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Central Branch Committees

Conference Workshop

Terese Herron, Rick Sandilands.

Conference Registration

Keith Weaver, J. Campbell, T. Herron, Bob Langford.

Lighthouse

Terese Herron, Jennifer Campbell, Andrew Leyzack,
Paola Travaglini, Sam Weller.

Wade Essay Award

Andrew Leyzack, Sean Hinds.

Social Events

BBQ: J. Campbell, A. Leyzack, P. Travaglini.
AGM: T. Herron, A. Leyzack, K. McMillan, B. Power.
H2O: Earl Brown, Rick Sandilands, Brad Tinney.

International Members

Sean Hinds, Larry Robbins, Sam Weller.

Seminar

Brian Power, Ken McMillan, Paola Travaglini.

NewsLetter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Brian Power,
Larry Robbins.

Heritage Launch

Sean Hinds, Jim Berry, Andrew Leyzack,
Ken McMillan, Brian Power.

Membership/Nominations/Elections

Terese Herron, Jim Berry, Jennifer Campbell,
Paola Travaglini.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The nominations are closed and the race begins. I am pleased to see the range of candidates for next year's executive. It has been a long reign for many of the existing executive and time for new blood has come. It is encouraging to see some of our more junior members joining the fracas for Branch executive.

Those of us who are employed by the Canadian Hydrographic Service know well "the good things" that the CHS is doing. Now the time has come for the CHS to promote itself via the Newsletter "CONTOUR". This is to be a quarterly newsletter published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service and is a vehicle to update the community of developments in the marine industry in which CHS is a part. In the future, this Newsletter will be mailed to all CHA members as a service by the 'Editor' of Contour. Doing our part, to keep Members informed, we are enclosing the inaugural Spring issue along with this Branch Newsletter.

I would like to put in a plug for our Branch AGM, happening on Thursday, December 2. The success of a bash like this relies on you. As in past years, we will hold this event at the Mimico Cruising Club, in Etobicoke (Toronto). This is an ideal setting as it is midway between our In-house and Out-house Members. Send in your registration now, and get set for a great evening.

— Sean Hinds.

Next Meeting

The Central Branch 1993 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 2 December 1993 at the Mimico Cruising Club, Humber Bay West Park, Etobicoke (Toronto). Cocktail reception at 16:30, AGM at 18:15, followed by a served dinner at 19:00. Our guest speaker is Sean Hinds, Chairman of the CHA/CB Heritage Launch Project [and Central Branch V-P]. He will be presenting an illustrated talk on "A year in the life of a heritage launch".

A registration form for the AGM/Dinner is enclosed with this NewsLetter. Return the form (with cheque) to reach us before Friday 26 November. If in doubt or needing more information, please give us a call.

Your ballot for the 1994 Central Branch Executive is also enclosed. Please fill out the ballot and send or Fax it to reach us before noon on 1 December. The results of the elections will be announced at the AGM, and the 1994 Branch Executive will then be introduced.

Geomatics in the Marine Environment

CHA/GIAC Workshop

Financial Report

Revenue

Members	26 @ \$125.	\$ 3,250.00	
	18 @ \$150.	2,700.00	
Non-mem.	3 @ \$150.	450.00	
	10 @ \$175.	1,750.00	
			\$ 8,150.00

Expenses

Catering	\$ 1,313.99	
Notebooks	1,868.75	
Audio-visual	1,888.30	
Advertising	149.21	
		\$ 5,220.25
Net income:		\$ 2,929.75

Remember to vote.

Make sure your voice is heard,
and your ballot counted.

"The candidates are all good.

Let's vote for them all!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 27 October 1993

1) The meeting was hosted at Brian Power's home: 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington. Sean called the meeting to order at 19:14, welcomed everyone and thanked Anna and Brian for their hospitality.

