non-technical article in Lighthouse; a letter of welcome to the Malaysian visitors; and a letter to National about Branch boundaries. Other correspondence included the usual membership matters and a letter from Julia Browning.

5) COMMITTEES: Membership: Keith reported that to date 34 In-House and 24 Out-House members have paid for 1989. Notices will accompany this newsletter for anyone who has not yet paid for 1989.

Lighthouse: Sam said things are well in hand but two Branches have not yet sent their social notes. Expect publication in May. All adverts except two are in hand. If you have any articles please send them to George. Boyd asked about the penalties for Branches not submitting articles: what is being done? Boyd made a motion:

That our V-P write to National President and inquire about the penalties: who is enforcing, and if not, why not?

Moved: B. Thorson/Mike Bennett CARRIED

Discussion: Should there be a penalty for not paying the penalty? Action: Sam

Seminar: Brian said this is the last meeting before the field season and we will have an early start in September. Subjects for the fall include The Electronic Chart (Brent Beale); Hamilton Power Squadron; and Fisheries on Hamilton Harbour. There will be more luncheon seminars alternated with the evening meetings.

6) Sam then presented Brad Robinson, Sean Chard, Andrew Leyzack and Ken McMillan with their membership certificates and welcomed them to the CHA.

7) Hydrographic Conference 1989: Sam reported on the Conference, the Directors Meeting, and the AGM of CHA. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings were handed round and are available to members on request.

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One point covered was the Logo Contest. There was no clear winner, so the top five are being voted on again. The winner of this run-off gets the \$200.00 prize. Your ballot is included with this NewsLetter, so make your selection and send it in. Ballots will be counted on May 31.

Jim Berry was at the CHA AGM in Vancouver and felt that members of Central Branch were not notified in proper time of the March 8 annual meeting or advised of their right to vote by proxy. He then made a motion:

That this meeting of Central Branch instructs our Vice-President to convey our concerns to the National President in writing, and that members of the corporation be advised of future annual and special general meetings of the CHA along with the proposed agenda of such meetings and a pre-printed proxy to be used by members unable to attend, and that all members who attend such meetings receive a copy of the minutes of these meetings, sent within 10 days by ordinary mail to their last known address. We also recommend to the National President that the publication LIGHTHOUSE be used to advise members of these meetings with full page notices, including proposed agenda.

Moved: J. Berry/K. Richmond CARRIED

Discussion: Consumer and Corporate Affairs could revoke our Charter if members are not told they have a right to a proxy vote. The local Branch can flood a meeting. All paid up members should be notified through Lighthouse or by special mailing. Action: Sam

8) OTHER BUSINESS: Sam mentioned the Wade Essay Award. This \$100.00 award is to encourage writing skills of students. Ideal length is 2,500 words but all papers are acceptable. Subject can be any aspect of hydrography or cartography, technical or non-technical.

9) The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:20.

Moved: B. Tinney/B. Power CARRIED

We then settled back with the beer & pizza [your dues at work!] and enjoyed an illustrated presentation by George Fenn on a local evaluation of lasar tracking systems.

Definition of a Canadian?

Someone who knows how to make love in a canoe.

- Pierre Berton.

[Maybe that is what one of our more successful Prime Ministers had in mind when he said "I wouldn't say I was a Communist, but I am a Canoeist!"]

Report on 1989 Hydrographic Conference

Sam reported the Vancouver Conference was well handled, with 265 registrations and 27 papers. There was also a panel session on The Electronic Chart and an Emerging States Forum. The eight people attending the conference through our CHA/CIDA Study Project took part: two from Fiji and one each from Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Malaysia, Jamaica and Guyana.

The CHA Directors meeting was held 6 March with George Macdonald and Tom McCulloch as visitors. George reported on Lighthouse. Bilingualizing Lighthouse was discussed, and George agreed this would be accomplished by having the front cover in two languages and an abstract for each article in French, provided that translations were provided in time.

