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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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#### Central Branch Committees

##### Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, J. Dixon, K. McMillan.

##### Seminar

S. Hinds, J. Halsall, K. McMillan, B. Power.

##### International Members

T. Herron, A. Leyzack, S. Hinds, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

##### NewsLetter

J. Weller, J. Berry, J. Biggar, J. Dixon,  
T. Herron, L. Robbins.

##### Lighthouse

T. Herron, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack, J. Weller.

##### Wade Essay Award

A. Leyzack, S. Hinds.

##### Social Events

BBQ: J. Campbell, J. Biggar, S. Hinds, T. Herron.

AGM: T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, A. Leyzack.

H2O: J. Miles, B. Tinney, B. Power.

##### Heritage Launch

S. Hinds, J. Berry, J. Dixon, A. Leyzack,  
K. McMillan, B. Power.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Nominations – Ballots – Voting. We've had the nominations, you will find your ballot in with this newsletter, and now it is up to you to vote. Take some time and select the people you would like to see guiding Central Branch through the next year. For In-house members there is a ballot box on the coffee table by Linda Smith's desk. Out-house and International members may vote by mail or by fax. Ballots must be received by noon Burlington time (EST) on 7th December 1995. The 1996 Central Branch Executive will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Also in with this newsletter is a registration form for Central Branch's Annual General Meeting and Dinner. As in the past this will be at the Mimico Cruising Club and will be an enjoyable evening. There will be a short meeting followed by dinner and a guest speaker. Please return the registration form (with payment) by Thursday Nov. 30th. You may also fax your form to us.

By now everyone should have received their copy of the CHA bylaws and the Summer 1995 issue of Contour. If perchance you have not received one or both of these please let me know so we may forward them to you.

Garmin draw ticket sales continue... don't miss out, send your form in soon, ticket sales end December 7th.

We are always looking for new members to enable the Association to continue on with new people and ideas. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the CHA please let us know or have them write to us so we can send them an information package.

As you may have noticed on the masthead of the last Edition of Lighthouse, Edition 51, I have assumed the duties of Editor. I welcome any feedback as to the new look inside the journal and any comments members may have as to content.

Hope to see you at the AGM!

– Terese

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Next Meeting

The 1995 AGM of Central Branch of CHA is on Thursday 7 December 1995 at Mimico Cruising Club, Humber Bay West Park, Etobicoke (Toronto). Cocktail reception at 16:30, AGM at 18:15, dinner at 19:00.

Our guest speaker is Philip Blackford, M.Ed, Executive Director of the Outward Bound Wilderness School. He will speak about the Outward Bound movement and specifically its role as a catalyst for change... "Some things need to be believed to be seen."

Originally, the expression 'outward bound' referred to a time when sailors headed for open sea, leaving behind the safety of a familiar harbour. Today, at more than 30 Outward Bound schools around the world, it means leaving the comfort and security of family and friends to undertake a voyage of adventure, challenge and self-discovery.

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 24 October 1995

Balance forward 27 September 1995: \$ 2,230.26

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 69.54
GPS Draw tickets	40.00
Bank Interest	0.40
	\$ 109.94
	\$ 2,340.20

Expenditures

Postage (NewsLetter)	\$ 61.35
Meeting (27 Sept. 1995)	68.15
Bank Charges	1.00
	\$ 130.50
Balance 24 October 1995:	\$ 2,209.70
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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.]

Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 27 September 1995: \$ 1,714.92

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
		\$ 1,774.92

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 32.14	\$ 32.14
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Balance 24 October 1995: \$ 1,742.78

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The AGM Committee greatly appreciates the assistance of our corporate sponsors.

Their contributions help to provide a quality evening for friends and colleagues to gather and share a little Christmas cheer in a very lovely setting.

Corporate Sponsors to date:

**Central and Arctic Region, CHS**

**Central Branch, CHA**

**J. Halsall Hydrographic Surveys**

Other sponsors are encouraged to join these ranks and enjoy the benefits of assisting in this special event.

## Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 24 October 1995

1) This year's 3rd General Meeting was held at Heimo and Leigh Duller's residence in Burlington. Terese welcomed everyone, thanked Heimo and Leigh for their hospitality and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Regrets from Sean Hinds and Peter Knight.

Attendees:

Terese Herron - V-P  
Andrew Leyzack - Secretary-Treasurer  
Ken Dexel John Dixon Heimo Duller  
John Medendorp Brian Power Ab Rogers  
Paola Travaglini Bill Warrender Sam Weller  
Heather Fitzsimons (guest speaker)

2) The minutes of the 27 September 1995 meeting were circulated in the last newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved J. Weller/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew presented the report to 24 October 1995. See other business regarding Heritage Launch seed money.

- Moved J. Medendorp/B. Power CARRIED

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: (T. Herron) Terese officially closed the nominations for the 1996 Branch executive, reporting having received 26 nominations this year. Ballots will be out in the newsletter. There have been many requests for applications for membership however, to date, membership is down this year. Terese reported that Cdr. Syed Nasir Hussain of Karachi, Pakistan, is a recent International Member. Welcome aboard!

Seminar: (S. Hinds) On behalf of Sean, Andrew reported that the committee suggests Mr. Philip Blackford, Executive Director of Outward Bound, to speak at this year's AGM. In the past we have been fortunate enough to secure speakers free of charge. However, Outward Bound, a non-profit, charitable organization which for years has been providing experiential learning for troubled youth, the physically challenged, family and corporate groups, would require a donation of \$500. Andrew asked for discussion regarding the donation of Branch funds available through the Wade Essay Award and/or the Professional Development Fund, adding that proceeds from the GPS Draw will ultimately contribute to such programs. A motion was then made:

- Motion: The Branch donate funds from the Gerry Wade Essay Award and/or the Professional Development Fund to the Outward Bound program to secure Mr. Philip Blackford as our AGM speaker.

- Moved J. Medendorp/A. Rogers CARRIED

Wade Essay Award: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that the program will be carried out as outlined at the 27 September meeting. Any funds donated to Outward

Bound will be recognized in memory of Gerry Wade. The Wade Essay Award Committee agreed that this was a worthwhile cause, and considered it to be in accordance with the aims of the Award.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) There will be a meeting next week to discuss the fall issue, No. 52. Terese reported that, in her capacity as Editor, she had three papers in-hand and one on the way although she will still be accepting work with the deadline now passed. The committee has received favourable comments regarding Edition No. 51's format change.

Social Events: Terese reported that this year's AGM will once again take place at the Mimico Cruising Club, Etobicoke, and that registration forms will be sent out in the NewsLetter. Tickets are \$25.

[See enclosed flyer for more details]

4) Other Business: Andrew reported on the discussion at the **CHA National AGM** regarding the national treasurer's report. The question of the feasibility of hiring an outside auditor for their year-end statement was tabled. Bernard Labrecque reported that Quebec region has been contracting an auditor for some time now and that the cost was very reasonable.

Terese reported that the **CHA Bylaws**, will be available to our in-house members in the newsletter.

Andrew reported that in accordance with the minutes of the 18 March 1992 general meeting, fundraising completed, the **Heritage Launch Project** will be returning the Branch's \$2,000. seed money by the end of the 1995 fiscal year.

5) Correspondence: A letter from Capt. R.J. Gilbanks, New Zealand Defence Advisor based in Ottawa, in response to a letter we sent to him.

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 20:00.  
- moved B. Power/B. Warrender CARRIED

