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Central Branch Committees

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

Central Branch had another successful meeting on April 24. We held the meeting here at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters and showed the video *By Icebreaker to the North Pole*. The video was entertaining and interesting. It is great to see so many new members out participating in meetings.

The summer field season is approaching quickly and various members will find themselves onboard ships or afield in various places. I myself will be aboard the CCGS Griffon for seven weeks beginning May 12th.

This will be the last newsletter until the summer issue sometime in July. The annual BBQ will be held in September and will be announced in the summer newsletter. If you would like to volunteer your deck/yard for the BBQ please let Jackie know.

The 1996-97 CHA AGM was held by teleconference call on April 15th. Attendance was low at this site but the meeting overall was a success. Four branches participated and we seem to be up to date with our business. As a result of a Motion passed, the Past National President of CHA will now be included on the Board of Directors as a non-voting advisor for one year after the completion of the term as National President, to provide continuity and information to the new National President and Board of Directors.

Please note we are having another print draw in support of the Heritage Launch. Peter Rindlisbacher very kindly donated an "Artist's Proof Print" of his painting *The Burlington Races*. All Central Branch Members are encouraged to buy tickets, which will be on sale until July 4th. Please see Andrew Leyzack (Secretary-Treasurer). In Andrew's absence from May 12 to June 27, John Dixon has agreed to handle ticket sales. The framed print is on display in John's office. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

– Terese

Next Meeting

Our next "meeting" will be our 11th Annual Summer Barbecue, to be held in September.

Details have not been settled yet, so if you would be able to host the BBQ please give Jackie a call. It will certainly be a fun day and a great occasion to get to know your fellow members, spouses, colleagues and friends.

And mark Thursday 4 December 1997 on your calendar: the CHA Central Branch, Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Do it now, lest you forget.

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 31 March 1997

Balance forward 31 December 1996: \$ 2,741.59

Receipts

Membership Dues (1996)	\$ 30.00
Membership Dues (1997)	1,440.66
H2O Bonspiel	1,438.02
	\$ 2,908.68
	\$ 5,650.27

Expenditures

National Dues (1996)	\$ 1,330.00
Postage	305.98
Seminars	132.14
H2O Bonspiel	1,704.59
Professional Development	250.00
	\$ 3,722.71
Balance 31 March 1997:	\$ 1,927.56

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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 31 December 1996: \$ 1,655.38

Receipts

Subscriptions (1996)	\$ 97.93
Subscriptions (1997)	223.35
	\$ 321.28
	\$ 1,976.66

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 305.09
Balance 31 March 1997:	\$ 1,671.57

Thank you!

On behalf of CHA Central Branch I would like to thank the organizers of the 1997 H2O Bonspiel, Jackie Miles and Brian Power. Their hard work and effort made for a day of curling that was a lot of fun, and thanks to our generous sponsors, everyone went home with a prize.

The willingness of CHA members to volunteer their time enables the Association to support events such as the H2O. Thanks again, and hope to see you next year!

Terese

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 24 April 1997

1) This year's 3rd General Meeting was held in the Canadian Hydrographic Service boardroom at *Canada Centre for Inland Waters*, Burlington. Terese welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V.P.- Chair	
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer	
Mike Bennett	Jon Biggar	Jennifer Campbell
Dan Dexel	Ken Dexel	John Dixon
Mike Johnson	Al Koudys	Mike Marsden
Jackie Miles	Carol Robinson	Al Shepherd
Bill Warrender	Keith Weaver	Jim Weedon
Sam Weller	Dave Willis	

2) Minutes of 12 March 1997 meeting were circulated in the March newsletter and available at the meeting.

- Moved S. Weller/B. Warrender CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Central Branch's Royal Bank account: Andrew said there was no action in the first quarter. This "money wire" account (mainly for Lighthouse Subscribers) will be kept until year end. National Dues: Terese said 1996 was a transitional year for CHA National President and payment of our 1996 Dues had to be delayed; it appears in this treasurer's report for Dec. 31, 1996 to March 31, 1997.