Tom reported on the CIDA projects. The Jamaica project started 4 months behind schedule but is now underway. The Malaysian Project is in progress with the participants now in Burlington. A fourth participant from Malaysia will be starting the Surveying course at Erindale Campus of University of Toronto in May. A financial statement of CHA management of CIDA funds was presented. The consulting fee for the Jamaica Project is \$5,230/month plus expenses, which is the same as is being offered for instructors on these programs.

The LOGO Contest reached no consensus. Of 500 ballots sent out to members only 136 were returned! We will try one more time with the top five from the previous vote. The winner of this ballot will receive the prize of \$200. Please vote & mail your ballot ASAP.

Three resolutions were passed:

- 1989-1: National dues for 1990 will be \$15. Each Branch was encouraged to set local dues so the total would be \$30 for all members.
- 1989-2: National will refund 50% of the National dues for members who are full-time students, Branches were encouraged to follow suit.
- 1989-3: That CHA create special study groups from time to time in view of technological developments.

The 1988 Lighthouse Awards both went to Central Branch members! Non-technical- Ryk Karczuga; Technical- G. Fenn, B. Tinney, D. St.Jacques and P. Millette.

On the question about whether we (CHA) should lend our membership lists to other organizations, Sam was the only one opposed to this at the Directors meeting.

The AGM of CHA was held on March 8, and 47 members signed in. Each VP presented a report on 1988 Branch activities. The 1990 dues structure was ratified. A Life Membership was awarded to Mike Eaton from Atlantic Branch.

Sam met some of our International Members and signed Krupp-Atlas up as a Sustaining Member, as well as four new International Members!

Central Branch - 1988 Report

[slightly condensed]

Central Branch was again vigorous during 1988, and continued its program of activities. In line with CHA aims we had a varied program and our newsletter regularly keeps members in touch, nine newsletters being published during the year. This sounds like a lot, but the immediate reason is to get minutes of meetings to members, and our summer issue is larger and more newsy.

Keeping in touch is especially important for International Members who may hear little of CHA activities or fellow members. This is a select group of people interested in the CHA and hydrography in Canada, and our newsletter with items about CHA members helps fill this need.

Our local program is quite varied and in 1988 included seven business meetings, some at the CCIW where most of us work, others in the evening at a member's home with beer and pizza and an invited speaker.

Our Branch Seminar Series continues, and this year we had six invited speakers:

- Ralph Moulton (Great Lakes Waterlevel Communication Centre) on "Water Levels: Cause and Effect";
- Farrell Boyce (National Water Research Institute) on "Physical Limnology and the Hydrographer";
- Dr. Norman Rukavina (one of Canada's leading sedimentologists) discussed Fixed Transducer Systems;
- Len Faulkner (International Joint Commission) with a video on the removal of a barge from Niagara River;
- Richard Hancock (commercial photographer and former hydrographer) on photography in the field;
- Jim Statham (OLS Hydrographic Committee) on the new OLS admission requirements and Grandfathering.

Our curling bonspiel is a major event on our calendar. The 17th Annual H2O Bonspiel was held in February 1988 and was a fun day. Thanks to our sponsors there were prizes for everyone, and the two winning teams also get their names engraved on the trophies.

Another popular event is our mid summer barbecue. This year it was hosted by Bruce and Jo Anne Richards and was a highlight of our year.

Our Wade Essay Award was well under way in 1988 and the first \$100.00 Award went to Ryk Karczuga of Humber College. His essay was published in the Fall 1988 Lighthouse. [His paper later won the 1988 Lighthouse Award for Best Non-technical Article!]

This was a very good year for Central Branch. Thanks to a committed and active Branch Executive our activities are interesting and varied, and membership grows steadily. We ended the year with a record 78 Branch members: 35 in private industry or students etc. and 43 with CHS in Burlington. Our program tries to serve both of these groups and 1989 may be the year when our Out-House members outnumber our In-House members.

- J.H.Weller, Vice-President, Central Branch.