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Central Branch Committees

Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, A. Koudys.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, J. Weller, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

Social Events

BBQ: J. Biggar, P. Travaglini, A. Koudys,
J. Campbell.

H₂O: A. Leyzack, P. Travaglini, B. Power,
J. Miles, B. Tinney, D. Pyatt.

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

International Members

T. Herron, P. Travaglini, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

Seminar

W. Warrender.

NewsLetter

J. Weller, J. Berry, T. Herron, A. Leyzack, K. Weaver,
L. Robbins.

Wade Essay Award

W. Warrender, A. Leyzack.

Heritage Launch

A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Dixon, B. Power,
H. Duller.

CHA Central Branch – NewsLetter – January 1996

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The new year is here and we've had our first meeting of 1996 at the home of Bill and Helen Warrender. All Central Branch and International Members should now have received their 1996 dues letter and an H2O flyer.

As you can see in the budget, our membership is on the decline. If you know someone who you think would like to become a CHA member please let us know. Ideas on how we can increase membership are always welcome... contact the executive. New members are needed to keep the Association alive and well.

The H2O Bonspiel is on February 25th at the Dundas Granite Curling Club. As in the past, this should be a fun event for everyone. New and seasoned curlers are welcome, so come on out and throw some rocks. Members receive a \$5.00 discount if they sign up before February 9th. Forms with payment of \$30.00 should be returned to Jacqueline Miles; see the flyer for details.

Our schedule of meetings for 1996 is: March 6, May 1, October 9, November 6, and December 5 (AGM and dinner). Mark these dates on your calendar; locations and other details will appear in future newsletters. If there is any interest in lunch-time type video/speaker get together, please let the executive know.

When you remit your 1996 dues, please return the bottom of the form. If you have a change of address, please let us know so we do not incur the cost of mailing items twice. There is something new on the return portion of the form; the executive felt that it would be a good idea to spread the workload of running the Branch. If you would like to spend a small amount of time helping on one of the committees, circle the committee on the return portion of the form. The seminar committee is one area where we can use some extra help in searching out potential speakers.

The next meeting is March 6 at the Weller residence. I will be unable to attend due to an Arctic assignment. This winter I will be at Bernard Harbour, on the south shore of Dolphin and Union Strait... No, ... there are no palm trees along the beach. Other members heading north include Jon Biggar, Tim Janzen, George Schlagentweit (Pacific Branch) and David Wright.

– Terese

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 6 March at Sam Weller's home: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington [one block south and east of Walkers Line and New Street].

As well as the usual business meeting, there will be a guest speaker (to be announced). Our traditional beer and pizza will follow the talk.

Hope to see you there!

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Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 24 January 1996

Balance forward 30 November, 1995: \$ 2,849.08

Receipts

Membership Dues (1995)	\$ 30.00
Membership Dues (1996)	30.00
GPS Draw tickets	180.00
AGM	585.00
Heritage Launch Seed Money	2,000.00
Bank Interest	0.64
	\$ 2,825.64
	\$ 5,674.72

Expenditures

AGM	\$ 1,373.32
Postage (NewsLetter)	37.70
Wade Essay (Outward Bound)	500.00
Rindlesbacher Print Raffle	120.75
National Dues	1,280.00
Bank Charges	1.00
	\$ 3,312.77

Balance 24 January 1996: \$ 2,361.95

[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 from 31 December 1994 to 31 December 1995

Balance forward 31 December 1994: \$ 3,300.71

Receipts

Subscriptions (1995)	\$ 1,795.47
Subscriptions (1996)	360.00
Advertising	35.00
	\$ 2,190.47
	\$ 5,491.18

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 894.15
Transfer to Lighthouse	3,000.00
Stationery	282.90
	\$ 4,177.05
	\$ 1,314.13

Dear Members,

As you may know, a restructuring of the Heritage Launch Committee will be taking place in the near future. Once our charity status has been dissolved, so must our present committee. We, the committee, are seeking to establish a support group to manage future Launch activities. In addition to pressing regular crew, we are seeking individuals interested in participating in this support group. A commitment to the 'Surveyor's wardroom' would be a one-year term.