A motion to accept the first quarter treasurer's report:

- Moved J. Miles/J. Dixon CARRIED

4) Correspondence: (T. Herron) from Branch members Peter Knight and Tim Janzen, in thanks for the grants from the Branch's Professional Development fund; from Ken Paul, attending the University of New Brunswick for his master's in Geomatics Engineering, applying for a student membership; and from Trimble, Quebec, applying for a Sustaining Membership with CHA Quebec Branch. Sam has also been in touch with Larry Robbins, New Zealand [see back page].

5) Committee Reports:

Membership: (A. Koudys) Terese reported the Branch paid membership for 1997 is 36 In-house, 13 Out-house, 17 International, and 2 Sustaining. There are 11 new members, including 1 new international student member from the University of Istanbul, Turkey.

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

Web Site: (M. Johnston) Mike reported little recent activity on the CHA site. There is a lot of good content thanks to the efforts of Keith. Mike noted that he will be updating the site with the latest newsletters and with the inclusion of a membership email list.

Wade Essay Award: (P. Travaglini) Andrew said he and Paola completed this year's mailing list and plan to extend the deadline for essay submissions. Terese suggested Oct. 31, 1997. There was a suggestion to post Wade Essay Award information on CHA's web site.

Launch: (A. Leyzack) The committee met on March 19 at Emma's Back Porch (an establishment in Burlington) to discuss: funding, the Rindlisbacher print draw, a new name for the support group, & spring work parties. A work party has since convened three times for the spring rituals of sanding, scraping, oiling & painting. Many thanks to those who gave their Sundays to help. (Interested in helping a work party or the summer's events? Give us a call.) Andrew and Sean had a teleconference call with Vic Suthren, Director of Canadian War Museum, about a maintenance contract for 1997.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese was happy to report Edition 55 of Lighthouse (Spring 1997) is nearly ready for press. She asked for help with future lay out work and distribution. Roger Robitaille, recently retired from CHS, has kindly offered to continue to help with postage. We'll soon lose the services of Peter Knight, who edits *News from Industry* and *The Ends of the Earth*; he is leaving CHS for a post in New Zealand.

Social Events: (J. Miles) Jackie said this summer's **BBQ** will be held the first or second week of September. The committee is seeking a place to hold the BBQ and volunteers to assist with the event.

6) National AGM: (T. Herron) The 1996-97 National AGM was held April 15 as a teleconference. All old business was dealt with, including an outstanding Motion by Sean Hinds that a past National President remain on the Board for one year. There was no new business in 1996 due to the transfer of the National office from Ottawa to Burlington. A memorandum of understanding with the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) was updated to exclude a financial obligation which has existed between CHA and CIG.

7) Other Business: Andrew announced the start of tickets sales for a draw for the 3rd and final Peter Rindlisbacher limited edition Artist's Proof, entitled *The Burlington Races*. Tickets are one for \$2. or three for \$5. Proceeds will go towards maintenance of our Heritage Launch. Draw closes July 4, 1997.

8) No other business, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.
- Moved J. Miles/D. Willis CARRIED

Prior to the evening's feature film presentation, we were treated to pizza, beer and submarine sandwiches.

A video of the 1994 film, *Icebreaker to the North Pole*, was shown in the CCIW auditorium. The film is a documentary on the first surface vessel crossing of the North Pole, undertaken by the U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker *Polar Sea* in company with the Canadian Coast Guard's *Louis St. Laurent*. Scientific teams from Canada and the U.S. took part in the voyage, and the various disciplines of their work in the Arctic are well covered. Oddly enough, hydrography seems to have missed the boat on this trip.

From our International Correspondent

A copy of the new magazine 'Hydro International' arrived in the mail the other day courtesy of the Hydrographic Society, who are involved in complicated discussions with the magazine over the magazine and their 'Hydrographic Journal'. It is published by a Dutch company but seems to be as 'International' as its name implies, with a wealth of hydrographic luminaries gracing the Editorial Advisory Board and contributing articles.