Attendees:

Sean Hinds - V.P.
Terese Herron - Sec.Treasurer
M. Bennett J. Berry J. Delle Fave J. Dixon
P. Knight A. Leyzack L. Peer B. Power
D. Pyatt A. Rogers P. Travaglini J. Weller

2) Sean presented Minutes of the last meeting 28 September 1993. These had been circulated in the last newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved L. Peer/B. Power CARRIED

There was some discussion about the sixth event for the launch. Also questioned was the business card for Gil Bibby; Jim wanted to know if Ian Morgan's sketch was being used or a photo of the launch. Andrew responded that a picture of the launch had been sent off.

3) Terese presented the Workshop Financial Report:
- Moved T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

4) Heritage Launch: Andrew reported on fund raising for the Launch. About \$5,000.00 is required to pay off immediate expenses; the overall cost of maintaining the launch for one year is \$2,600.00. This would require \$45,000.00 in the bank in trust to maintain the project. We would more than meet these requirements with Monte Carlo Nights. Bingos would bring in less money but also require fewer hours. The commitment would be for six months at one night per month minimum if we go on the standby list. We also might not be able to get in for six months.

The War Museum organizes historical events and they are looking for a boat. There is some interest in our launch. If they were to accept ownership of our launch they would work with us and make it available to us.

Other avenues of fund raising... Les Peer mentioned the possibility of receiving money for showing the launch at Wood Shows, Sportsman Show, or Hobby Show. This could generate about \$500.00 per event. It was also suggested to look into getting a sponsor and putting the launch as a float in a parade. Jim said we could turn the Branch seed money and the Workshop money back to the launch to cover its expenses.

Decision made to not do Monte Carlo Nights.

A motion was made "that Central Branch commit to Bingo and possible Shows, and that the funds raised be forwarded to the Heritage Launch Project."

ACTION: Andrew Leyzack
- Moved J. Weller/T. Herron CARRIED

5) Nominations Committee: Terese reported that the nominations committee had solicited nominations for the 1994 executive and asked if there were any more nominations. There were none. The following people have been nominated and agreed to stand for election:

Vice-President - Terese Herron Andrew Leyzack
Sec.Treasurer - Terese Herron Andrew Leyzack
(and Sean Hinds will be on Executive as Past V-P.)

Executive Members:

Mike Bennett Jon Biggar Jennifer Campbell
Chris Gorski Mike Johnston Peter Knight
Ken McMillan Brad Tinney Sam Weller.

A motion was made to close nominations.

- Moved J. Berry/B. Power CARRIED

Ballots will go in the newsletter and elections will close at noon 1 December 1993. The candidates were invited to write a short message to the members [their comments appear on page 3 of this NewsLetter]. The results of the elections will be announced at the AGM, and the 1994 Branch Executive will then be introduced.

6) Membership Committee: Terese reported that membership to date stands at 24 Outhouse, 40 Inhouse and 31 International, plus seven Sustaining Members.

7) Other Business: Some discussion about long range plans for the launch, whether it will go to another organization, be used for promotions by another group (Hamilton and Scourge Project), and its winter storage. It was felt that indoor unheated storage would be best. Suggestions for seminars included Keith Clifford or Ron Fordyce of AES, Lorne Joyce, and Captain Pace in conjunction with The Company of Master Mariners. Meeting dates will be set in the new year by the new executive and speakers contacted.

Les asked if we had thought about going on the lecture circuit with the heritage launch? Yacht Clubs might pay for a speaker or make a donation to the launch.

8) Jim Berry moved to adjourn the business meeting.
- Moved J. Berry/B. Power CARRIED

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 21:07.

We then settled back with beer and pizza [your dues at work] and enjoyed two videos of the Heritage Launch.

The first video was of that heart-shaking day when the launch finally hit the water and floated upright. The second video covered two re-enactments, one of the occasion when Lieut. Governor John Simcoe came ashore out of the morning mist at Grimsby, and the other of the glorious day at Put In Bay, Pennsylvania. In a word, magnificent.

