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### Central Branch

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## Central Branch Committees

### NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, J. Berry, T. Herron, B. Power, L. Robbins,  
K. Weaver.

### Lighthouse

T. Herron, F. Oliff, P. Travaglini, R. Robitaille,  
J. Sinclair, J. Weller.

### Social Events

H2O: J. Miles, B. Power.

BBQ: J. Miles, F. Oliff, A. Koudys.

AGM: T. Herron, F. Oliff, J. Miles, A. Leyzack,  
A. Koudys.

### International Members

F. Oliff, T. Herron, P. Knight, L. Robbins, J. Weller.

### Membership/Nominations/Elections

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

### Seminar

T. Janzen, E. Lewis, F. Oliff.

### Wade Essay Award

E. Lewis, P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

### Admiralty Launch Surveyor

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

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

I hope that while you are reading this, you are enjoying my favourite, a cup of gourmet coffee.

The Central Branch had an excellent year in 1997. As your new Vice-President, I hope that we can find ways to have an even better year in 1998!

I would like to congratulate our retiring Vice-President of Central Branch, Terese Herron, for her excellent and effective contributions. (And congratulations on your engagement.) I am sure that her efforts are greatly responsible for the success of our Branch over the past four years. Hers will be "a tough act to follow."

A challenge lies ahead for CHA on the national level. While Central and Pacific Branches are very healthy, such is not the case with Branches on the east coast. We no longer have representation in Newfoundland and interest has also waned in the Maritime region. I am concerned that CHA members lacking proper representation cannot voice their concerns or suggestions to the National executive. However, I am confident we will revive interest and vitality in those branches.

Our first General meeting of 1998 was on 28 January at the home of Terese Herron in Waterdown. The guest speaker was Bob Henderson, a professor of Kinesiology at McMaster University. His topic was "Every Trail has a Story", which approached a history lesson through the eyes of a modern-day explorer. His focus was well-received and enjoyed by all.

I look forward to corresponding with all members and welcome any suggestions for improvement or expansion of CHA. I encourage people to come to the meetings, join some of the committees—an interesting one being the Launch Surveyor—and get involved.

Membership dues are now being accepted for 1998.

– Fred Oliff

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Next Meeting

The next Central Branch meeting will be held at 19:00 on Thursday 19 March at the Weller residence: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington.

Our guest speaker is Captain Kathie Rogers of Nautical Adventures, Toronto, who will be giving an illustrated talk on the charter vessel industry in Toronto Harbour. Nautical Adventures operate the tall ship *Empire Sandy*, the largest sailing ship in Canadian waters, and *Wayward Princess*, a 325 passenger cruise ship, both noted for their afternoon and evening dinner cruises. Our traditional beer and pizza will follow the talk.

Hope to see you there!

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Central Branch 1998 Budget

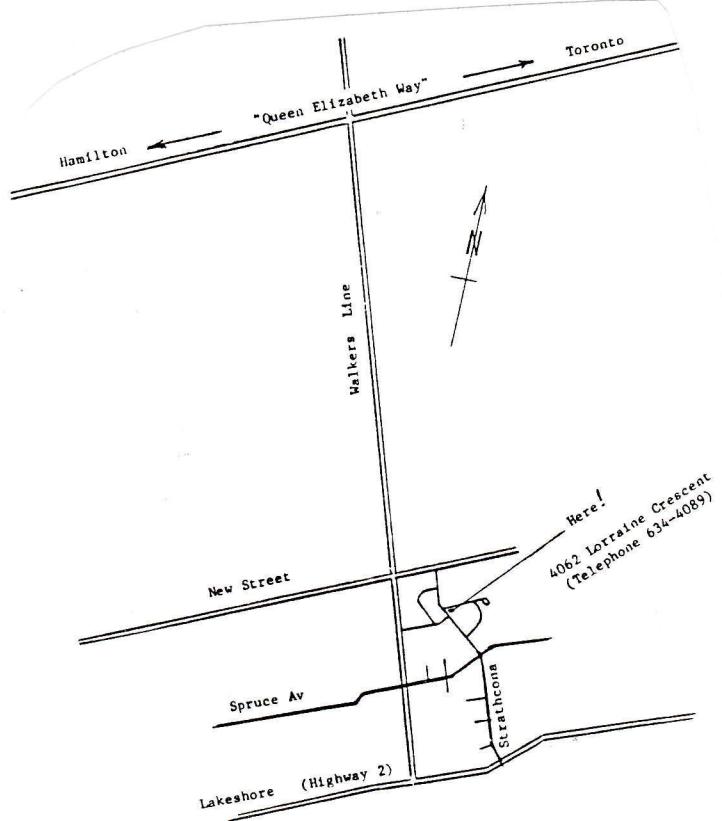
Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$ 4,050.00
80 Branch @ \$ 30.00	\$2,400.00
30 Int'l @ \$ 30.00	900.00
5 Sustaining @ \$ 150.00	750.00
Sales	20.00
funds raised/Donations	180.00
Advertising - NewsLetter 2 Ad spots	100.00
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,350.00</b>

