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Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, C. Gorski, J. Biggar, A. Koudys,
M. Johnston.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini, M. Johnston,
J. Weller.

Social Events

H2O: J. Miles, B. Power, P. Travaglini.

BBQ: J. Miles, J. Biggar, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini,
A. Koudys.

AGM: T. Herron, J. Miles, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack,
J. Biggar, A. Koudys.

International Members

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

NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, M. Johnston, C. Gorski, L. Robbins,
K. Weaver.

Seminar

C. Gorski.

Wade Essay Award

P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

Heritage Launch

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Our second meeting of 1997 was well attended. It was great to see so many people out. Vic Cairns gave us an interesting and informative presentation on the Hamilton Harbour restoration project.

As discussed at the meeting, the National AGM for 1996/97 will be held Tuesday April 15 at 12:00 noon EDST here in Burlington at CCIW in H122 by conference call. Included with this newsletter is a copy of the Agenda and a proxy for you to vote by if you cannot attend the meeting. If you are voting by proxy, please return the proxy by fax (905)336-8916 or mail.

There is a new POD (Print on Demand) CHA Membership Certificate posted on the CHA Bulletin Board alongside the standard one we now use. I'm looking for comments and or suggestions about the new format.

One item not mentioned at the meeting was the Professional Development Fund from 1996. Three requests were received for use of this fund toward CLS examination expenses. It was decided, since all three applicants had similar expenses, that the fund be divided equally three ways. Tim Janzen, Peter Knight and Andrew Leyzack all received some assistance in working toward their CLS commissions. This fund is available for members who are participating in courses, workshops conferences etc.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday April 24 at Canada Centre for Inland Waters. This meeting is being held at CCIW so that the CHA Members who work at CCIW but have a long drive home will be able to stay after work rather than having a double drive or a long wait for the usual evening meeting time.

Lighthouse Edition 54 will be in the mail by the time you receive this newsletter.

– Terese

Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday 24 April 1997 at CCIW, in the CHS Boardroom, Room H122. Everyone is welcome.

We will have a change of format, with the business meeting at 5:30 pm, followed by food and refreshments and a showing of the video *Icebreaker to the North Pole* in the CCIW auditorium. The video lasts about two hours.

Hope to see you there!

Central Branch of CHA
Treasurer's Report

Heritage Launch "Convenience" Account
from 31 December 1995 to 31 December 1996

Balance forward 31 December 1995: \$ (110.75)

Receipts

Museum of Civilization	\$ 1,000.00	
Re-enactments	1,000.00	
H.L.P. account	1,620.00	
Print Draw	355.00	
		\$ 3,975.00
		\$ 3,864.25

Expenditures

Maintenance	\$ 2,953.60	
Insurance	1,620.00	
Re-enactments	200.00	
		\$ 4,773.60

Working Balance 31 December 1996: \$ (909.35)

Note: Museum of Civilization to re-imburse Branch
\$1,000.00 for maintenance expenditures.

(A. Leyzack)
Secretary-Treasurer

(R. Sandilands)
Auditor

CHA 1996-1997 AGM

The 1996-97 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Hydrographic Association will be on

Tuesday 15 April 1997 at 12:00 EDST.

This will be a tele-conference meeting, with input from several locations around Canada. The Burlington location will be

Canada Centre for Inland Waters,
867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington

Room H122.

If you have any concerns you would like to have raised, please contact Terese Herron (or any other Member of the Branch Executive).

If you are unable to attend, please send your Proxy to reach Terese Herron by 14 April 1997.

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 12 March 1997

1) This year's 2nd General Meeting was at Terese Herron's residence in Burlington. Terese welcomed everyone, passed on regrets from Jon Biggar and Paola Travaglini, and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V.P.- Chair	
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer	
Vic Cairns	- Guest Speaker	
Mike Bennett	Daniel Brouseau	Ken Dixel
John Dixon	Heimo Duller	Chris Gorski
Mike Johnston	Al Koudys	Mike Marsden
Jackie Miles	Brian Power	Al Shepherd
Bill Warrender	Sam Weller	Dave Willis.