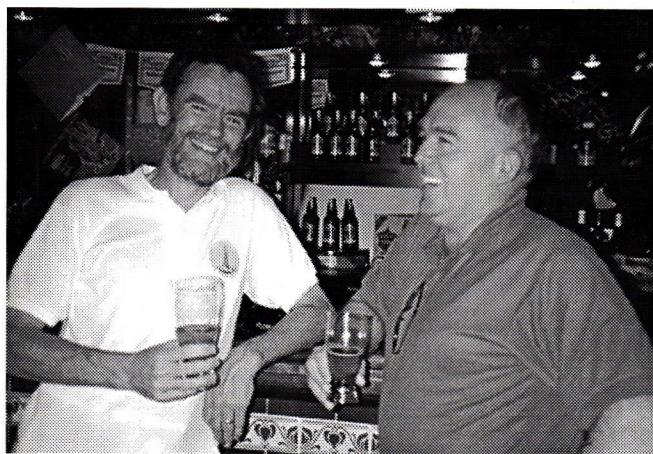
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Heather Fitzsimons, District Commander of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, Guelph Branch, spoke to us on the history and roles of the Canadian Power Squadrons as they approach their sixtieth year. Heather also elaborated on the cooperative efforts between the Squadrons and the Canadian Coast Guard with respect to training in seamanship, navigation and radio licensing. Some interesting discussion included the proposed implementation of non-commercial operator's licensing. In appreciation, Andrew presented Ms. Fitzsimons with a CHA mug. Those present were treated to the usual fare of pizza, and sampled some of Terese's home brew.

From our International Correspondent

Although I am someone who lives in the far flung corner of the world, I am pleased to be able to report that the past few months have been excellent for contact with other CHA members ... both personally and via email etc.

For a start, I was fortunate to be able to meet up with Sam Weller whilst we were both in the UK on family business. It is a long time since I have lounged on the corner of the street trying to pick up someone connected with the sea(!). However, we managed a successful rendezvous in a charming little English village which was sort of midway between two places on my itinerary and was where an aged aunt of Sam's lived. A drink and a meal in the pub followed. Needless to say, Sam took great delight in embarrassing me as much as he could with the 'barkeep' and other customers — something to do with alleged salacious photographs of CHA members in bathtubs! I am pleased to report that despite all this we are still on speaking terms, indeed Sam even lent me the money to purchase some tickets in the GPS lottery recently ... what a great idea, well done McQuest!



*Sam and Larry at their International CHA Meeting...*

Back in NZ we were honoured to have Adam Kerr (IHO Monaco, and CHA member) down at the ship during a visit he paid following on from some time in Tonga at a conference. (Hard life these IHO Directors have, eh?!) Adam was in fine fettle, and we enjoyed his visit and wordly wisdom. A couple of weeks later there were other Canadian visitors, this time from Universal Systems demonstrating their wares.

Not strictly correspondence with a member but close ... it was good to read Admiral Ritchie's new (updated) book recently. Nice one, Sir.

Correspondence with various members through the various electronic mediums available has been good, with Nick Emerson (Hong Kong) transmitting over the

NET the photos which accompanied his offering last issue. Unfortunately we had some problems getting through to Sam Weller and Co and I ended up with about 3 lots of the pictures. I normally get perhaps one or two email messages a day, tops, and to see '15 Messages to download' on the screen was rather exciting! I have also been privy to other email correspondence between Nick Doe (CHA but not, I think, Central Branch) and Gary Chisholm and our Tidal Officer on the subject of 'Tides' and 'Captain Cook'. You may recall an article by Nick in Lighthouse recently about Vancouver's determination of longitude. All a little advanced for me, but some research I did into tidepole reading methods adopted by Wales (one of Cook's scientists) was fascinating - and tidepoles I CAN understand!

If you can't find your copy of the Summer newsletter to work out the letter to the editor in the last newsletter, you can, of course, look it up on the CHA home page... or buy another copy at only slightly inflated rates from the Branch Office!

As the survey season in Canada is no doubt closed down for the winter, so our own ships claw their way out of maintenance periods, and the two smaller ones have already deployed to the survey ground. They are trying to get to grips with our new DGPS gear, and our ship MONOWAI is looking forward to getting back into it soon.

From the antipodes to Canadian members, we send greetings and wishes for a none-too severe winter. To those in other places, best wishes in whatever endeavours you find yourself, and to all (for it is that time again soon) ... very best wishes for the Christmas period and a happy and prosperous New Year. FIX!

- Larry Robbins [Commander, RNZN].

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Your ballot for the election of the  
1996 Central Branch Executive  
is enclosed.

Remember to vote.

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

**(Do it now, while you're thinking about it.)**