Andrew Leyzack

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 24 January 1996

1) This year's 1st General Meeting was held at Bill and Helen Warrender's residence in Burlington. Terese welcomed everyone, thanked Bill and Helen for their hospitality and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V-P	
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer	
John Dixon	Heimo Duller	Sean Hinds
John Medendorp	Brian Power	Ab Rogers
Paola Travaglini	Bill Warrender	Sam Weller
Keith Weaver	Gill Bibby (guest speaker)	

2) The minutes of the 7 December 1995 meeting were circulated in the last newsletter and were available.

- Moved B. Warrender/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew presented the report to 24 January '96, noting that since the AGM fell well within budget, we could expect some extras at the 1996 AGM. Andrew also noted that the \$2,000 of *Heritage Launch Project* seed money is now back in the CHA/CB account. The 1995 Year-end statement will appear in the next newsletter.

- Moved S. Hinds/J. Medendorp CARRIED

The proposed budget for 1996 was also presented. Andrew reported that revenue from dues is down by approximately 20% and that the loss in revenue has been absorbed by cut backs to some of our programs. Discussion resulted in a decision to show the recent Raffle's receipts and expenditures. [See the "Budget".]

- Moved S. Weller/S. Hinds CARRIED

4) Committee Reports:

Membership: (T. Herron) Terese reported that about 12 members have already paid their 1996 dues. Al Koudys has been collecting in-house dues.

Seminar: (B. Warrender) Bill said Al Saunders, a navigation instructor from Hamilton's Harbour West, will be speaking at our May 1st meeting. Bill also asked members for input and ideas for new speakers.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese reported that the Fall 1995 issue (No. 52) is approximately two weeks to press. The committee had considered changing the name of this issue to "Winter 1996".

Social Events: This year's AGM has been tentatively scheduled for December 5 at the Mimico Cruising Club. A committee has been established, and planning for this year's H2O Bonspiel is well under way; the Spiel is set for February 25 at Dundas Granite Curling Club.

4) Heritage Launch Project: Andrew, now forming a new support group, said he will be assuming the duties of the chair as well as integrating the Launch Project's books as a "convenience account" with Central Branch. Bill Warrender, relief coxswain, has volunteered his services to the committee, as did John Dixon. Brian Power volunteered both himself and Heimo Duller to serve on the new committee. A tentative schedule

includes naval action and hydrography at Discovery Harbour, Penetang (June 7-9); Fort Ticonderoga (June 28-29); action with *Hamilton Ship's Company 1812* at Hamilton's Aquafest (July 13-14); Fort Mauden/HMS Detroit Project (Aug 4-5); and action with *Hamilton Ship's Company 1812* at Fort Niagara (Aug 10-11).

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 20:15.

- Moved H. Duller/B. Warrender CARRIED

Gill Bibby, a Hamilton boat builder and Vice Chair of *Hamilton Ship's Company 1812*, presented us with a most informative slide show on the building of a reproduction of the 1650 Dutch East India Company ship *Batavia*, and then spoke of *Hamilton Ship's Company 1812* objective as a newly formed shipyard: to build a reproduction of *HMS Wolfe*, flagship of the British-Canadian Lake Ontario squadron of 1812. The *Wolfe* is famous for her escape from the American squadron during a chase, historically known as the "Burlington Races". Bill Warrender generously provided the evening's cheer with some of his fine homebrew.

For more information on the *Hamilton Ship's Company 1812* or this summer's re-enactment of the "Burlington Races" write to Central Branch or to: Hamilton Ship's Company 1812, H.G.P.O. Box 99031, 1050 Paramount Drive, Hamilton, Ontario L8J 1P0.

Central Branch 1996 Budget

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$ 2,850.00
60 Branch @ \$ 30.00	\$1,800.00
30 Int'l @ \$ 30.00	900.00
1 Sustaining @ \$ 150.00	150.00
Sales	25.00
from GPS Raffle (1995)	745.00
fund raiser (1996)	200.00
Advertising - NewsLetter 3 Ad spots	150.00
from reserves	245.00
Bank Interest	10.00
Total income:	\$ 4,225.00

Anticipated Expenditures:

National Dues	\$1,300.00
Postage - incl. 7 newsletters	675.00
AGM	400.00
to Lighthouse [re GPS Raffle (1995)]	400.00
Members' Professional Development	250.00
Seminars	200.00
H2O Bonspiel	200.00
Newsletter	150.00
Barbecue	200.00
Wade Essay Award	400.00
Graphics & misc. art work	40.00
Bank Charges *	10.00
Total expenditures:	\$ 4,225.00

* Canada Trust has dropped service charges on the CHA account for 1996.