2) Minutes of the 19 January, 1997 General Meeting were circulated in the January/February newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved S. Weller/B. Warrender CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Members should take notice that the Branch's money wire account will remain open until the end of the fiscal year which ends December 31, 1997. Andrew also reported that owing to the success of the previous draw, he has considered running another draw for a hand-held GPS receiver. Andrew presented the audited year-end statements, for the period December 31, 1995 to December 31, 1996. Many thanks to Rick for his services. The statement for the Heritage Launch "Convenience" account will be printed in the next newsletter.

A motion to accept the 1996 year-end statements was put forward.

- Moved M. Marsden/J. Miles CARRIED

4) Correspondence: (T. Herron) Terese reported on recent correspondence: from International Member George Goldsteen of Tasmania, Australia (Terese passed on his greetings); a submission to Lighthouse from Sustaining Member Novatel, of Calgary, Alberta; Mr. Robert Hauge of Steam Boat Springs, Colorado, a model builder expressing an interest in acquiring plans for the Launch; Karl Kieninger of New Jersey, USA, with a potential new Sustaining Member - SeaTex.

Terese also reported that she has mailed a draft "Print on Demand" membership certificate to the V-Ps of all the Branches for their inspection.

5) 1996 Director's Meeting & 1996/97 National AGM: Terese reported on the highlights of a recent Director's Meeting which took place as a conference call on February 12, 1997. All Branches with the exception of Prairie Schooner and Quebec participated.

The Directors addressed outstanding action items dating back to 1993, such as the establishment of an up-to-date digital membership list, the topping up of the

National Student Award, and French translation of Student Award rules. Concerns were expressed about the health of CHA National, and V-Ps of non-active Branches will make an effort to revive interest. Prairie Schooner Branch, for example, has suffered because most members found work abroad. Minutes of the February 12, 1997, Director's Meeting will be publishing in the Spring Edition of Lighthouse, # 55.

The 1996-97 National AGM is on Tuesday, April 15 at 12:00 EDST and will be a conference call. The Central Branch site will be at CCIW in the CHS boardroom, Room H122. All are welcome to attend.

The 1998 Canadian Hydrographic Conference in Victoria BC, 10-12 March 1998, will include a CHA workshop on multibeam, a site for the CHA annual general meeting, and the 1998 director's meeting.

6) Committee Reports:

Membership: Al Koudys reported a steady flow of 1997 membership dues. The Branch's paid membership is now 28 in-house, 11 out-house, 8 International, and 1 Sustaining. The branch also has 2 life members (Tom McCulloch & Ab Rogers) and keeps in touch with International Life Member Steve Ritchie.

Outstanding Action: Membership committee still to report back comments from former Sustaining Members.

Social Events: Jackie Miles said that the 26th Annual H₂O Bonspiel, held on February 16 at Dundas Granite Curling Club in Dundas, Ontario, successfully catered to 48 curlers. The winning rink was Rick Sandilands, Andrew Leyzack, Jeff Lesic, and Chris Johnston. The ice was excellent and everyone walked away with a prize thanks to the generosity of the sponsors.

Seminar: (C. Gorski) Terese reported that the Branch has two videos which could be shown at an upcoming General Meeting: "Icebreaker to the North Pole", an Arts and Entertainment presentation about the voyage of the USCGS Polar Sea and the CCGS Louis St. Laurent; and "Alone In the Night", a film about the lighthouses and light keepers of Georgian Bay. A proposal was made to hold the next meeting in the CHS boardroom at C.C.I.W. and the film to be shown in the auditorium.

Action: Andrew to secure the use of the auditorium for the next meeting.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese reported that Edition 54 is going to press next week. Work has begun on the Spring 1997 Edition (#55) and should be to press by early May. Terese resolved that in future the deadline for submissions will be enforced more strictly. Terese asked for volunteers to help the Lighthouse team with proof reading and photomechanical work, etc. Andrew reported that the Branch's Lighthouse convenience account had a present balance of \$2200.

