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NEWSLETTER

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Canadian Hydrographic Association

Central Branch

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Central Branch Committees

International Members

Sam Weller, Sean Hinds, Larry Robbins.

Launch Replica - Ad hoc

Ken McMillan, Jim Berry, Dennis St. Jacques.

Lighthouse

Sam Weller, John Dixon, Terese Herron, Sean Hinds, Al Koudys, Brian Power, Keith Weaver.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

Keith Weaver, Terese Herron, Al Koudys, Ken McMillan.

Newsletter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, John Dixon, Sean Hinds, Brian Power, Larry Robbins, Keith Weaver.

Seminar

Brian Power, John Dixon, Ken McMillan.

Social Events

Sean Hinds, Jim Berry, Terese Herron, Ken McMillan, Brian Power.

Wade Essay Award

Terese Herron, Sean Hinds, Keith Weaver.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

It's coming around to that time of year again - field season has arrived. I hope everyone gets off to a good start.

The National AGM will be held on 17 April during the CHS Conference at Rimouski. I hope we have a good turnout. We had a good response from our Branch and International Members returning proxies - thank you.

Our Branch AGM is to be held again at the MIMICO CRUISING CLUB on Thursday Dec. 5, 1991. I expect an evening even more enjoyable than last year so keep that date open and stay tuned for more info.

On behalf of all our Branch and International Members I would like to wish a warm hearted tally-ho to our friend Boyd Thorson who is off to greener pastures in our National region. Boyd is known for his sense of humor and his inclination for a feisty discussion. In recent years Boyd has been actively promoting and coordinating (often single-handedly) the H2O Bonspiel and the G.E. Wade essay award with time out to draft what is now our new National Logo. A round of applause, a warm toast and a wish for a happy journey - good luck Boyd!

- Sean Hinds.

Next Meeting

Our next business meeting will be at 19:00 on Tuesday 30 April, hosted by Keith Weaver at his home: 2668 Cavendish Drive, Burlington (just off Brant Street, first left south of Highway 5). After the meeting there will be our traditional social time with beer and pizza.

We have asked Commander Hamdan bin Othman of the Royal Malaysian Navy to be our speaker. Commander Othman will be visiting Burlington for five weeks under the auspices of a program sponsored jointly by CIDA and CHA to study modern digital cartographic techniques as used by CHS in Burlington.

News of our Members

George H. Goldstein was born and brought up in The Hague, Netherlands. Graduating from Maritime College, Amsterdam with his BS [Master Foreign Going], he served with Holland America Line until 1965 when he married Lilian and moved to Canada to join the CHS. He rounded out his education with a BSc (McMaster U), then in 1978 returned to the Netherlands to do research in aspects of hydrography and navigation with MARIN.

In 1983 he accepted his present position as lecturer in hydrography at Australian Maritime College in Tasmania (with time out recently to complete his Master's degree). His hobbies include sailing, reading and Jewish history & culture. He must be getting older, he says, because his two daughters are now adults finishing their own degrees.

Central Branch
Treasurer's Report to 20 March 1991

Balance forward 31 December 1990: \$ 3,642.23

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 2,375.34
Bank Interest	20.20
Courier (National)	161.05
Courier (Quebec)	17.06
H2O Bonspiel (entry fees)	1,163.00
	\$ 3,736.65
	\$ 7,378.88

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 286.90
Bank Service Charges	4.35
H2O Bonspiel (grant)	217.00
H2O Bonspiel expenses	1,141.00
CHS caps (presentations)	45.00
CHA lapel pins	216.00
Courier	180.70
	\$ 2,090.95

Balance 20 March 1991: \$ 5,287.93

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

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1990: \$ 3,617.77

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 1,710.98
Advertisement	175.00
	\$ 1,885.98
	\$ 5,503.75

Expenditures

to Lighthouse	\$ 3,617.77
	\$ 3,617.77

Balance 20 March 1991: \$ 1,885.98

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"Call for you, Boyd... Ottawa Branch want you to chair a couple of their Committees."



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 20 March 1991

1) This Meeting was held at 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington. Sean Hinds called the meeting to order at 19:10, thanked Brian and Anna Power for their hospitality and welcomed everyone.