Anticipated Expenditures:

National Dues	\$1,950.00
Postage - incl. 7 newsletters	700.00
AGM	400.00
Members' Professional Development	250.00
Seminars	250.00
H2O Bonspiel	200.00
Newsletter	125.00
Barbecue	200.00
Wade Essay Award	200.00
Graphics & misc. art work	50.00
CIG MasterCard fees	25.00

**Total expenditures: \$ 4,350.00**



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 28 January 1998

1) This year's first General Meeting was held at Terese Herron's residence in the sprawling metropolis of Waterdown. Fred welcomed everyone, thanked Terese and called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Attendees:

Fred Oliff	- V.P.- Chair	
Andrew Leyzack	- Treasurer	
Tim Janzen	- Secretary	
Terese Herron	- Past V.P.	
John Medendorp	Brian Power	Mike Marsden
Bill Warrender	Keith Weaver	Jim Weedon
Heimo Duller	Bob Henderson (Our speaker) of McMaster University Dept. of Kinesiology, and the Wilderness Canoe Association.	

Regrets:

Sam Weller	Al Koudys	Jackie Miles
Jim Berry	Ed Lewis.	

2) The minutes of the 11 December 1997 Annual General Meeting were circulated in the December newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved B. Warrender/T. Herron CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) Andrew tabled the proposed 1998 budget for review, stating that it was not significantly different from the budget for 1997. He also stated that a GPS raffle and other fundraisers, to be discussed at a later date, are being considered, in order to generate revenue. He has prepared the 1997 year end statement and is currently seeking someone to volunteer his or her services in auditing it. One final item was that the Royal Bank money wire account has been closed, this service is replaced by the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) Mastercard. This should not result in any significant change in expenditures, as the cost of maintaining this service is minimal and the volume of transactions in a year is low.

**Action:** Heimo to ask Leigh Duller to act as auditor.

A motion to accept the 1998 proposed budget:

- Moved J. Medendorp/B. Power CARRIED

4) Correspondence: (F. Oliff) Fred has been in contact with international member Peter Knight, who has been surfing the beaches more than the Net, and so far has avoided shark attack. Peter will be coming back to our sunny shores in the spring to attend courses at the University of New Brunswick. Terese reported that we've received one inquiry about membership through Ken McMillan. Keith received e-mail from Larry Robbins, who will be visiting the Toronto area in May.

5) Committee Reports:

Membership: (T. Herron/A. Koudys) At the time of the meeting, 27 members had paidup for 1998:

5 International	7 Out-house	9 In-house
4 Life	1 Sustaining	1 Honorary.

Terese reported that there has been no drive for dues as yet, but membership is expected to remain roughly the same as last year, with no new members so far.

Wade Essay Award: Ed Lewis has agreed to chair this committee.

Lighthouse: (T. Herron) Terese conveyed that Lighthouse is slightly behind schedule due to recent computer networking problems and waiting for articles.

Social Events: (J. Miles/B. Powers) Brian reported that the preparations for the H2O Bonspiel are going well, and it is scheduled for Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Andrew relayed that there was some carry-over in donation money from last year due to donations received late.

Admiralty Launch Surveyor: (A. Leyzack) Andrew reported that Surveyor has repaid its debt to the Branch and is \$500 dollars in the black. There has been much interest about the launch expressed by representatives of various re-enactment events and there is no shortage of potential events to participate in this year. As it stands, the launch and hardy crew are tentatively considering five events:

June 6, 7	Fort Edgecomb, Wiscasset, Maine.
June 20, 21	Fort Maulden, Amherstburg.
June 30	Toronto Heritage Marine Museum, Toronto.
August 1-3	Canal Days, Port Colborne.
August 21-23	Battle of Georgian Bay, Penetang.

The launch is still at Gill Bibbey's having a cover made. Due to the time that it has taken to make the cover, the price has been reduced considerably.

6) Schedule of Remaining 1998 meetings:

Thurs, 19 March-	S. Weller's, Burlington.
Wed, 22 April-	H. Duller's, Burlington.
Thurs, 8 October-	MTRCA, Scarborough.
Wed, 4 November-	to be announced
Thurs, 10 Dec:	AGM & Dinner, MCC, Etobicoke.

Any suggestions for guest speakers are always welcome.