Jim Berry's column



The Outhouse; The Little House; The Wee House; The Outdoor Inconvenience; The House of Parliament; The Comfort Station; The Dunny Drop; The What-You-Call-It; The Back Forty; The John; Out Back; The Privy; The W.C.; The Jones' House, no matter what you call it, it symbolizes the hard work, thrift, quietness, and spirit of adventure that help make it a magnificent specimen. I guess that's why the "In-House" members have affectionately referred to us as "Out-House" members; they can appreciate the strength and charm we bring to the Branch. So let us raise our cups high with pride, to toast to us and our accomplishments, and to re-affirm our commitment to the Preservation Of the Outhouse.

Guenter Bellach called the other day. He's back in town for a short work stint to pick up some green stuff before heading back to the warmer climate. Guenter makes his home aboard his sailboat at Phuket, Thailand, but is in the process of building a house in the northeast corner of Thailand where he and his soon-to-be bride will call home. Guenter would love to hear from prospective employers who could use his surveying and data management skills, anywhere within 50,000 miles from his home port. Give me a call and I'll let you know how you can reach him. Good luck to you and your fiancée, Guenter. Keep in touch, and don't forget the postcard.

I guess I've run out of room for this issue. Sorry Betty, but you'll have to wait till the AGM to fill us in on the fun times you and Joe had on your honeymoon.

See you all at the AGM on Thursday December 2.

The Candidates Speak

Terese Herron: I have served on your Branch Executive for seven years – five of them as Secretary-Treasurer – and if elected I would like to head up the Executive for 1994. With the 1993 Conference behind us we can now direct our energies into other important areas such as our Seminar program and increasing our contact with International and Out-house members. We have a wealth of talent in our world-wide membership; let's develop it. Sean has done a great job, and with your support I am eager to work with our Executive to meet the challenges of 1994.

If elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, I will continue to be active on various committees and work with the new Executive. I would continue to streamline and automate the bookkeeping procedures.

Andrew Leyzack: As V-P I'd like to promise no GST for all but let's wait to see what the Hon Jean Chretien has in store for us! If I was to assume the role of V-P, I would work with the executive to continue to serve our membership while enhancing and revitalizing our programs. The Gerry Wade Memorial Award needs particular attention. Our seminar program needs to be injected with more technical content as suggested by the present committee. For this, I would encourage more feedback from the membership as to what topics should be addressed at our meetings. In conclusion, I see the need to increase the profile of our Out-house and International Members. I would encourage more and varied international correspondence for input to our newsletter and journal.

If elected as Secy-Treas, I would continue to provide the same responsible minute and book keeping as my predecessor. As the assistant to the Branch V-P, I would strive to ensure an equal distribution of executive duties. In recent years, the CHA/CB has greatly expanded its role, therefore it is necessary for the executive to 'pull' together.

Jennifer Campbell: It's been an exciting year for CHA Central Branch. A strong Executive and enthusiastic members will ensure that 1994 will be just as lively. I would be happy to serve on the Executive for the coming year, particularly working to support our various social events and continuing my involvement with Lighthouse.

Mike Johnston: I have been working for the CHS on a continuous basis for the past 2 years and previously on term assignments as a summer student. I have worked for cartography in the Nautical Publications division completing Chart 1437 (Grindstone Island to Summerland Group). Currently I am working with the Field Surveys division having just completed twenty weeks with the Lake Ontario field survey.

Peter Knight: I have been a CHA member (outhouse) since 1990. I am presently both an extended term employee with the CHS, and a student in the final year of a Master's degree in survey science at Erindale College. During my university years I have had a variety of involvements with community and social activism. My nomination to the CHA executive represents my first active involvement in a professional organization. One area of interest at present is the CIG conference in Victoria in April 1994.

Sam Weller: I have been active on your Executive for several years and have been editor of our NewsLetter since 1987. If re-elected to the Branch Executive I will be glad to continue with the NewsLetter as well as other committee work as needed. I will encourage closer ties with all our members.