Attendees:

S. Hinds	- V.P
B. Power	- A/Secretary
J. Berry	J. Delle Fave
A. Leyzack	A. Rogers
P. Warren	K. Weaver
	K. Dexel
	B. Thorson
	J. Weller

2) Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting (5 Feb. 1991) were circulated in the NewsLetter and copied into the evening's agenda.

Moved by J. Weller/B. Thorson CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: In Terese Herron's absence (in the Arctic), Sean Hinds presented the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by K. Dexel/A. Rogers CARRIED

4) Correspondence: Sean reviewed correspondence file items about the up-coming Directors' Meeting and AGM in April at Rimouski, and membership matters.

5) Membership: Keith Weaver reported we have paid-up: 36 In-House, 29 Out-House, 20 International, and Krupp Atlas Elektronic (Clark, NJ, USA) as a Sustaining Member. This means we have not yet heard from 14 Central Branch and 23 International Members with their 1991 Dues. [Get them in, folks!] Keith also welcomed new members Austin Kovacs, Peter Barr (of Barmarine) and George E. Betts. Another item of good news is that Central Branch now has a second Sustaining Member: Racal Positioning Systems Ltd. of the United Kingdom. The CHA appreciates the support of Sustaining Members - this enables us to better serve the hydrographic community in many ways, not least being the sharing of news of their equipment and services. Welcome aboard.

6) Seminar: On April 10th at 10:00 am in the North Seminar room of CCIW, Brent Beale of CHS will give a talk on "The Construction of Electronic Navigational Charts". This will be a preview of the paper Brent presents at the CHS conference in Rimouski, Que. Plans are also in the works for Commander Hamdan bin Othman from Malaysia to be the guest speaker at our next evening meeting on 30 April.

7) Historical Boat Ad Hoc Committee: There have been no further developments since our last meeting. Jim Berry will contact Ken McMillan and report back to the membership on the committee's recommendation.

8) Lighthouse: In the absence of Bruce Richards, Editor of Lighthouse, Sam Weller reported the Spring 1991 Edition of our journal was on schedule and in good shape: we have a good balance of articles, and Social News from the Branches is coming in nicely. Bruce is always looking articles and news for Lighthouse, so if you know of anything please send it along.

9) H2O Bonspiel: Boyd Thorson said this year's Bonspiel was a great success with the team of Karen Ralph, Todd Breedon, Brett Evans (sparring Colleen Kennedy in third game) & Don Kennedy winning the A Event, and Bob Covey's rink of Lyn Roth, Peter Morden, and Barb Montani winning the B Event. Many thanks to our sponsors and the organizers, with special thanks to Boyd Thorson for making this annual event "happen".

10) Other Business:

a. CIDA: Sam said Commander Hamdan bin Othman of the Royal Malaysian Navy will be in Burlington from 22 April to 30 May studying modern cartographic methods used by CHS. He is being sponsored jointly by CHA and CIDA and we hope local members might be able to host him on occasion while he is here. It was agreed that it would be interesting for us to hear about hydrography in Malaysia. Sam will write to invite him to address our next evening meeting (30 April).

b. Voting by Proxy: Boyd Thorson voiced his concerns about giving proxies to except/reject the CHA National Financial Statements without seeing them. Sam Weller mentioned that this was not normally the case and the Statements are generally circulated to the membership prior to voting. Since the work is done by volunteers it is sometimes difficult to find the time and these Statements were not ready when the proxies were mailed.

c. Sam thanked Boyd Thorson on behalf of the membership for the many hours Boyd has contributed to the Central Branch of CHA. Boyd is leaving the Central & Arctic Region of the CHS to work at CHS Headquarters in Ottawa. We wish him well and our loss will no doubt be the Ottawa Branch's gain.

11) The business meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Moved: J. Berry/K. Weaver CARRIED.

We then settled back and Captain Elko Merk regaled us with stories of his years at sea and his experiences as a Great Lakes Shipping Pilot. Thank you, Elko!

This Gem of the Day came from Lorin Hess of Salt Lake City. It was seen in Modern Maturity magazine: A preppy-looking man was arrested for peddling Fountain of Youth pills that promised to reverse the aging process. When he came before the judge, His Honor was outraged at such a scam and asked if the man had had a record of prior arrests.

"Yes, indeed," said the prosecutor, referring to her notes. "He was arrested for the same offense in 1981, 1965, 1942, 1908, 1873, 1847..."

- Anne Landers.