7) Category B Training: Andrew discussed with the group an effort to establish an industry standard Category B hydrographic survey training program for Canada, with possible reciprocity for the US and Latin America. In response to the CHS no longer maintaining an IHO/FIG accredited training program, Andrew, Ken McMillan, Dave Pugh of the CHS HQ and Bob Moulton of Humber College met to consider alternatives. We appreciate their efforts in this very worthy cause, which will be explored further at the upcoming CHS conference in Victoria in March.

8) No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.  
- Moved F. Oliff/B. Power CARRIED

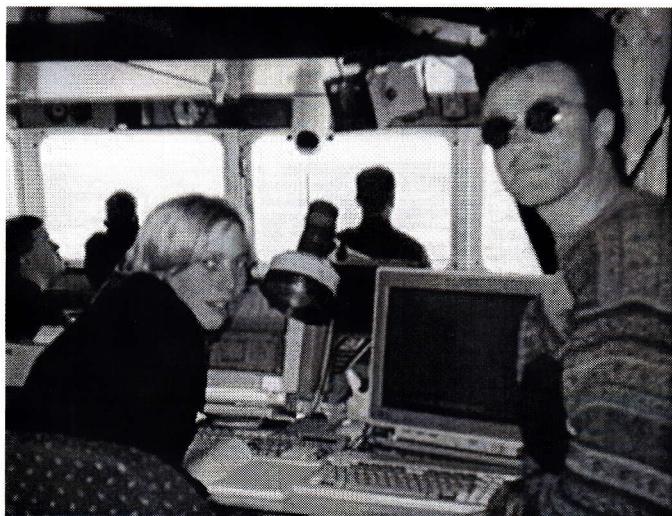
[See next page for a note about the speaker's talk.]

The International Column

There has recently been some interaction between New Zealand members of CHA. In Christchurch, Larry Robbins was able to meet with Gary Chisholm and was treated to a quick look at Trimble NZ's facilities. Gary describes the RNZN as the company's largest corporate customer and said he was 'thrilled that the ship's programme had allowed time for a visit.'

Dunedin-based Peter Knight managed to get time away from his end-of-term work at the University of Otago to spend a couple of weeks at sea in MONOWAI. Larry is blaming Peter for the atrocious weather they experienced throughout Peter's visit!

The Pacific is experiencing an El Nino weather pattern at the moment. This is associated in NZ with extremely strong westerly winds and droughts on the east coast. Needless to say, MONOWAI's current survey is on the west coast of Stewart Island (a large island off the southern coast of South Island) which is exposed to the west! As there is nothing between the survey ground and the West Island (aka Australia) the swells get rather large at times.



*On the bridge of HMNZS Monowai*

Peter says that it is interesting to compare methodologies and has noted a number of differences to what he has always considered to be 'the way' to survey. One case in point is that in the RNZN, one starts as bowman (crew) of the sounding boat, eventually works to watchkeeping the computer system, and then to coxswain the boat. Senior ratings and officers are the boat's officer (the surveyor) who controls the operation. This seems to be almost the reverse of CHS methods. Another case was in being allowed to observe the departure from Bluff Harbour from the bridge of MONOWAI, something he was not encouraged to do on CHS vessels.

Peter says he has noted that being both charge surveyor and captain of the ship, Larry has fewer arguments with himself than opposite numbers in the

CHS, though Larry says that this is only because Peter hasn't observed the debates!



*Larry Robbins (note the CHS cap) and Peter Knight*

Peter will be in Burlington for the day on Tuesday 3 March, on his way back to NZ after a computer course at UNB, so maybe you'll get his side of the story!

*If you have any interesting tales to share with us, send them to Larry Robbins at [larry@robbins.gen.nz](mailto:larry@robbins.gen.nz).*

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

Central Branch proudly presents the 27th Annual H2O Bonspiel. This will be held at The Grimsby Curling Club on Saturday 28th February 1998.

Please join us for a day of curling fun. New or first-time curlers are most welcome. Bring your friends and families. This is a fun bonspiel and we promise to show you a great time. The Registration fee of \$32 includes ice fees, the meal and prizes. Extra meal tickets are available at \$15. each. The Bonspiel begins at 08:30 and includes two eight-end games, dinner and a prize. There are two draws, the first with games at 08:30 and 13:00, the second with games at 10:45 and 15:15. Dinner will be served at 18:00.

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

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from previous page)

Fred introduced the evening's guest speaker, Bob Henderson of the Dept. of Kinesiology at McMaster University, who is a member of the Wilderness Canoe Association. Bob gave a very interesting and animated ("knicker grabbing" in his own words) talk and slide show on his various treks across the wilds of Canada, in which he has retraced historical voyages in the same spirit that they were originally made.

During a break in the talk, members were treated to beer (for a nominal donation of \$1 each—a sign of the times) and pizza.