7) Other Business: Andrew presented a schedule of proposed Heritage Launch events for 1997 and spoke of his recent conversation with Tim MacClair, of the *HMS Bounty Foundation* and one of the organizers of the Bounty's 1997 Canadian Tour. Mr. MacClair is interested in having the Launch accompany the Bounty during certain special events at Toronto, Hamilton and ports between. Andrew also announced a meeting of the Heritage Launch committee on Wednesday March 19th, and that a work party would meet the following weekend to begin preparations for spring. Committee member Heimo Duller presented his partially completed 1:24 scale model of the 'Surveyor'.

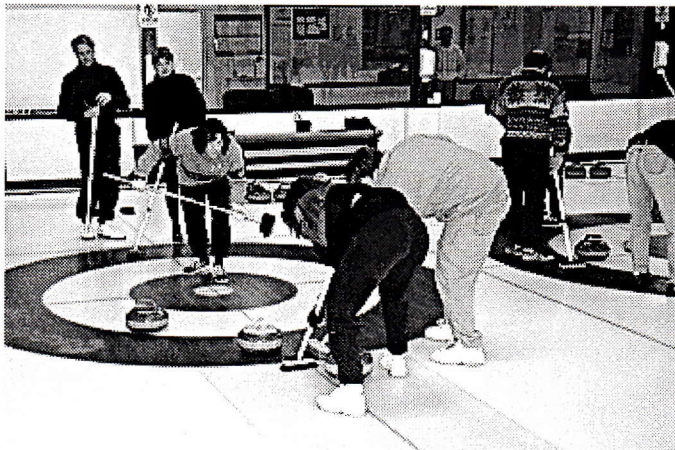
(CHA Sweatshirts) Terese reported that Prairie Schooner Branch is clearing out its inventory of CHA sweatshirts, priced at \$20.00. Contact Terese.

Earl Brown is retiring from the CHS in May. Earl was one of the original founders of CHA in 1966 and has contributed greatly to the CHA and to this Branch all these years. In recognition, Terese suggested presenting Earl with a Life Membership. This was enthusiastically received. But please do not tell Earl! [He'll get a special edition of the NewsLetter without this item...]

8) No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Vic Cairns of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Studies presented us with an informative slide show outlining the progress and achievements of their involvement in the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. This program has effectively contributed to the revival of the shoreline and aquatic ecosystems in Cootes Paradise and Hamilton Harbour. Fish stocks, water clarity and quality in these waters have improved considerably.

Vic's work has also given rise to more revisory surveys to chart their newly constructed artificial islands and shoals. Thanks Vic! As a gesture of our appreciation, Chris presented Vic with an official Heritage Launch beer mug.



The excitement mounts...

26th Annual H₂O Bonspiel


The 26th Annual H₂O Bonspiel was hosted by the Dundas Granite Curling Club on Sunday, February 16th. Of the 48 curlers who participated, the winning rink was skipped by Rick Sandilands, viced by Andrew Leyzack, Jeff Lesic - second and Chris Johnston - lead. Congratulations also go out to the second place team, skipped by Brad Tinney, Chris Vogel viced, Tim Pascoe was second and Greg Thiel was lead.

Winner of the Piggy Bank for the most "hog" shots went to Andrea Johnston, one of many first-time curlers at this year's H₂O.

The ice was excellent and the prize table was full of great prizes. Bonspiel co-ordinators Jacqueline Miles, Brian Power and Paola Travaglini would like to thank the following contributors for their generous donations:

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Thank you all for helping make our day a success.

Our apologies to John Gillis for spelling his name wrong in the ad-spot last month. By way of atonement to him and to Sustaining Member Kongsberg Simrad, we are happy to bring you their ad again. Sorry John!



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