From our International Correspondent

Time marches relentlessly on and the days seem to grow shorter as each one passes. In the UK, HYDRO'90 is a fading memory of an exciting event and DOI'91 has itself come and gone. This oceanographic exhibition and conference with a Defence bias alternates annually with its civilian counterpart (OI...). Unfortunately, I missed it this year as I was in New Zealand for a brief business trip, the opportunity to visit home being a greater pull than the chance to indulge in an international conference.

One surmises that in Canada, too, time is passing rapidly and preparations for the summer season and the Rimouski conference are entering their final stages. No doubt the available time seems all too short and a number of people are wondering how everything is to be fitted in.

Ian Bartholemew has now returned from his stint as Chief Hydrographer of Fiji and after a spell of leave has started a staff (ie management and defence studies) course at Greenwich (painted ceilings and all that!). I had a Christmas card from Felix Maharaj who took over from Ian. He is the first Fiji national to hold that position and is settling in okay.

I hear George Goldsteen has now left Sydney (the Australian one!) and returned to Tasmania. Hope the studies went well, George. Congratulations are due to Keith Millen (PLA, London), elected a Fellow of the Nautical Institute (FNI), and to new member Matthew Smith (Racal Marine, UK) who by the time you read this will be able to add the letters ARICS after his name. (In naval parlance, "BZ chaps!"). Matthew is not the only new International Member to be greeting this time: we also welcome Ian Habens (Technical Manager with Racal Marine, UK on the System 960 project); Austin Kovacs (with US Army, CRREL); and George E. Betts (Senior Engineer, Cable Route Survey, with AT&T, USA).

The New Zealand Region of the Hydrographic Society has recently gone into recess for a variety of reasons, though Gary Chisholm keeps the flag flying as editor and main power behind a NZ hydrographic newsletter. Well done, Gary, keep up the good work! I hear on the grapevine, by the way, that Gary's company Datacom Software Research Ltd. have recently been taken over by Trimble. That should suit Gary - with his interest in GPS - down to the ground (or should that be "up to the skies"?)

In this NewsLetter we welcome our first "international" advert. Hydrographic, Marine Services, Inc. is based in Quebec (President Rod Troy, now on a short assignment in Malaysia, is a member of Quebec Branch). This company specializes in offshore & international work, and in association with a Dutch firm recruit hydrographic-type personnel for international projects.

Keep smiling - make your colleagues stop and wonder what you have been up to!!

- Larry Robbins [Commander, RNZN].

CHA Special Seminar

Brent Beale has done considerable work on the Electronic Chart and is Central & Arctic Region's representative on the CHS committee working on developments in this field. Brent will be giving a paper at the conference and has agreed to present a preview of his paper at CCIW.

Brent will present his paper: "The Construction of Electronic Navigational Charts" on 10 April in the South Seminar Room, CCIW, Burlington, at 10.00 am. Most of our Branch Members will not be able to attend the CHS Conference in Rimouski in April, but this is an opportunity to hear what is arguably the most outstanding paper to be presented there.

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Reminder

The Annual Conference of the Canadian Cartographic Association is at Brock University, St. Catharines, May 31 to June 3. Contact Alun Hughes, (416) 688-5550. or FAX (416) 688-2789.

Sustaining Members

Central Branch of CHA now has two Sustaining Members. This is the third year that Krupp Atlas Elektronik of Clark, New Jersey, have been with us as Sustaining Member after some years as a subscriber to Lighthouse, and we are now delighted to welcome Racal Positioning Systems Ltd. of UK as Sustaining Member. In recognition of their support, Sustaining Members of CHA are offered space in Lighthouse of about 250 words to pass on news of services and equipment they offer.

Conference News

The preliminary programme for the 2nd Australasian Hydrographic Symposium (Sydney, 9-12 December 1991) has now been issued and looks promising, one paper being entitled "Stupidity, myths and guesswork in the detection of Marine Environment Impacts: Dead Bird-watching for Hydrographers".

There are to be meetings of the IHO Committees on ECDIS and Exchange of Digital Data (COE and CEDD respectively) in Sydney in the days immediately preceding the symposium; it is thus possible that members of these committees will stay on for the symposium and add greatly to it. (Details from PO Box 1332, North Sydney, NSW 2059, Australia - FAX +61 2 925 4835.)

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