The International Column

Nick Emerson, tasked with the establishment of the Hong Kong Government's Hydrographic Office, sent us this news item on the dedication of their new survey launch. Maybe the rest of us should give this a try?

The Hong Kong DGPS station is complete & has been on the air for several weeks now. Our offices, refurbished only a year ago, are presently being torn apart to make way for the charting hardware/software suite (a joint venture between Intergraph and Universal Systems Ltd., which should give us the best of both worlds).

On the boat side, our first survey launch (12 m GRP) has just been handed over following a return to the Chinese mainland shipyard for hull modifications to successfully complete speed trials (20 kts).



Shui Man 1 (Hydro 1)

One of the first functions of the New (Gregorian) Year was to bless the boat at a special temple sited on the shore at Tai Miu Wan (Joss House Bay). For me, this was something unusual and rather special. The Tien Hou Temple was built by a certain Lin Tao the First in the reign of Hsien Ch'un (1265-1274) of the southern Sung Dynasty and is known to be the oldest temple in Hong Kong.

T'ien Hou, Queen of Heaven, was originally a maiden surnamed Lin who lived in Foochow and was apparently endowed with supernatural powers. She performed many miracles to rescue fishing folk from storms and is now venerated as the Patron deity of local boat people. The busiest time for the temple is the T'ien Hou Festival on the 23rd of the third moon of the Chinese calendar (March, this year) when tens of thousands of fishing folk and pilgrims from all parts of Hong Kong come in brightly decorated boats to pay homage.

We offered prayers & gifts of food and lit many incense sticks; at one point I was asked to hold a paper basket in the palm of my hands filled with paper money, a symbolic offering to the Gods who must also have trouble paying the bills. Then I was asked to set fire to the contents at the altar & proceed through the temple to deposit the flaming paper into a special receptacle outside. Please note the basket was also made of paper. I noted the cries of "hurry up" grew more urgent as I strolled through the temple. I made it, but I guess I was only 5 seconds away from badly scorched fingers!

Another curious room at the temple contains four beds—no, not a church-run facility for lonely seamen. After paying a nominal sum you search any of the beds and if you first find a peanut your next child will be a girl and if your first discovery is a caladium (Tze Ku, an unusual Chinese vegetable) it will be a boy.



Group of Hydrographic Office staff at the Temple door

Following the 'official' business there was the usual tuck-in to roast pig, chicken, duck and goose along with some light alcoholic beverage. I say 'light' because the workman inadvertently picked up cans of low alcohol beer! Comprehensive training on beer can recognition is now underway. It was a glorious day and it's a pity the newsletter is in b&w because the inside of the temple is a magnificent blaze of colour. We simply hope that T'ien Hou blessed us with safety and good (multibeam) productivity. Kung Hei Fat Choy. (Wish you a prosperous Chinese New Year.)

Many thanks, Nick. For those of our readers with access to the Internet, the digital version of this newsletter has all four of the photos that Nick sent us. URL: <http://csx.cciw.ca/dfo/chs/cha/cha-home.html> under the newsletter link.

And if you have any interesting tales to share with us, send them to Larry Robbins at larry@nznet.gen.nz.

***** SPECIAL BRANCH EVENT *****

Central Branch proudly presents the 25th Annual H2O Bonspiel. This will be held at The Dundas Granite Curling Club on Sunday 25th February 1996.

This is a fun bonspiel; even first-time curlers will enjoy it and are more than welcome. Your entry fee of \$30. (\$25. for CHA members until 9 Feb.) includes the curling, a fine roast beef dinner, and (thanks to our generous sponsors) we expect there will be prizes for everyone. Previous 'Spiels have been lots of fun, so mark the date on your calendar.

If you or your firm could be a sponsor, please give Jacqueline Miles a call at (905) 336-4836.