Those on the Editorial Board include two CHA International members, Adam Kerr and Nick Emerson, along with member Steve MacPhee (the Dominion Hydrographer and well known to most readers), whilst member Steve Ritchie has contributed an article of historical interest. Nick is a faithful correspondent to this International Column and it is to be hoped that his future literary efforts will not be totally devoted to the new glossy, although I recently had to admit with embarrassment that in transferring files between ship and home and ship I managed to lose one of his contributions, but then he tells me that his data filing system is much more efficient and that the article will be published in HI so all is not totally lost!

Part of Nick's inaugural contribution to the magazine includes the following: "I love this profession and if anyone was to ask I guess I would truthfully answer 'Yes I do like getting my hands dirty, feet wet, challenging seasickness and accomplishing a tricky job under exacting conditions.' " That just about sums it up and his other points make a lot of sense too. It will be interesting to see how the new magazine goes and what effect - if any - it has on the Hydrographic Journal and Lighthouse.

Correspondence from International members has been a little sparse recently (everyone getting their feet wet or reading the many periodicals devoted to hydrography, no doubt) but things do move on a pace.

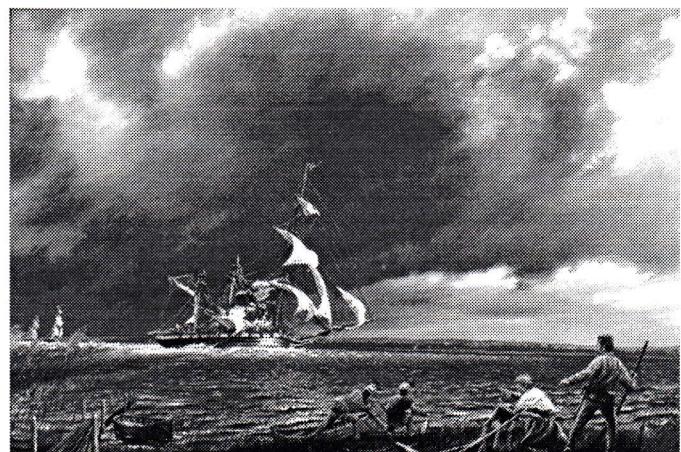
Here in New Zealand we are trying to get to grips with the new working relationship between the Hydrographic Office (the principal supplier of hydrographic services in NZ and the national hydrographic authority) and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ - the principal purchaser of hydrographic services on behalf of the Crown) - I guess it all makes for an interesting life - and everyone is getting very excited about our new survey ship HMNZS RESOLUTION, the former USNS TENACIOUS. The Australians are getting excited about their new purpose-built, ocean survey ships, though they seem to be suffering some slight delays and like our old survey ship HMNZS MONOWAI, HMAS MORESBY is being kept in service a little longer than originally planned.

As I write this, the International Hydrographic Organisation's conference is currently underway in Monaco and by the time this is published the new Directors will have been named. On a lesser scale, the 1996-1997 National AGM of the CHA will have been held. We owe the CHA Directors and other committee members a big vote of thanks for the efforts they put in to keep the organisation running smoothly. Well done people!

- Larry Robbins [Commander, RNZN].

Stop Press: We have preliminary results of the vote at IHO: the new President of IHB is Rear Admiral Giuseppe Angrisano (Italy), and the two Directors are Commodore Neil Guy (Republic of South Africa) and Commodore John Leech (Australia).

Rindlisbacher Print Draw



The Burlington Races

Peter Rindlisbacher, the well-known marine artist, very kindly donated three of his Artist's Proof prints to the CHA, the first print to be auctioned to help raise funds for the Leslie Mahaffy memorial and the others to help raise funds for our Heritage Launch.

The third and final print is *The Burlington Races*, which is perhaps Peter's best known work. This is now being raffled to raise funds for the maintenance of our Heritage Launch *Surveyor*. The 12" by 17" print is already framed (18" by 22") so we reluctantly have to restrict ticket sales to those who can come to pick it up.

The print is hanging on John Dixon's wall; come and have a look and buy your tickets. If you'd like more information, please call John at (905) 336-4419. Tickets are now on sale at \$2. or three for \$5. Sales are already brisk, so don't delay.

The draw will be on Friday 4 July 1997.